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Governor Nikki Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing you this letter to persuade you to keep South Carolina State University open. My name is Michael Stackhouse III. I am the team captain on my cross country team. I also run track. I am also the class senator and part of Honors College with a GPA of 3.45.

My position on the bill is that it is selfish. Yes, you are opting to pay students tuition that have 2.5's to go anywhere in the state. My question is do you truly realize what you would be doing to students? Yes our school would be wiped clean of the stain of debt, but in doing so we would also lose our accreditation. By losing our accreditation it would make the credits that we have spent long nights working for void. Despite what you have heard about SC State, there are students that are proud of our school and our work. You letting this bill pass if it reaches you is basically you saying our work isn't good enough for you and we should start over. Well Governor Haley, with all the respect, me and my fellow students will not start over; we will continue to fight this bill with unrelenting passion that hasn't been seen since biblical times. I also feel as the Governor you should cherish everything that SC has to offer, because it is a reflection of you and your tenure of governor of the beautiful state of South Carolina. So I leave you with one question, do you want to be known as the Governor that threw 100 plus years of history away, or as the Governor that strived and save history so that future generations of children can continue to make history at SC state. The balls is in your court Gov. Haley, time is ticking and were counting on you to make the right play, or will you succumb to the pressure and give the ball to the other team?

Sincerely,



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