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The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley:

The Legislature will enact changes this session in the administration of South Carolina State University. It is important, in my estimation, that these changes enable the University to fulfill its higher education goals educating its constituents. Presently, and over many years, the university has been encumbered by poor leadership and an outdated curricula that students considering universities are not attracted to SCSU.

SCSU had a stellar reputation in higher education in the twentieth century and rebuilding it starts with increasing enrollment, which has to be a top agenda item for the new administration. Accomplishing that goal is a function of defining the higher education role South Carolina State University has in the state and what instruction will accommodate student interests.

A major reason for the university's setbacks over the years has been shortsighted vision by the Board of Trustees and presidents who lost sight of the young people the institution served. With the legislative change, putting a top qualified person as president at South Carolina State University, accountable to the State, will again bring back the respect and role it once held in the state and the United States. I am recommending that the Honorable Judge Don Beatty be considered for this distinguished position.

We, Concerned SCSU Alumni, are committed to fundraising of one hundred million dollars over ten years. Funds would be used in support of operations and restructured academic instructional programs developed by Judge Beatty and staff and approved by the state.

This recommendation will be submitted to other key members of the Legislature.
Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Porter Bankhead

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Porter Bankhead", written in a cursive style.

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