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Dear Governor Nikki Haley:

On behalf of the Foundation for Government Accountability—the nation's premier health and welfare research organization in the states—I'd like to congratulate you for being a 2016 recipient of the Champion of Opportunity Award.

The Foundation for Government Accountability promotes better lives for individuals and families by equipping policymakers with principled strategies to replace failed health and welfare programs nationwide. Your tireless effort this session on South Carolina's welfare reform is a shining example of our mission at work.

Thank you for your leadership, and for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Tarren Bragdon  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Foundation for Government Accountability

P.S. We've enclosed a press release to notify your constituents of your award. We appreciate your hard work, and hope that all of South Carolina can learn about your accomplishment.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR RECEIVES  
NATIONAL AWARD FOR FIGHTING WELFARE ABUSE**  
AWARD HONORS LEADERSHIP ON REFORMS PROTECTING STATE PROGRAMS FOR THE TRULY  
NEEDY

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley was honored with the Foundation for Government Accountability's 2016 Champion of Opportunity Award Monday for their leadership to prevent fraud and protect the state's welfare programs for the truly needy.

By signing welfare reform into law, Governor Haley empowered her state to seek out fraudulent applications for welfare benefits in programs like Medicaid, helping to ensure those services will be around long-term for those who need them. Strong partnerships between the FGA and leaders like Governor Haley have saved taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars, by giving state agencies the tools they need to fight welfare waste and to ensure enrollees are using their benefits properly.

"Our public safety programs that protect the truly needy are constantly subjected to fraud and abuse from sophisticated scams to improper use of benefits, and every abuse, no matter how small, threatens the integrity of these critical programs," said Tarren Bragdon, FGA CEO.

"That's why we are so thankful for leaders like Governor Haley, who are standing up to those who abuse our public resources to protect those who need our help the most."

Governor Haley is one of a handful of state leaders from around the country being recognized by FGA for their work fighting fraud in 2016, and together they are strengthening our public safety nets.

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**Champion Of Opportunity  
Award**

PRESENTED TO

**The Honorable Nikki Haley**  
South Carolina Governor

*To honor her leadership in transforming  
South Carolina's welfare system, and  
empowering individuals from welfare to work.*