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Governor Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

Please work to enact legislation to tax and regulate marijuana in a manner similar to alcohol and tobacco in our state. This will free up significant law enforcement resources and put an end to the underground marijuana market.

Sellers of marijuana are currently completely unregulated. Unlike licensed businesses that sell alcohol or tobacco, marijuana sellers operate virtually anywhere and have no incentive not to sell to children.

A law regulating marijuana like alcohol or tobacco would put an end to this. Sellers would be regulated, destroying the market for illegal marijuana and stopping sales to minors. This would also free up our court dockets and allow police officers to spend more time investigating and arresting violent offenders. Colorado and Washington State voters have chosen a new approach to marijuana, to bring it off the criminal market.

An October 2013 Gallup poll found that 58% of Americans think marijuana should be legal. Please follow the will of the American people and introduce or support legislation to help replace wasteful, ineffective laws with policies that put drug dealers out of business.

Sincerely,

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