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Dear Governor Haley,

The recent tragedy and subsequent troubles in South Carolina have left a significant number of citizens with acute feelings of bewilderment and alienation.

Certain ego-/ethnocentric groups have exploited a double tragedy with no intent to break a compromise and to serve a long-remembering agenda. Politically correct rhetoric from the State House remind them well, while it alienated and alienated many of South Carolina's most conscientious citizens.

Our national television many of us have heard that we have fostered discord and hate: "Take down that hate symbol!" We hear now that we will have a new South Carolina; supposedly we have been duly chastened.

Many South Carolinians know well that the legacy as descendants of the founders of Carolina Colony. They understand the transition of the colony into the state of South Carolina, and, in turn, the state's placement in a union of consenting sovereign states. They understand how a spirit of independence and survival of state rights carried farmers, teachers, citizens, ministers, statemen and others to withdraw from the first union and to reconfigure themselves into a southern confederacy of sovereign states. They defined a homeland where South Carolinians remember their family



members who fought and died for their homeland, their grandfathers' grandfathers.

"Why are you fighting?!" a Yankee asked a Confederate. "Because you have invaded!" the simple reply came.

Upon return to union with The United States of America, these same descendants of Carolina Colony lived as law-abiding, productive, patriotic citizens. The Spirit of Truth is not served when these citizens are dismissed as purveyors of hate.

Surely the crisis of the times is frighteningly clear, as the U. S.

Supreme Court over-rides the will of the electorate and renders their votes within the democratic process worthless. Surely the crisis is clear as we watch marauding crowds descend from points far and wide onto localities within states, protesting actions initiated by their own crimes.

A pastor at the Charleston A.M.E. was praised as he dialogueed publicly that his church is historically significant in large part because there they planned an uprising to "kill all the white people."

Be assured that the Christ Spirit, whose most Holy Name was so raucously invoked on the State House grounds, does not abide in simplistic moralities, shallow understandings and self-serving agendas!



The United States of America has supported a portion of its population with various free monies and opportunities, heavily taxing other citizens to fund such privilege. Not one person alive in South Carolina today was ever a slave or a slave owner. Has not compensation been paid?! It is true, however, and alas, that ego-/ethnocentrics will never be satisfied.

So, we look to a new South Carolina. Oh! you must have forgotten, Governor Haley, that South Carolina is already old. Some of us, all along the way, have been celebrating our differences, making and respecting compromises, and generally enjoying one another's company.

Sincerely,

a citizen of  
South Carolina with deep and  
old roots in places called  
Trenton and Edgefield and Lamar  
and Darlington and Sumter and  
Spartanburg and Charleston and  
Columbia.

Dum spiro, spero!