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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
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Dear Governor Haley:

South Carolina State University has a rich history and over the last months our school was faced with a lot of adversity and bad media. Ever since the bad media, South Carolina State has been taking big hits and it's really makes the school look bad. I transferred from a predominantly white school to come here, and I love it here at South Carolina State. South Carolina State brings you so much more than any other school can, but people will never know because the media is constantly destroying our name. There are a lot of alumni who work hard here, and we as the current students will fight to keep our school open.

I attended Coker College my first year of college and I was not happy there; The following year I transferred here to South Carolina State and that was one of the best decisions I made in my life. I met some of the best friends here and the whole university feels like one big family. You will meet some of the greatest people here. Being at a Historical Black College makes learn more about yourself and you learn a lot about your black history here. As an African American I learned more at South Carolina State on black history than Coker College because they didn't touch on it. South Carolina State University gives students from the black community a chance to blossom and really strive for the best. The professors are here to help you perform at a high level and they show that they care about the students. Our University isn't big like the other colleges but we used that to our advantage because we can build relationships with our professors and our advisors. Schools like USC and Clemson can't do that because it's so many students and they professor or the advisors can't get to know the students like we do at South Carolina State.

When you think about the all the adversity that you hear about South Carolina State, all of the rumors, and all the of the bad media; you have to ask yourself why are people still here or even why are the professors still teaching at this institution? People are still here and they plan on staying here, we can be at any other school in the country but we choose to be at South Carolina State University! We really have bulldog pride deep down inside of our hearts because this school is so much more than what the media say it is. The professors are still here because they care about the students and they love it here too. The reason I know the professor and the advisors are in it because they love it, because they're not getting paid a decent salary. Our school is working on its problems and the problems will get fix, but shutting down our school will just make things look worst.

South Carolina State is so much more than an institution; students have to the best time of their lives here, and meet some of the best people in the world here. When you walk on our campus here at South Carolina State you can feel the love here and you also feel the pride here. Ever since I walked on campus I felt like I was at home and I felt comfortable here. Our school is

surely one of a kind and we love it and so do our alumni. A lot of great memories were made here and we fight to keep our school open.

Thank you

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Earl L. Davis Jr.", written in black ink.

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