The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Governor
State of Georgia
203 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Perdue:

As Florida prepares for Hurricane Dennis, I am writing to seek assistance from your State.

More specifically, during the 2004 hurricanes, several of our neighboring states issued executive orders authorizing their respective state agencies to issue and provide permits for vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services and supplies by or on behalf of the Florida Division of Emergency Management and its contractors. That a maximum gross vehicle weight of 85,000 pounds on a five axle, truck tractor, semi-trailer for hauling emergency equipment, services and supplies shall be permitted to travel on all state maintained roadways unless it is a posted bridge. The outer bridge span of the five axle, truck tractor, semi-trailer shall not be less than 51 feet, and the vehicle’s overall length shall not exceed 100 feet or height of 13 feet, 6 inches. Anywhere greater than 8 feet, 6 inches wide and less than or equal to 14 feet wide may travel during daylight hours only beginning 30 minutes after sunrise; ending 30 minutes before sunset. Transporters are responsible to ensure that they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags and escorts as defined in the state’s rules and regulations. Permits shall be valid for a 30 day period from the date of this order.

Because this directive facilitated our relief efforts in 2004, we are appreciative of their cooperation.

In anticipation of the catastrophic disaster that Florida will face after Hurricane Dennis, I request that your State take similar action at this time. In addition, I also request that you:

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- Direct your agencies to allow vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services and supplies by or on behalf of the Florida Division of Emergency Management and its contractors to by-pass weigh stations in your State.
- Direct the appropriate agencies in your state to provide necessary temporary waivers from certification requirements for the inter-state transport and/or temporary shelter of agricultural products and livestock from Florida.

Your assistance in these areas will allow Floridians to avoid severe economic losses resulting from Hurricane Dennis and to recover more quickly from the effects of the storm.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me directly, or your office may contact my General Counsel, Raquel Rodriguez, at (850) 488-3494.

Sincerely,

cc: Raquel A. Rodriguez, General Counsel