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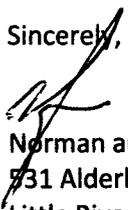
Governor Haley,

My wife and I are recent movers into South Carolina. We relocated from Maryland in December 2015. We are writing this letter to alert you to a situation with your DMV. As a Governor and a woman I think you should be made aware of any situation that effects woman in this state. Women who go to The MVA in this state encounter a situation that men do not. In this state both men and women must show proof of birth by showing a birth certificate and women must show any name changes by showing marriage certificates and divorce papers for each marriage. My wife and I have been married for over thirty years however, she was married twice before and she had to show proof of all three marriages and two divorces. Men who have been married the same number of times do not because there is no name change. Why does DMV require a birth certificate on anyone older than 21? Why do women have to prove who they are when they have a driving license from another state showing all the information that you need to transfer a license? We had to get copies of marriage certificates because DMV would not accept divorce papers. It took over three weeks and seven different trips to get her license. Then on top of that she had to prove she lived with me at the same address since the electric bill could only be in one name she had to finally come up with a bank statement to prove her address. It is the most stupid events we have ever seen. I know of no other state that has women jump through so many hoops. She was treated more like an Alien than an American citizen. Why does a woman have to prove that she lives with her husband at the same address?

Also what does DMV do with the information that they gather? To me it seems an invasion of privacy more than anything else. There is no common sense in the system. Their answer for everything was it's the law. If that's true change the law. Make it easier for new residences not harder. Why not change the system to accept drivers licenses from other states as proof to get a drivers license in this state. Except for young first time drivers why does someone have to show a birth certificate. The whole system needs an overhaul and to be looked at with common sense.

In my conservations with other people in this state, when I mention DMV they just roll their eyes and understand having encountered the same problem. This letter is written out of pure frustration of the system and it is our hope that you will at least take a look at the process.

Sincerely,


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