

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

Re: Civil Rights for the Men of South Carolina

Dear Hon. Haley, I'm sure that you have noticed the great despair that has been happening within the men of South Carolina communities statewide before you became governor and even until this very moment. I too, being a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ and proud South Carolinian have noticed the turmoil, chaos and despair that has been caused by and thrust upon the men of this great state as well. I pray that this letter to you can be the beginning of many discussions on the cause of the problems that we are facing, as well as the beginning of executing solutions that will alleviate the strain caused to and by some of the men of this state in which we hold so dear. The major issue is that men are rapidly being disregarded in their roles as fathers, husbands and in most cases as an extremely vital part of the family unit, leaving them with little assistance or none at all. There has been strong discrimination against the roles of men, as can be most visibly evident within the justice system, and men have been crying out in different ways in an attempt to shine a light on the heavy injustices that have been bestowed upon them. Men have been deemed as only fit to be involved with their children in a monetary manner only, but not allowed to care for or protect their children physically or spiritually, while the justice system is used for vindication against them. I keep saying them, however, I too am a man that has been dealt the injustices of discrimination in regards to my fatherhood, as a husband, and ultimately as a man, which makes my reaching out to you a form of crying out also. My reason for reaching out to you is because I understand that you are a just Governor who hears the voice of the people of this great state, and one who responds with great compassion and understanding. We as men have hearts, we make mistakes and correct them, we love our families, and the majority of us take pride in being able to affectively interact in shaping and molding our children. Some men out of desperation have done things that were injustices themselves, I do not condone that, and I would like to apologize on their behalf. Hon. Haley, the condition of the hearts and minds of the men of the great state of South Carolina are broken and contrite ones because of the discriminatory injustices mentioned earlier. I understand that you inherited that type of system, and I still think that you have been doing an amazing job as our governor. Where our men feel as if they have nowhere to turn, as a voice of one speaking up on the behalf of the discriminatory injustices against many, I plead with you to hear our cause. I'd love to set up future meetings so that we can discuss what I've been seeing, hearing and feeling on the matter. Thank you so much for your time and all of your efforts Hon. Haley.

Sincerely,



Min. Ryan L. Young