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Hi Haley and Katherine,

Hope that you all are doing well! We have had an email from Drayton Hall in Charleston and they need assistance with the SCEMD. Please see email below. Can you give us a contact or direct us to someone who can assist them? I understand that the application deadline is tomorrow, November 10th, and they're quite concerned.

Can you direct us to a person who can help them before the deadline?

Your help is very much appreciated!

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Good afternoon Ms. Walker,

I just sent the below email to Senator Thurmond and I would very much appreciate your help in bringing it to the Senator's attention. We, at Drayton Hall, have done all we can to reach out to the SCEMD to no avail, and I am asking for help in reaching them and in navigating the murky waters of the hurricane relief funds process.

Thank you in advance for any insight you may have.

Email to Senator Thurmond:

Dear Senator Thurmond - I hope this finds you well and I hope you can help. Drayton Hall, a National Historic Landmark and a state historic resource, open to the public on a daily basis, sustained some damage as a result of Hurricane Matthew. In past storms (Hurricane Hugo, in particular), Drayton Hall applied for and was awarded state relief funds (I believe they were administered through FEMA, although this was before my time).

We completed the online registration request on the SCEMD website on October 27 and received an immediate response that our registration request would be reviewed and we would be emailed our log-in credentials. Despite repeated follow-up phone calls and emails, we never received log-in credentials and have, therefore, been unable to complete the Request for Public Assistance application. The deadline is tomorrow, November 10, and we are extremely disappointed that we will be unable to apply for funds - funds we have received in the past and for which we believe we are eligible. I would very much appreciate any assistance you can provide in this troubling lack of communication.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Best regards,
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