

Dear Ms. Haley,

I want to tell you that I admire you very much for taking action to remove the Confederate flag from state government property. That flag is the most unpatriotic flag there is in this country. It symbolizes states wanting to leave the United States altogether. It symbolizes the worst time in our country's history when we were divided, and worse, fighting amongst ourselves and destroying lives and winning many places.

I can understand if they were Confederate states first and the United States took control of them against their will, that they would be proud of their original state and want to fly that flag along with the United States flag. But since they were originally part of this country, before they were Confederate states, there is no good reason to want to fly that flag anywhere other than Confederate state museums where understandably, they do want to pay tribute to many good people who were misguided in their thinking that they should lay down their lives and others' lives for that cause - to no longer be a part of this great country.

There are so many crazy people who will hurt and kill over anything. You have been incredibly brave to take such a strong hand in all this and I just want you to know people do support you.

Sincerely,
Carol Hayes



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Vincent van Gogh (1853–1890)

Starry Night over the Rhone, 1888

Oil on canvas, 72.5 x 92 cm (28½ x 36¼ in.)

Musée d'Orsay, RF 1975 19

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