June 21, 2024

Mr. Ed Fears, Acting Director
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center East
U.S. Small Business Administration
101 Marietta Street NW, Suite 700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2725

Dear Mr. Fears:

On June 10, 2024, severe weather that included significant straight-line winds, large hail, and heavy rain caused significant damage to homes and businesses in Berkeley County, South Carolina. The National Weather Service conducted a damage survey after the storm, which indicated that downburst winds reached 80–85 mph and covered a path that was approximately a half-mile wide. The winds caused downed trees, damage to residences and businesses, power outages, and large amounts of debris on roadways in Berkeley and Dorchester counties. Local and state government agencies and voluntary organizations active in disaster (VOADs) responded to support affected residents.

A Small Business Administration (SBA) damage survey was requested for Berkeley County on June 13 and was conducted on June 18. Based on the results of the damage survey, I certify that there are at least 25 homes and businesses in Berkeley County that have sustained a minimum of 40% uninsured or underinsured loss. Loss verification with the SBA team confirmed 38 residences with major damage and 31 with minor damage. Two businesses were validated as having major damage and five having minor damage. A copy of the SBA Survey Recap is enclosed herewith for ease of reference.

Based on results of the SBA damage survey, I respectfully request that the SBA declare Berkeley County a disaster area and implement the SBA’s Disaster Loan Program. The State does not plan to request a major disaster declaration for Individual Assistance (IA) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.
Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request and your continued assistance to the State of South Carolina. Should you have any questions or concerns or need any additional information or documentation regarding this matter, please contact South Carolina Emergency Management Division Director Kim Stenson at 803-737-8566.

Yours very truly,

Henry McMaster

Enclosure
SBA Survey Recap, Berkeley County, June 18–20, 2024
## Overall Properties Affected

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**State Totals**: 40 Homes, 31 Business/Profits

**COMMENTS**: LV-Assigned COUNTYSURVEY Start Date SURVEY End Date MEETS SBA Criteria Initial Majors SURVEY Status Homes Business/Profits Homes Business/Profits