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**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2009 3:14 PM  
**To:** CUSG-L@CLEMSON.EDU  
**Subject:** Please READ: Time to Contact our Governor!

Fellow Students,

As I am sure you've heard, Governor Mark Sanford has announced his intention to decline Federal Stimulus funding for South Carolina. As a result, colleges and universities in our state stand to lose approximately \$119 million in one-time funding. This news comes as higher education has sustained significant cuts to their base budgets and funding has reached a devastating low point.

Today I am asking you to email Governor Sanford on behalf of Clemson University with the message below. Please know that if you are in any way uncomfortable with this message, you can simply choose not to participate. This is Clemson University's official position and in no way seeks to place you in a compromising position.

The Governor's email address is:  
**mark@gov.sc.gov.**

**Governor Sanford has until Thursday to accept Stimulus funding for South Carolina. Please send your email between now and Wednesday, April 1.**

*Dear Governor Sanford,  
[Personalize your introductory paragraph with your class year, hometown, etc.]*

*Clemson University is providing South Carolina's students with one of the nation's finest educations without sacrificing quality. Quality in higher education is not the problem — it is part of the solution.*

*Therefore, it is critically important for South Carolina to accept Federal stimulus funding for our institutions of higher education. Enabling schools to use these funds for necessary one-time projects will allow them to strategically plan for the impact of recurring cuts sustained by higher education to date.*

*Sincerely,*

Thank you for your service and dedication to Clemson University and all of South Carolina's colleges and universities during this critical time. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best,  
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