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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

We, the undersigned citizens of South Carolina, wish to apprise you that we stand in support of a law and any other measures needed, that will require transgendered people to use the bathrooms designated for their birth gender.

Such a law and/or measure is needed to provide public facilities that can be utilized without embarrassment from the fear of being viewed, whether planned or not, by someone who was once of another gender and who once would have been considered a "peeping Tom" in such a situation. Such measures are also needed in order to provide for public facilities that can be utilized in safety from perverted predators who would choose to use their "new" gender to access and assault victims.

Additionally, we would point out that, while transgendered persons require public restrooms as all others, bathrooms can be designated specifically for them. And while doing this could be costly, the privacy and safety of your citizens are worth that cost. Further, we would point out that transgendered people have chosen their new identities with full knowledge of the limitations that they could bring and with no consideration of the risks and costs of the greater part of the population.

If there is discrimination in this matter, as has been proported, it is not against the transgendered. It is against people who have chosen the natural path of life that includes decency, discretion, privacy and safety, who have not chosen to change the original sexual intent that God gave to each of us at Creation.

Though you have stated that you don't feel that such a bill is needed in our State because of the "acceptance" that the people of South Carolina exhibit, we disagree with that philosophy. South Carolinians do, generally, accept people unlike themselves in many ways. But acceptance should not have to come at the cost of humiliation and fear for our safety.

We stand in support of this law and of doing all else required to provide for our safety and privacy in public facilities, and we ask that you, as our Governor, do the same. Our prayers are with you for the wisdom and fortitude needed in this matter and in all your undertakings for our State.


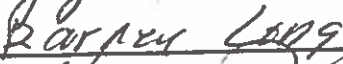
























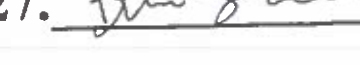
Sincerely,



Rev. Terry Porter, Pastor

Attachment / Enclosure

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