

Deborah Z. Bonnett
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March 12, 2015

Dear Governor Nikki R. Haley:

Some counties in the state were out more than others during the inclement weather in South Carolina and my children and grandchildren had already paid for a week vacation at the beach May 30-June 6. Since one of these families lives in the upstate their end day is June 3 because of bad weather. Our vacation runs from Saturday to Saturday so by the time they get to the beach, they will only have two days to spend with us with checkout being at 10:00 AM. I am asking you to please forgive one or two of these days so that my family as well as for others in the same situation can take advantage of their planned vacations.

Thank you for considering this and also for all you have done for the State of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Deborah Z. Bonnett



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 13, 2015

Ms. Deborah Z. Bonnett
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Dear Ms. Bonnett,

Thank you for contacting the Governor's Office with your concerns about the winter weather, occurring in South Carolina from February 23-26, 2015, and its effects on your family's vacation travel plans.

Following her executive authority to close state government offices, the Governor is also authorized to grant leave with pay to state employees who missed work due to the closing of state offices for hazardous weather conditions pursuant to Section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

However, nothing in state law permits the Governor to waive the vacation rental fees of private businesses for citizens who missed their vacation as a result of inclement weather. While our office understands that winter weather can disrupt citizens' travel plans, we still encourage individuals to take responsibility for their health, safety, and welfare and make good judgments about staying off the roads when driving conditions become hazardous.

Again, thank you for contacting the Governor's office. If you have additional questions about the State's winter weather policies, please call our office at 803-734-6068.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca S. Schimsa".

Rebecca S. Schimsa
Deputy Legal Counsel

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March 23, 2015

Dear Governor Nikki R. Haley:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter I received from your office and a copy of my letter I sent to your office on March 12. The response I received was not what I had originally requested. I was not implying that I should be waived any vacation rental fees as we will go on our vacation regardless minus some grandchildren that will arrive later in week due to having to make up 3 school days because of inclement weather. My request was that one of the days could be forgiven so most schools will be getting out at same time.

Please read the attached letter I enclosed to clarify my first request.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah Z. Bonnett