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June 6, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
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1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

**RE: SCDOT PROPOSAL TO CLOSE OFF THE FRONTAGE ROAD AT
THE ENTRANCE TO DEERFIELD PLANTATION**

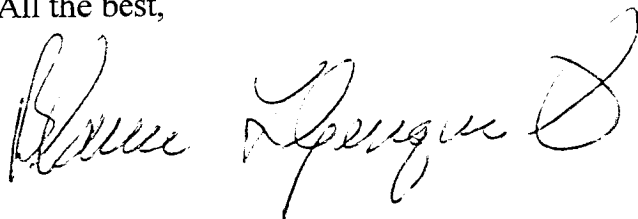
Dear Governor Haley:

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However, since I was already in the state and caused all of these things to happen over the past thirty-eight years, South Carolina state government, the Horry County government and the Town of Surfside Beach government could care less about my company.

THE SCDOT proposal described in the attached letter to Leah Quattlebaum of the SCDOT would be an unmitigated disaster for Plantation Resort. Please take a few minutes and read it. Plantation Resort needs some help.

All the best,



Enclosure: Leah Quattlebaum letter

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Leah Quattlebaum, Program Manager
South Carolina Department of Transportation
RPGDPD - Room 508
955 Park Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201-3959

**RE: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE FRONTAGE ROAD ON BUSINESS 17
AT THE ENTRANCE TO DEERFIELD PLANTATION**

Dear Ms. Quattlebaum:

The reason I am writing to you is because the SCDOT proposal to close off the Business 17 Frontage Road at the South side of the Entrance / Exit of Deerfield Plantation [actually, the North side of the Plantation Resort check-in office] and the North side of the entrance road will be absolutely devastating to Plantation Resort!

I founded the Plantation Resort companies in 1978. Plantation Resort now consists of 517 condominiums located within Deerfield Plantation one-half mile from the Business 17 entrance. There are 330 time share condominiums as well as many short term vacation rental condominiums. Several millions of dollars in recreational amenities have been constructed and millions of dollars have been spent on administrative and sales offices and other support facilities. There are currently 297 people on the Plantation Resort payroll. That number will increase by another 50 in the summer months. In 2015, the Plantation Resort companies, the Plantation Resort condominiums and I paid nearly \$700,000 in Horry County property taxes.

The check-in office for Plantation Resort is located at the above address on the Business 17 Frontage Road, immediately adjacent to the exit side of the Deerfield Plantation entrance. In 2015, TWENTY-ONE-THOUSAND-SIX HUNDRED-EIGHTY-ONE [21,681] vehicles stopped at the Plantation Resort check-in office upon arrival and the same number stopped again when the guests checked out.

When arriving, these guests usually turn south on Business 17 from Highway 544, dogleg right onto the southbound Frontage Road and then turn right into the Plantation Resort parking lot.

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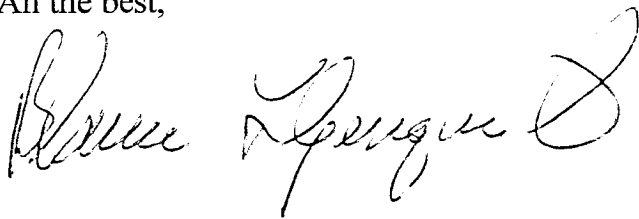
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