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Kacie L. Stacy
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Dear Kacie,

Thank you for your letter. I love to hear from students and appreciate your questions about being the governor of South Carolina.

Growing up, I never thought about running for office. I was never involved in student government or party politics. When I was thirteen years old, I started doing the accounting books for my family's business, a retail clothing store. My background in both my family business and, later, corporate business motivated me to run for the legislature because I wanted the Statehouse to be more business friendly and to spend tax dollars more wisely. When, after six years in the House, I couldn't get what I wanted done as a legislator, I decided to run for governor. My mother always told me, "Don't complain about it; do something about it," so that's what I did.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as governor of this great state. That being said, in a state of over four million people, it is impossible to please all of my constituents. My job is to act in the best interests of the Palmetto State as a whole. Helping South Carolinians get the tools they need to be independent – like education, training, and employment – is one of the most important things our state can do to for our citizens, and it is why economic development has been my number one priority as governor.

Thanks again for writing. Keep up the good work, and I wish you the best of luck in the future. God bless.

My very best,

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

Nikki R. Haley

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Enclosure

A handwritten note in black ink that reads "Thanks Kacie!" with a large exclamation mark.