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Subject: Harris Teeter Requests Re-entry to Beaufort County

When disasters strike, they can have a tremendous impact on a community. At Harris Teeter, we have a long-standing history of providing aid to our communities in times of disasters. We pride ourselves on helping our communities prepare and recover when they are in need.

Through our valued team members and our company's extensive retail and distribution experience, we have the ability to distribute relief supplies to communities in need immediately after a disaster takes place within our marketing areas. Harris Teeter consistently mobilizes to provide free ice and water to our communities following disasters. Specific to South Carolina, Harris Teeter donated multiple truckloads of water during the 2015 Columbia Flood recovery efforts as well as provided nearly \$100,000 in financial and in-kind support for the communities affected by Hurricane Matthew last year.

As a company, Harris Teeter has every intention of supporting our shoppers and neighbors in Beaufort County following Hurricane Irma. Unfortunately, it is my understanding that we are being constrained by Beaufort County's rules on re-entry passes when it comes to allowing our trucks to be able to replenish and support the community.

Without the ability to ensure our trucks can get to the County with needed supplies, Harris Teeter will be forced to delay committing resources to the area until such a time we can be assured entry into the County. Please know that we will do our best to help the people of Beaufort County given the constraints under which we are operating, but we are requesting any assistance you can provide in encouraging the local sheriff to accept the existing statewide passes (which allows for local discretion), which would allow retailers like Harris Teeter to keep the supply chain moving toward Beaufort County.

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