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Dear friends near and far,

I sincerely hope you and your families are safe in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. If you need updates on what's going on in South Carolina, or wish to donate to causes that support disaster relief, please click the button below.

On Friday, after Helene passed, I spent the day with neighbors clearing streets and driveways in our neighborhood (including a tree that fell in my driveway). Just like in other communities across the Southeast, neighbors came together to help each other. Chainsaws, chargers, and manpower helped make a difference. The trees blocking the entrance to my neighborhood were cleared away before noon.

I know I was fortunate, much more fortunate, than some. Our home and car are intact. Thanks to our community pulling together, we could get out of our neighborhood quickly. But many people are facing grief in different forms. The loss of things like homes and roads, but also the loss of loved ones. Hundreds in our area are still without power, food, or running water.

On Saturday morning, when the sun was shining and my yard was still full of downed branches, I did something to get grounded: I worked in my garden. I planted some seeds after cleaning those patches of tree debris, and I pulled weeds, which now easily came out of the rain-soaked ground.

As I got my hands in the soil, a common post-disaster question came to mind: ***what comes next?*** As we clear the debris across South Carolina, what seeds are we planting for our future? What weeds do we need to pull to make way for new growth and opportunities? Federal and state funding is already flowing in to repair our state's roads, bridges, and dams. But are we fortifying our

infrastructure to withstand extreme weather events like Helene, events that have become more and more common with our changing climate?

Climate change is a global issue, but it is a fight that begins at the local level. Your vote can help our state put initiatives in place that will decrease our energy use and waste, incentivize businesses and homeowners to switch to solar energy, and promote the use of electric vehicles. Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, we are in for weather that's much wetter and *hot.*

I wish you the best as you recover from this storm. As your representative in the State House in 2025, the clean-up efforts will continue through my work. It is my mission to continue the spirit of clearing what doesn't serve us, removing what is harmful, and planting new opportunities for our future.

Be sure to check out my website to read about my experience in environmental and green energy advocacy.

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Vote "green" in every election in November. The earth and your neighbors need you.

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P.S. Check out the graphic below to see some of the "weeds" and "seeds" I've identified related to clean energy in South Carolina.

Important election dates

October 4: Last day to register to vote

October 21: Early Voting begins

October 25: Last day for absentee ballots

October 29: Vote Early Day

November 5: Election Day

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