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**To:** Nikki R. Haley  
**Subject:** Response to President Barack Obama's final State of the Union address on January 12, 2016.  
**Importance:** High

Dear Nikki R. Haley, Governor of South Carolina:

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Congratulations; This is your opportunity to get on the "Trump Band Wagon"!

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South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley will deliver the response to President Barack Obama's final State of the Union address on Tuesday, her office confirmed.

House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell asked Haley to deliver the Republican response to Obama's Jan. 12 speech. She described the entreaty as an honor and gave a sense of what she would speak about.

"This is a time of great challenges for our country, but also of great opportunities," Haley said in a statement. "I intend to speak about both."

Haley, a potential vice president pick, was reelected as South Carolina's governor in November 2014. Born to Indian immigrants in Bamberg, South Carolina, she is both the first female and first minority governor of the state. At 43, Haley is also the youngest governor in the country.

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Endorse Donald Trump for President!

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Sincerely, Gerald E. Blancett, Santa Rosa, CA., [geblancett@pacbell.net](mailto:geblancett@pacbell.net).