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**Subject: Removal of the Confederate Battle Flag From the State Capitol**

Dear Governor Haley:

Thank you for your February 29 letter responding to my February 23 letter on the above subject.

You no doubt have more important things to do than write letters back and forth to me about this matter. However, I found your response to be a non-sequitur, and I am therefore writing to you one more time.

When a powerful high official such as yourself does something so drastic, it creates winners and losers. The first winners in this case are the race-baiters who will now use your action to support such things as removing the carving on Stone Mountain down in Georgia. That would be a travesty beyond belief. Race-baiter attacks on such symbols are just a cynical smoke screen for them to further their political agendas.

The second winner is the punk who murdered those poor, unfortunate people in Charleston. He will now be able to boast that he got the Governor of the great State of South Carolina to take down a symbol that was so integral to South Carolina's heritage.

The losers are the people of our State. The removal of the flag says to the rest of America that we are finally acknowledging South Carolina's – as you put it – “brutally oppressive past.” But such a past is just not supported by the facts. The oppression was from the other direction. From Abraham Lincoln and his criminal generals. Just read the letters, journals, and diaries that reside in your own town of Columbia at the University of South Carolina. South Carolinians' incredible suffering is part of what the flag symbolized. The supposed hurt feelings of those who use the issue as a racial smoke screen are trivial compared to what South Carolinians suffered.

In the future, I encourage you to educate people as to the true facts instead of caving into the race-baiters. You were politically correct and expeditious, but that's not who I thought I voted for in the last election.

Sincerely yours,

  
Fred Munzenmaier