



June 23, 2015

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

Dear Nikki,

Thank you for leading the effort to remove the confederate flag from the public grounds of the statehouse. I support this initiative.

As a descendant of a Civil War veteran – my great, great grandfather, I have had mixed emotions over the years regarding the flag. I am proud of my family and the sacrifices which they have made for generations in South Carolina whether it was for their community – serving as educators in the public school system, serving their state as soldiers and also in the General Assembly, or whether in their service to our country in World Wars I and II. Accordingly, I wish to honor their memories and sacrifice.

My ancestry's roots have been firmly established in South Carolina dating back to the late 1700's. This has born my pride for the state and why I personally have served my community at the chamber of commerce level as well as the state level promoting tourism economic development. I truly want what is best for the state and its future.

I sincerely believe that removal of the confederate flag is in the best interest of our state and will best represent the character, heart and legacy of the family whom I hold so dear.

God speed in your efforts on this initiative. Please call on me to help as needed.

My best regards,

Phil Hamby  
CEO

