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South Carolina Office of the Governor
Nikki R. Haley
South Carolina State House, First Floor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

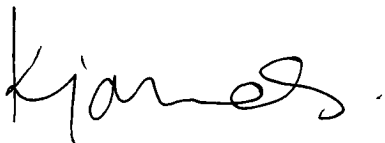
Borrowing the words of a recent petition issued by Daily Kos, I state my position on the issue of the confederate flag that flies on the grounds of the South Carolina statehouse in Columbia:

"The Confederate flag is a racist symbol that inflames racially motivated hate crimes like what we just saw happen in Charleston. South Carolina has been ridiculed for years by insisting the flag wave at the State Capitol, but after this tragedy it is well past time to remove it."

Considering the flag is a part of American history, I humbly suggest the flag be moved to a historical location where it can be viewed as such--a relic of the past, not a present day confirmation of a country divided by race.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this serious issue. I am confident you will act in the best interest of all of the people you represent.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K James", with a stylized, cursive script.

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