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The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley,

I'm writing to you in order to voice my concerns about the litter problem we have in the state of South Carolina. I sent an e-mail to your office a couple of months back on the same subject but it went unanswered, so I thought I would try the old fashioned method of letter writing.

I live in Oconee County South Carolina and sometimes feel we are part of a third world country as I ride our littered roads. If someone from your office could just ride a couple of our scenic highways or more specifically, Coffee Road out of Walhalla or some of the other local highways the appearance would make them sick. I have visited many states throughout the nation and we have such a beautiful, diverse state and can- not for the life of me comprehend how anyone could litter which destroys much of the beauty our state has to offer.

Governor Haley, is there not something we can do to clean-up our state and enforce the laws we have in place to keep it clean? I worked with the South Carolina State Park Service for 36 years with 32 as a regional supervisor which meant I was travelling around the state on a regular basis. During my 36 year career I may have actually witnessed someone litter five times. I find that remarkable but too it convinces me that those that litter are fully aware of their actions and are very cautious. With this in mind the state needs a litter force whose sole purpose is

enforcing litter laws and making litter cases. I ask you the question "how many litter cases are made in South Carolina annually"? I think the small number would surprise you. Many counties have litter officers but they normally have other duties as well. With a litter force in place it could be funded (after initial start-up) with fees collected from fines and through product labels, e.g. soft drink companies, fast food businesses etc. who should like to be part of a campaign to curb litter. We are interested in the tourism industry and competing with neighboring states, well this is a good place to start. I visit Georgia and North Carolina quit often and their states are much cleaner than ours. You're thinking "why doesn't he move there then"? No, I would like to think we may be able to learn from them how this is possible. I thank you for your time and yes I have many, many ideas on litter control. Raising the penalty is not the answer. We need enforcement.

Merry Christmas and May God Bless,



Horace Craig