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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of Governor Nikki R. Haley
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Dear Governor Haley,

We are pleased to share the second publication of the Lincoln Project: Excellence and Access in Public Higher Education, titled: Public Research Universities: *Changes in State Funding*. The Lincoln Project is considering the implications of declining state investment in public higher education; assessing the role of the federal government in funding our great public research universities; and developing recommendations for ensuring that public universities continue to serve the nation as engines of economic development and opportunity for Americans from all backgrounds. Ultimately, the project will encourage the development of new federal, corporate, and philanthropic sources of support to sustain public higher education in every state.

Changes in State Funding explores state funding for public research universities and how it has changed in recent decades. It examines state financing of higher education, describes the challenges that state governments face, and assesses the prospects for greater state support in the future.

This is the second in a series of five publications that will examine the importance of our public research universities. Subsequent publications will include an overview of the current financial models of public research universities, a brief demonstrating the public good of public research universities, and a final report that will offer concrete recommendations and strategies to sustain these institutions for the foreseeable future.

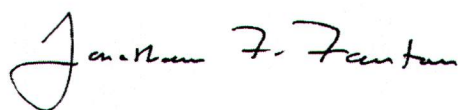We hope you will find this new publication useful and welcome your comments.

All the best,

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