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The Honorable Kem R. Fleming
Director
U.S. Small Business Administration
Office of Disaster Assistance
Field Operations Center East
101 Marietta Street NW, Suite 700
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-2725

Dear Mr. Fleming,

Under the provisions of Title 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) implement a Small Business Administrative Declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans for Barnwell, Charleston, Florence, Greenville, Greenwood, Hampton, Horry, Lancaster, Lexington, Oconee, Richland, Spartanburg, and contiguous counties following the outbreak of COVID-19 for the time period starting January 31, 2020.

Due to COVID-19, the State of South Carolina is experiencing significant detrimental economic impact in the private and non-profit sectors. SBA's approval of South Carolina for Economic Injury Disaster Loans will be a significant help in addressing company cashflow, working capital, and other financing considerations that can keep our businesses open and vital. A survey of affected businesses has been conducted to determine the economic impact of their losses for the disaster period as compared to the same period in the preceding year. Based upon these figures, I certify that at least five small businesses in the disaster area have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the disaster and are in need of financial assistance not otherwise available on reasonable terms.

If you need additional information, please contact Chuck Bundy at the South Carolina Department of Commerce at 803-737-0440.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster