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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley:

It is with great pleasure that I nominate John P. Edwards to serve on the South Carolina Ports Authority Board of Directors. For the last few years, John has served on the SC Department of Transportation Commission and has worked closely with the Ports officials on traffic and material flow through Charleston and in the Upstate. Prior to serving on the SCDOT Commission, John was Chairman over the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control/Ocean and Coastal Resource Management dealing with all environmental permits along the coast of South Carolina.

The Upstate uses the Inland Port and the Charleston Port more than any other part of the state and we, in the Upstate, do not have representation on the South Carolina Ports Authority Board. John has been a great advocate for the Upstate and has served our state willingly and tirelessly. I know that John is very qualified and undoubtedly has the experience to continue to successfully serve South Carolina on this Board.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration and thank you for your continuing service to the State of South Carolina. Should you have any questions regarding John's nomination, please feel free to contact my office at 212-6420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike".

Mike Fair

cc: Ms. Katherine F. Veldran, Director of Legislative Affairs
Ms. Katie Philpott, Director of Boards and Commissions