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The Honorable George Sheppard
Mayor of Tega Cay
120 Shoreline Parkway
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Dear Mayor Sheppard,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Tega Cay Water Service (TCWS) and its ongoing problems with environmental quality.

Last June, a group of concerned citizens and local legislators contacted me to discuss an emerging pattern of sewage overflows in Tega Cay and Lake Wylie. Since then, my staff has had a series of calls and meetings with relevant state agencies and with stakeholders from all across York County, including county and local officials, members of the general public, and representatives of Utilities, Inc., which is TCWS' parent company.

For my part, I have had several conversations with Catherine Templeton, the Director of South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). I have asked Director Templeton to use all the tools and resources legally at her disposal in order to ratchet up the pressure on TCWS to either bring its system into compliance or else sell that system to someone who will. Since then, DHEC has forced TCWS to enter into its third round of consent orders and escalating financial penalties. Unfortunately, in the meantime, the performance issues are continuing – nearly 50,000 gallons of raw sewage have been discharged from TCWS' system into Lake Wylie this month alone.

I will continue to work with DHEC and with the local community to keep the pressure on TCWS so that these overflows can be brought to a stop as soon as possible. Tega Cay deserves better.

If I may be of further assistance, please contact Joshua Baker in my office at 803.734.5153 or joshbaker@gov.sc.gov. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki R. Haley".

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