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October 27, 2016  
The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of the Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Office of the Governor  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month and it is time to turn awareness into a spectrum of solutions for those with autism transitioning to adulthood. 50,000 people with autism enter adulthood each year in the United States and employment opportunities are critical for inclusion and long-term financial security.

This issue is very important to my family and our community. Those with disabilities are more likely to be successfully employed if they have acquired work and skills training during their secondary school years.

Please continue to expand employment opportunities for individuals with autism and we look forward to working with you to develop a plan to improve transition outcomes for all youth with autism.

Thank you for again considering these critical pieces of legislation and doing everything you can for our loved ones with autism.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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