

566 Henderson Road
Varnville, South Carolina 29944

December 20, 2014

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor
The State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

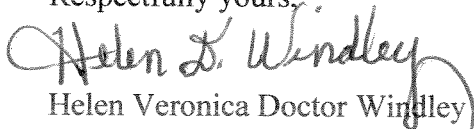
I received your letter of December 10, 2014. Although the legality of South Carolina's same-sex marriage ban has been declared to be unconstitutional by the US District Court, please know that we deeply appreciate your efforts to defend traditional marriage. Traditional marriages are essential for the establishment of strong families, and strong families are needed for America to be strong. We, residents of South Carolina, are grateful for all you have done to help ensure that South Carolina has strong pillars to uphold and maintain it via strong, traditional families.

I am extremely elated, also, after hearing on the local news that you've taken steps to address domestic violence in South Carolina. I love the broad approach you are taking to address the issue/problem. I feel strongly that the lives of many, many women in South Carolina will improve and/or be saved through your effort. I did not know that you were about to address the issue. On November 17, 2014, I wrote and expressed concerns to the Honorable William "Bill" Bowers, a resident and member of the Hampton County Legislative Delegation. I expressed other concerns to Representative Bowers and the two other members of the delegation, also (see copies of letters enclosed).

I feel strongly that we will be able to improve quality of life and bring more jobs to the County after steps have been taken within the county to address the reason (s) industries, etc are not locating here. Industries are in need of a highly skilled workforce. Note that I've shared the above with representatives of county government, also. I've done such because we have a role to play at the local level, also. The burden should not rest on your shoulder alone.

Again, thank you for your fine efforts.

Respectfully yours,


Helen Veronica Doctor Windley

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November 17, 2014

The Honorable William K. Bowers
South Carolina House of Representatives
District 122
Post Office Box 686
Hampton, South Carolina 29924

Dear Representative Bowers:

I am a US citizen and a resident of Hampton County, South Carolina. I reside in the Camp Branch Community of the Town of Varnville. Thus, I am one of your constituents. I am writing to provide you with copies of letters I've mailed to the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the US, and to the Honorable Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina. As stated in the letter to Gov. Haley, according to DHEC, South Carolina has one of the highest rates of uninsured women in the nation. Because of this, I am writing, also, to ask that a study be done to determine the reason(s) for the high rate among women in South Carolina. Once the reason(s) have been identified, I am asking that steps be taken to address the cause.

As a woman, I am extremely concerned about the quality of life South Carolina offers to women. Note that South Carolina ranks very high in the nation for domestic abuse among women, also. Women deserve far more than they are receiving in South Carolina. We are humans. We are equal to men. We deserve equal treatment, services, and assistance. Currently, our very own government is causing women to suffer in disproportionate numbers. Through corrupt government, deceptive practices and unfair laws, women are being forced to live in poverty daily here in South Carolina. This must end if America is to survive as a strong nation.

I love God, America, and family. I wish to see respect and love for God protected and preserved. In addition, I wish to see family preserved here in America. Let me share that my love for America caused me to have a deep desire to serve America as a teen. I wanted to enter the military and fight for our values and traditions. But, my family doctor, Dr. Walter Young, performed a physical and advised otherwise because of congenital problems I have. I was saddened because I could not serve the country I loved so much. I prayed. I thought my dream would never come true. But, by surprise, doors opened for me. I was told to apply for a job at North District School in Varnville, SC. I did. I was hired as the Bookroom Aide/Elementary Secretary. I loved it because I worked in the Bookroom there and in the main office while enrolled in high school (I graduated from ND in 1968). Next, I was hired as a teacher's aide at North District. From that position, doors opened for me to enroll full time at USC Salkehatchie in Allendale. From there, I transferred to USC-Columbia, where I graduated in 1979, with a BA in Elementary Education. I earned a M.Ed in Education in 1982 from USC in Columbia, also. I entered college with a desire to become a psychologist, but my plans changed. I was drawn into the teaching profession. I taught Science and Health for sixteen (16) years and used my psychology background while I served middle school students daily. I taught until I was fired during the 1994-95 term. I was fired by Principal D. Harley and then told (by Superintendent Phillips) to seek employment elsewhere than Hampton School District One for another school year. Thereafter, I was given very negative recommendations by Hampton One when I sought employment with other agencies, etc. But, I realized that God answered my prayer. I thank God all of the time for allowing me to serve such fine people as those found in Hampton County. God allowed me to serve America via the classroom. I loved it. I loved serving by preparing our students for the future. I did not get to fight in Viet Nam, but my battlefield was the classroom. I was shot down by our own. I was shot by familiar fire. But, I survived the "ambush". I am still here. Note that I was single when I served America in the classroom. I was Helen Veronica Doctor then. I was married and moved to Myrtle

Beach in July 1995, after leaving Hampton One. Although I departed from Hampton One as directed by Mr. Phillips, issues with Hampton One did not end here. Hampton One followed me with them to Horry County. I was divorced in December 1998. So, you can see that I am speaking from a platform of personal experience.

If you wish to speak with me personally, please feel free to call 803-943-3696.

Again, thank you in advance for responding to my request of you.

Respectfully yours,

Helen Veronica Doctor Windley

Enclosures

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November 21, 2014

The Honorable William K. Bowers
The South Carolina House of Representatives
District Number 122
Post Office Box 686
Hampton, South Carolina 29924

Dear Representative Bowers:

I reside in the Camp Branch Community of the Town of Varnville, South Carolina. Thus, I am one of your constituents. I wrote to you earlier this week. I am writing to express some concerns I have and to share the telephone number that came up on my Caller ID on yesterday when someone who stated that he/she was from the IRS called. I have been receiving telephone calls from individuals who state that they are IRS employees, but they will not state the reason they are calling my telephone number. I checked one of the numbers earlier this year and it matched that of an IRS number. Please review the IRS and/or have it reviewed. If the IRS is really involved in the scam-like calls, please take steps to ensure that your constituents are protected from its corruption, etc.

The telephone number that appeared twice on my Caller ID on yesterday from one who stated that he/she was with the IRS was as follows: 415-234-9604. The calls came in at 8:41 AM and again at 1:39 PM. I did not return the calls as I did several times earlier this year. As stated, I responded to one such call earlier this year and the number matched that of the IRS. If someone is getting into the IRS system and is using its number, it needs to be discovered and addressed. If the IRS is acting in this manner, the IRS is in dire need of being changed.

As stated in my letter to Governor Nikki Haley earlier this week, a cleanup in/of government is greatly needed. The issue appears to be moral in nature. Individuals representing our government are acting in such a manner that it is very difficult for residents to distinguish them from those involved in scams and it is hard to trust them anymore. For, after interacting with the Insurance Marketplace on Saturday, November 15, 2014, I do not feel comfortable conducting business with government agencies now. Note that individuals who apply via telephone to the Marketplace are asked to grant permission for the Marketplace employee to sign their application before the applicant is given plans to review. On Saturday, the representative told me that because I had granted permission for him to sign my application, I needed to finish the enrollment process. I refused to complete the enrollment process because the plans offered were not affordable to me. He refused to consider and even hear that the plan with the \$1,000.00 per month premium was not affordable to me. The premium was more than my monthly income. With the Marketplace refusing to acknowledge that their plans are not affordable and likewise opening the door for hardships to be considered, we are placed between a rock and a very hard place as residents. We can expect to face penalties as a result. In South Carolina, many of your constituents are uninsured females. As females, we do not need to face another burden. With this said, I wish to ask that you and other members of the Hampton County Legislative Delegation take steps to address the issue in South Carolina as legislators. Note that when I made contact earlier with Gov. Haley about healthcare needs regarding the uninsured in South Carolina, Ms. Giles spoke with me and said that Gov. Haley stated for me to contact my legislators regarding the issue because her hands were tied. Through this letter, I am following her directives. From observations, I've found that the mass of our legislators cannot and/or do not identify with the poor. Thus, they are not representing the needs of the poor adequately. The poor is just being tossed from one place to another and provided with no real solutions to their problems by anyone.

Last, I wish to express my concern regarding poverty in Hampton County, SC. Hampton is a

StrikeForce county. It is impacted by chronic poverty. Chronic poverty can be tied to widespread chronic illnesses therein. I believe that the problems will continue if they are not addressed. Note that I feel that part of the problem is linked to the poor performance of our schools. Thus, to address the problem, I feel that we need to focus at the classroom level so that our students benefit. But, for the students to benefit, we need qualified and certified teachers in each classroom. Too much money is being spent in Hampton County at the administrative level currently. The amount of money spent will not ensure high student performance, but it is a factor. We are what I refer to now as being "top heavy" and sports centered. We are much too small as a county to have two school districts. We need to consolidate our two small districts, cut unneeded personnel, especially in both district offices, and focus our attention on building one strong school district, with a south and north campus in Hampton County, SC. We need to ensure that certified, caring teachers are in each classroom and that each school board is held accountable in South Carolina. Being a public school teacher for sixteen years here in Hampton County, I found that those in positions of oversight actually hindered and interfered with my performance as a teacher and that of my students. Because of this experience, I advise that South Carolina place a higher level of responsibility and accountability on those serving on school boards. They hire and fire. This includes others in positions of oversight. They need to be held more accountable. If they are held more accountable, they will ensure that caring and certified administrators and teachers are in place in our schools.

I will share a copy of this letter with the Honorable Clementa Pinckney, Senator, and with the Honorable C. Bradley Hutto, Senator. This is being done because they are the other members of our legislative delegation in Hampton County.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Helen Veronica Doctor Windley