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Governor Haley,

My name is Lisa Baker and I am the Victim Advocate for the Moncks Corner Police Department. First off, I would like to say thank you for your initiative in the domestic violence task force. I am looking forward to hearing the findings and solutions next year. I am writing you in hopes that something can be done about the increasing issue of homelessness in our area. I have been a Victim Advocate for about 16 years; 10 of those years in Moncks Corner. In the past several months, we have had more and more homeless people on the streets, with nowhere to house them. This is not just a problem in Moncks Corner, but I believe, it is the entire lowcountry. I am sure that there are other areas as well, but I see a direct effect on our area, and do not know the solution. There are some that do not wish to go to a shelter, but there are many that would, if there was one to go to. There are shelters near here (One-Eighty Place in Summerville and Charleston and a few small others), but when I have had to call them, they are always full. I'm sure that someone that has just found themselves, and possibly their family, to be homeless, would think that coming to a police station would help them, and that is what they do. Sometimes the police officers come across them on the streets and they ask for help then too. Either way, I am usually the one contacted, and expected to try to find them housing, but I seem to hit road blocks almost every time. I have been to some meetings with my police chief, Chief Caldwell, along with some other officials in the area, to try to combat this issue, but the problem that seems to consistently come up, is lack of resources. If there is anything that you can do about this, it would be greatly appreciated by many people in our area, especially the homeless. I fear that with the weather getting colder, this will be even more of an issue soon. Please have someone contact me if you would like more information about this; my phone number is (843) 719-7929.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Baker".

Lisa Baker

Victim Advocate

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