

Dear [Name of Legislator],

In 2002, the South Carolina General Assembly formally established <u>SC-211</u> under 2002 Act No. 339, Section 5, ensuring that residents, regardless of location or circumstances, could quickly connect to essential resources—especially in times of crisis.

In 2024, <u>SC-211</u> handled <u>83,912 calls</u>, provided <u>238,844 referrals</u>, received <u>14,541 text</u> <u>messages</u>, and recorded <u>278,583 website visits</u>. Additionally, call volume in 2024 surpassed that of 2023 in most months.

During Hurricane Helene, <u>SC-211</u> responded to over 5,300 calls and referred more than 17,000 individuals to needed assistance.

As demand continues to grow and our population continues to rise, additional funding is necessary to expand 211's capacity and ensure it continues to meet the needs of South Carolinians effectively.

Today, I am respectfully asking for your support for the United Way Association of South Carolina's request for \$900,000 to strengthen and expand the <u>SC-211</u> system.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this request.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]