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Good afternoon, Mayor Bethune.

I hope this email finds you well. I'm writing to request your support for an important change to the state's hurricane response plan that would help preserve our community's access to life-saving medical care before, during and after storms.

As it stands now, a mandatory medical evacuation order issued by the governor would force our hospitals to completely close, leaving community members and first responders without ready access to essential emergency services. We believe it's critical for the health and safety of our community that Tidelands Health and other coastal health systems – in consultation with local and state officials - have the flexibility to make independent operational decisions in the face of hurricanes.

Our hope is that you will support this change by advocating our position with Gov. Henry McMaster. Please find attached for your consideration a draft letter that can be used to express your support. A phone call to the governor's office may also be beneficial.

I very much appreciate your support and attention to this important issue. As always, if you have any questions or if I can assist further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Bruce

Wash Your Hands!
Bruce Bailey
President and CEO
Tidelands Health

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