

February 28, 2015

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

**RE: Abuse of Power by State Public Officials and Employees / Public Corruption
Supplement to letter faxed and sent via certified mail on Friday, February 27, 2015**

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

I am writing this letter as a supplement to the letter I faxed and sent via certified mail to your office date February 26, 2015. Hopefully you can connect both of these letters through your document management system.

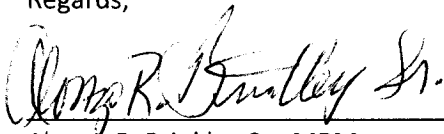
The previous letter I sent was in regards to my son, Alonzo Brinkley II (SCDC 271143) being charged with a 832 Unauthorized Inmate Organization Activity or Participation in a Security Threat Group (STG) or STG Activity violation for having SCDC prior approved educational materials from Ohio University College Program for the Incarcerated. As I stated in my previous letter, the education materials including the text book was approved and disseminated to my son to perform the course work accordingly. One additional point I want to make very clear that I don't think I made clear enough in the prior letter. The Disciplinary Hearing Officer also ruled that the Survey of Astronomy text book from Ohio University College Program for Incarcerated is STG material.

I am attaching my son's transcript as proof that he attends Ohio University College Program for the Incarcerated. You will see on page 2 of 2 that he is taking the Survey of Astronomy course. Also, please note that in addition to the Tyger River Correctional Institute approving and delivering this course material and text book to my son, SCDC was well aware he was taking this course long before this incident because the institution has his official "sealed" transcript which includes this course since September 2014. The transcripts were sent to Jacqueline L. Venning, Special Programs Coordinator, Palmetto Unified School District, 1735 Haviland Circle, Columbia, SC 29210 (803 896-1573 Phone, 803 896-1513 Fax). She confirmed via email that she received the official transcript. To state the obvious, never was this flagged as STG material.

One other thing I would like to highlight. My son has been incarcerated for 15 years so far. He was incarcerated at age 25 and is 40 now. I speak for a 40 year old man because he is voiceless, powerless and invisible in SCDC even in a senseless situation like this. I highlight the 15 years because during this time period I do not believe he has ever been charged with STG. I have requested his full records through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) but I am pretty sure that it is factual that he has not been charged with an STG before. He is set to be released in the next few years and it just seems implausible that all of sudden he is part of a STG.

Governor Haley, I am a firm believer that good opportunities come out of poor decisions or mistakes like the one made at this Disciplinary Hearing. It started me thinking about how to better SCDC, reduce the cost of housing inmates long-term, recidivism, etc. Education is the number one inhibitor to recidivism as you know. Instead of making it difficult and putting up barriers to educational success, SCDC should fully embrace the fact that these inmates who are successfully taking college courses are self starters, self motivated and are looking to make a better future as well as readying themselves for release. Yes they are criminals but they are enabling themselves to live independently in a nation that is less receptive to them. It would seem to me that this presents the State and SCDC with an opportunity to establish a centralized unit for inmates in college programs and developed an environment with an extreme focus on college education success in SCDC. There can be stipulations around participation because, of course, this would be considered a privilege. Stipulations can include continuous enrollment of at least 2 courses, within 3 – 5 years of being released, a GPA at a certain level, etc. This would be a high performing environment which should be led by a person who embraces the principles of leadership. And, of course, the leader would be well aware of the text books and course materials that are coming into the program. Hence, there will not be mistakes like this one made by the DHO in my son's case. Think about how an environment like this can be an advantage to the State in terms of reducing recidivism, plus there is no cost of college courses to the State as it is on the inmate's supporters.

Regards,



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cc: Director Bryan P. Stirling, South Carolina Department of Corrections
encl: copy of Ohio University transcript
sent via fax and certified mail return receipt required.

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ACADEMIC RECORD OF: BRINKLEY, ALONZO R
BIRTHDAY (MM/DD): 10/21

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UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

PFX	NUM	COURSE TITLE	HRS	GR	PTS	CD	PFX	NUM	COURSE TITLE	HRS	GR	PTS	CD
CURRENT PROGRAM(S) OF STUDY							Spring Quarter 2008-09 (03/30/2009 - 06/13/2009)						
SPECIAL STUDENT MAJOR (ND1202)							ENG	151	WRITING AND RHETORIC I	5.00	A	20.00	C
Southern Connecticut State Univ							HCFN	128	INTROD TO NUTRITION	4.00	C+	9.32	C
Credit Hours Earned: 4							(01/10/2008 - 05/19/2009)						
Undergraduate							TERM: HRS A	9.00	HRS E	9.00	GP	29.32	GPA 3.257
Winter Quarter 2003-04 (01/05/2004 - 03/20/2004)							Summer Quarter 2009-10 (06/21/2010 - 08/28/2010)						
MATH	101	BASIC MATHEMATICS	4.00	C+	9.32	C	SOC	260	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	4.00	C	8.00	C
(05/14/2003 - 03/01/2004)							GEOG	201	ENVIRON GEOGRAPHY	4.00	A-	14.68	C
TERM: HRS A	4.00	HRS E	4.00	GP	9.32	GPA 2.330	(08/14/2009 - 07/29/2010)						
Spring Quarter 2003-04 (03/29/2004 - 06/12/2004)							TERM: HRS A	8.00	HRS E	8.00	GP	22.68	GPA 2.835
LET	100	INTRO-LAW ENFOR TEC	3.00	A	12.00	C	Winter Quarter 2010-11 (01/03/2011 - 03/19/2011)						
(05/14/2003 - 05/10/2004)							ECON	103	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECON	4.00	C	8.00	C
TERM: HRS A	3.00	HRS E	3.00	GP	12.00	GPA 4.000	(08/14/2009 - 01/13/2011)						
Summer Quarter 2006-07 (06/18/2007 - 08/25/2007)							TERM: HRS A	4.00	HRS E	4.00	GP	8.00	GPA 2.000
SOC	101	INTRO TO SOCIOLOGY	4.00	C+	9.32	C	Converted Semester Statistics						
LET	260	CRIMINAL INVESTIGAT	3.00	B-	8.01	C	Final Quarter Statistics						
MATH	109	CONSUMER MATHEMATICS	4.00	B-	10.68	C	ACCUM: HRS A	43.00	HRS E	43.00	GP	121.33	GPA 2.821
(01/20/2006 - 07/30/2007)							Converted Semester Statistics						
TERM: HRS A	11.00	HRS E	11.00	GP	26.01	GPA 2.546	ACCUM: HRS A	28.66	HRS E	28.66	GP	80.88	GPA 2.821
Winter Quarter 2008-09 (01/05/2009 - 03/21/2009)							Summer Semester 2012-13 (05/13/2013 - 08/17/2013)						
BUSL	255	LAW AND SOCIETY	4.00	B	12.00	C	MKT	2020	Marketing Principles	3.00	A	12.00	C
(01/10/2008 - 03/20/2009)							GEOG	1200	Human Geography	3.00	B	9.00	C
TERM: HRS A	4.00	HRS E	4.00	GP	12.00	GPA 3.000	EVT	1000	Intro to Environment Engr Tech	3.00	A	12.00	C
							(05/01/2013 - 01/01/2014)						

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TERM:	HRS A	9.00	HRS E	9.00	GP	33.00	GPA	3.666					
Summer Semester 2013-14 (05/12/2014 - 08/16/2014)													
PHIL	1300	Introduction to Ethics	3.00	NR	0.00	C							
ASTR	1000	Survey of Astronomy	3.00	NR	0.00	C							
(08/01/2014 - 04/01/2015)													
TERM:	HRS A	0.00	HRS E	0.00	GP	0.00	GPA	0.000					
ACCUM:	HRS A	37.66	HRS E	37.66	GP	113.88	GPA	3.023					
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