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GOVERNOR

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South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Board Members,

I am writing to request that the South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control immediately develop and implement a revised schedule for public comment on the Beachfront Jurisdictional Line Review proposal until such time as the General Assembly can revisit this issue.

South Carolina boasts a \$28 billion tourism industry, driven in large part by the lure of our pristine coastline. The thirty-day public comment period is inadequate for a decision that may dramatically and negatively impact our state's economy. Property owners and businesses along the coast must be provided sufficient time to analyze, research and prepare thorough submissions in response to this proposal.

When the General Assembly enacted S.C. Code §48-39-280(A) in 2016, there was no way for them to predict the dramatic beach and coastal damage that would follow from Hurricanes Matthew and Irma.

I appreciate your service to the State of South Carolina. If I may be of any assistance to you please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

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

Henry McMaster

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cc: David Wilson, Acting Director