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April 15, 2022

Mr. Kem Fleming, Director
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center East
U.S. Small Business Administration
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Dear Mr. Fleming:

On April 5–6, 2022, a severe storm system produced 13 tornadoes, which caused damage in multiple areas in South Carolina, including significant damage to homes and businesses in Allendale and Bamberg Counties from a tornado on April 5. Cleanup and recovery efforts are ongoing. Damage surveys with U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) staff were conducted on April 13–14, 2022. Based on the results of this survey, a summary of which is enclosed, I certify that there are at least 25 primary homes or businesses in both Allendale County and Bamberg County that have sustained a minimum of 40% uninsured loss. In accordance with 13 C.F.R. § 123.3, I respectfully request that you declare Allendale County and Bamberg County as disaster areas and implement the SBA's Physical Damage Disaster Loan and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program for these two counties and contiguous counties. Because local initial damage assessments indicate that a request for Individual Assistance (IA) under the Stafford Act would not satisfy criteria provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the State of South Carolina has not requested a presidential major disaster declaration to date.

Should you have any questions regarding this request or the information provided, please contact Director Kim Stenson of the S.C. Emergency Management Division at 803-737-8500. Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I look forward to your earliest possible reply.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster

Enclosure
cc w/ enc: Director Kim Stenson
S.C. Emergency Management Division