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460 Stagecoach Road
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Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing to recommend that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution requesting a Year 2008 Disaster Declaration for the county due to drought conditions. I have been in contact with Brent Whitlock at the Farm Service Agency in Louisa and Carrie Swanson at Cooperative Extension here in Albemarle. We agree that the corn, hay, and pasture crops in the county will have suffered anywhere between 35 and 50 percent losses by the end of the year. In the near future we expect to receive calls from farmers seeking to buy hay from producers who usually sell it and there will be none to be had as the second cutting this year is in bad shape. I urge you to draft a resolution so Albemarle agricultural producers can obtain drought related aid if they need it. Thank you for your consideration.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or the FSA representative directly.

Sincerely,



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