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GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Curtis M. Loftis, Jr.
S.C. State Treasurer
1200 Senate Street
Suite 120 Wade Hampton Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Treasurer Loftis:

Due to Hurricane Florence and its devastating effects, many of our counties are facing challenges beyond their means. Of immediate concern is the inundation of mosquitos in eight counties: Chesterfield, Marlboro, Dillon, Marion, Darlington, Florence, Horry, and Georgetown. These counties could use the State's help to fund emergency mosquito abatement measures. Proviso 117.56 provides:

. . . Unallocated funds from established state accounts may be used as the state share in any federally declared disaster. These funds may also be used during a Governors [sic] state of emergency to augment existing state appropriations of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD).

Accordingly, to assist these counties, I am requesting the transfer of \$4,000,000 of unallocated funds from the Unclaimed Property Account at the State Treasurer's Office to the SCEMD. The SCEMD will be able to allocate funds equally to the eight counties, which in turn can contract for the local mosquito abatement services so urgently needed. The SCEMD can also assist the counties in seeking reimbursement from FEMA for the funds utilized, and amounts eligible under FEMA's Public Assistance program will be returned to the Unclaimed Property Account. It is the intent that the entirety of the \$4,000,000 would be returned to the Unclaimed Property Account once the FEMA reimbursement process is complete.

Such funding is imperative to assist these counties in moving forward quickly in stopping the mosquito infestation. We appreciate your review and assistance with this issue.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry McMaster", is written over a horizontal line.

Henry McMaster

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cc: The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Chairman, Finance Committee
The Honorable Brian W. White, Chairman, Ways and Means Committee