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Dr. Greg White
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Dear Dr. White,

The protection of critical information technology infrastructure is one of most important, and yet commonly overlooked responsibilities that we have as public servants. In South Carolina, we recognize the threats posed by cyber attacks and have developed a multifaceted approach to address and mitigate these risks. We have also strived to foster improved interagency and intergovernmental relationships among federal, state, and local partners so that we may confront these challenges collaboratively, and therefore, more effectively.

For these reasons, we appreciate the unique opportunity offered by the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security (CIAS) and feel it is clearly in the best interests of the State of South Carolina to fully participate in the Community Cyber Security Maturity Model (CCSMM) Training and Exercise Program, in association with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The Columbia and Charleston metropolitan areas would benefit most from the opportunity to participate in this initiative. These two cities serve as the headquarters for a diverse mixture of public and private sector organizations; they are also two of the leading and most visible areas in the Palmetto State. Columbia is not just the capital and largest city in South Carolina, but also home to Fort Jackson and a number of other critical federal facilities. Charleston is our second-largest and fastest-growing city and is the site of a major assembly line for Boeing, along with a Naval Weapons Station, Joint Base Charleston, a variety of higher education institutions, and one of the most important ports in the United States. The importance of these sites makes these two communities ideal candidates for participation in the program.

Dr. Greg White

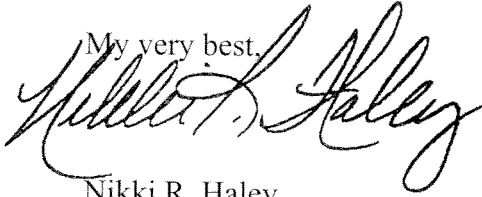
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I recognize that this is an intensive 12-month program and further understand that success is contingent upon the support of local, state, and congressional leadership. South Carolina is fully dedicated to providing the necessary leadership and support.

Thank you for your consideration; we look forward to working with you on this important initiative to improve cyber security within the State of South Carolina.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nikki" and last name "Haley" being the most prominent parts.

Nikki R. Haley

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