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September 16, 2024

Mr. Ed Fears, Acting Director
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center East
U.S. Small Business Administration
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2725

Dear Mr. Fears:

On August 8, 2024, Tropical Storm Debby made landfall along the South Carolina coast near Bulls Bay in Charleston County. The storm brought heavy rainfall and flooding, which caused significant damage to homes and businesses in multiple counties, including Berkeley County and Orangeburg County. For example, the National Weather Service reported that Berkeley County received more than 22 inches of rain in Moncks Corner, and the Holly Hill area in Orangeburg County received 11.84 inches.

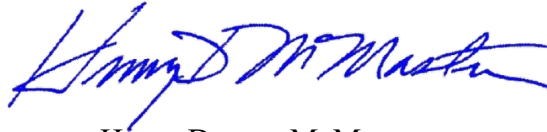
Small Business Administration ("SBA") damage surveys were conducted in Berkeley County on August 27, 2024, and September 4, 2024, and in Orangeburg County on September 3, 2024, and September 5, 2024. Based on the results of the surveys, I certify that there are at least 25 homes and businesses in Berkeley County and in Orangeburg County, which sustained a minimum of 40% uninsured or underinsured loss. I respectfully request that the SBA declare Berkeley County and Orangeburg County disaster areas and implement the SBA's Disaster Loan Program in these counties. According to preliminary assessments, South Carolina does not anticipate receiving Individual Assistance ("IA") through a major disaster declaration for this event for these two counties because they did not meet the Federal Emergency Management Agency's damage criteria for the IA program.

On behalf of the people of South Carolina, thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance with this matter. Should you have any questions or need any additional information

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regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact Director Kim Stenson of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division at 803-737-8500.

Yours very truly,



Henry Dargan McMaster

Enclosure:

SBA Survey Recap, Berkeley County and Orangeburg County, South Carolina, August
27–September 5, 2024

SBA SURVEY RECAP: Final Summary Report_State of South Carolina
State/SBA Ground Survey

Event: Tropical Storm Debby- Survey
 ULP: SC-20009
 Incident Date: 08/03/2024 through 08/22/2024

Date of PDA Request: 08/22/2024
 Dates of PDA: 08/27/2024 - 09/05/2024

SBA Survey Team:
 Michael S Kennedy
 Wayne Cameron

FEMA PDA: No
SBA Only Survey: Yes

Overall Properties Affected

LV-Assigned	COUNTY	SURVEY Start Date	SURVEY End Date	MEETS SBA Criteria	Tribal	Majors	SURVEY Status	HOMES				BUSINESS/NON-PROFITS			
								MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$
Wayne Cameron	Berkeley	08/27/2024	09/03/2024	Yes	No	19	Final	18	499,000	26	842,000	3	210,000	6	270,000
Michael S Kennedy	Berkeley	08/27/2024	09/03/2024	Yes	No	12	Final	10	211,000	22	250,000	2	27,000	9	970,000
Michael S Kennedy	Orangeburg	09/03/2024	09/05/2024	Yes	No	5	Final	4	90,000	11	153,000	1	5,000	1	10,000
Wayne Cameron	Orangeburg	09/03/2024	09/05/2024	Yes	No	23	Final	22	479,000	21	455,000	1	60,000	1	15,000
	State Totals					59		62	1,279,000	80	1,600,000	7	302,000	17	1,285,000

COMMENTS: