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Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
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Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing to formally advise you that Manitoba will be withdrawing from the Southeastern United States-Canadian Provinces (SEUS-CP) Alliance following the 2016 annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

Manitoba continues to support the mandate that the Southeastern United States-Canadian Provinces Alliance was established to fulfil, and we remain committed to promoting trade and investment opportunities with all member states and provinces. Manitoba is currently reviewing how we allocate resources to maximize our trade promotion resources to best meet the needs and priorities of Manitoba's companies and economy. For this reason, we have opted not to continue our active membership in the Alliance at this time.

On behalf of Manitoba's Premier, the Honourable Brian Pallister, I want to express our continuing gratitude for your ongoing work to promote trade and economic connections across the Canada-US border. We look forward to finding other avenues to collaborate with you in this work and to build on the extraordinary relationship that our two countries already share.

Sincerely,

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