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October 15, 2015

Senior Trooper Katherine Bradacs  
185 Mossborough Drive  
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Dear Senior Trooper Bradacs,

I have learned of the heroic and life-saving actions you performed during the Joaquin Rainfall/Flooding event in South Carolina.

It is my understanding that you, and Corporal Joseph Elliott, were instrumental in a rescue event in northeast Columbia (near Decker Road). On October 4, 2015, you braved neck deep in dangerous, rushing flood water to rescue an individual from potentially drowning. Your performance defines the word courage, and it makes us so proud. In addition, I am certain your efforts will not soon be forgotten by this citizen or the community.

That day, and the many that followed, were unbelievably challenging to say the least. You rose above those challenges, and we are so very proud of your selfless act of heroism and professionalism during this tense situation.

Sincerely,

  
Leroy Smith  
Director

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C: Honorable Nikki Haley  
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Corporal Joseph Elliott  
107 Traveler Trail  
Lexington, S.C. 29073

Dear Corporal Elliott:

I have learned of the heroic and life-saving actions you performed during the Joaquin Rainfall/Flooding event in South Carolina.

It is my understanding that you, and Senior Trooper Katherine Bradacs, were instrumental in a rescue event in northeast Columbia (near Decker Road). On October 4, 2015, you braved waist deep in dangerous, rushing flood water to assist in the rescue of an individual that could have drowned. Your performance defines the word courage, and it makes us so proud. In addition, I am certain your efforts will not soon be forgotten by this citizen or the community.

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