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The Honorable Nikki Haley
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Dear Governor Haley:

I hope this letter finds you doing fine and getting along well upon its arrival. As for myself, I am fine and doing good.

I am writi9ng in regards to your response to President Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday night and must commend you on your rebuttal and the way you addressed his address. I believe you more-or-less hit the nail on the head with what you had to say.

I personally don't think President Obama has done very much to represent our country and could have done a lot more rather spending time on the golf course, entertaining and throwing parties. He is a very weak president, the weakest I have ever seen and lacks many leadership skills especially when it comes to our military. Furthermore, President Obama has just about single handed dismantled and destroyed the coal mining industry here in West Virginia as many, many miners are out of work and coal companies announce closings practically monthly with the closing of their mines.

We definitely need a change at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue and in the leadership of our country but what we DON'T need is Donald Trump in the White House running the country!

I had read where you were going to address Mr. Trump and his antics in you rebuttal but unfortunately you barely touched on it although your point was well taken and has been discussed on the morning news shows and in interviews with you and you surely got the attention of Mr. Trump.

Governor Haley, I have been a life-long Republican as has my family, however, I must be honest and open with you, in my opinion Mr. Trump is an embarrassment to the party! This man is verbally abusive to just about everyone as well as offensive; he's a bully and bigot and doesn't care what he says too or about anyone. Furthermore, his attacks on his fellow Republican candidates, the Clinton's and other Democrats seeking the presidential nomination is uncalled for. He's pathetic and not in my opinion presidential material and is more of a threat to our country than anything!

Although outspoken, Mr. Trump has a big mouth that he does not know how to control or keep

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shut! Further, instead of not telling us what good he's going to do for our country, he puts down the Mexican's, the Syrians and people trying to enter our country to make better lives for themselves and wanting to build between Mexico and the United States which is bull-crap!

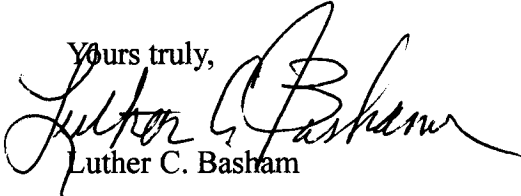
If you will recall, following World War II in Europe and the demise of the Hitler empire, there was a wall constructed separating East Berlin from West Berlin. That essentially was communism! Trump is acting on this same theory by wanting to construct a wall between Mexico and the United States which is unfortunate.

Unfortunately Governor Haley, if Mr. Trump gets the Republican nomination for President of the United States, for the first time in my voting history I will not be able to support the Republican party by voting for this man as I will not be a party to casting any votes toward Mr. Trump. Further, depending on who the Democrats have as their candidate may have a bearing on how I vote. For that matter I may not vote at all! I will add this, I will vote in the primary and I will vote in the Republican party but rest assured my vote will not be for Mr. Trump!

Finally, I have advised the leaders of the Republican party here in West Virginia aware of my feelings and although disappointed they understood with most of them having agreed with me about Mr. Trump.

In conclusion, best of luck to you and the remainder of your term. My son (who does not have my last name) works for the State of South Carolina Division of Highways and although not too pleased with the removal of the Confederate Flag, he pretty much agrees with your policies and has had a lot of good things to say about you.

With kind wishes and best regards, I am;

Yours truly,

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