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Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor
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Dear Governor McCrory:

I am Patricia Beier, Executive Director for Wayne Action Group for Economic Solvency, Inc. (WAGES) serving Wayne, Wilson, Greene and Lenoir Counties. WAGES is a nonprofit 501c-3 Community Action Organization that provides financial and programmatic support to low-income individuals to help them become self-sufficient and improve their quality of life. WAGES has provided a variety of services from early education (Head Start and Early Head Start) to Meals on Wheels to Weatherization and many others since 1965.

Many low-income individuals, as well as others, have been devastated by Hurricane Matthew and do not have a place to turn. As you know, we have all been impacted by this storm and its remnants. I have heard you mention (during press conferences) the flooding from the Neuse River that is already overtaking the cities of Goldsboro and Kinston. In times like this, it is those in poverty who are most adversely impacted. They have limited resources and oftentimes do not have transportation to leave and nowhere to go when they lose everything. I witnessed this first hand yesterday when our organization, though still closed because of the storm, rallied to provide hot meals for those in the local emergency shelters. And I am hearing it today as I call seniors who receive meals from our Meals on Wheels program and they tell me they haven't eaten since Sunday. After the storm, our community will need resources to support our citizens and provide them with basic needs. WAGES stands committed to the mission that we have had for more than 50 years and is offering our support to be a part of any short and long term recovery efforts. Please keep that in mind when convening resources and support for our devastated communities.

Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do for eastern and coastal North Carolina as we deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

Sincerely,

Patricia Beier

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