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Dear Honorable Members of the General Assembly,

As I promised during my campaign, and again during my first days in office, I will be releasing a legislative report card at the end of session. Also as promised, I am releasing the attached draft template to you early so that you have full knowledge of what I will report to our shared constituents. I intend for the report card to be a public document, and I hope that this tool will help us, as elected officials, make better decisions.

The purpose of the report card is to track the results of legislation that are important to the people of South Carolina, and the people's voice is loud and clear: they want more transparency, more accountability, more efficiency, and they want it done with less of their money.

This is not personal. This is not partisan. This is good government.

Because legislation may be introduced and amended at varying times, the attached draft template only includes legislative proposals – rather than specifically identified bills. Accordingly, I plan to add or alter the items on the report card throughout session. But, let me be clear: I will give you prior notice about where I stand on legislation, as I have done throughout the year thus far, so that you will know what could be included in the report card before votes are cast.

Later today, I will release the draft template to the media, and in the next two weeks, I will be sharing it with the public at townhall meetings around the state. Should you have any questions or concerns, I ask that you come to me or my staff directly. I understand that it is difficult for all 169 of us to agree, but certainly we can be united in recognizing that we do the people's work and it's to the people that we have to answer. Please continue to take advantage of my open door policy, and I sincerely look forward to continuing to work with you in the months to come.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nikki R. Haley

Attachments

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