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

Dear Governor Haley:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to plead with you to please help keep Century Aluminum open. My husband has been employed with Century Aluminum (Alcoa/Alumax) for a little over 35 years now. Through his employment there I was able to be a stay at home Mom when our children were pre-school and after going to work full time my husband was able to work specific hours and take our boys to ball practice and other activities they were involved in. His employment there has offered us many opportunities too numerous for me to elaborate on.

I have been employed full time for many years but we have always used the medical insurance provided to my husband for our needs. July 30, 2014 I was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of breast cancer. Thank God for Alcoa/Century for our medical insurance. Had we not had that this past 16 months, I don't know where we would be at this time. At the present time I have gone through chemo, two surgeries and radiation and at the moment "cancer free". Yes I am a SURVIVOR. Unfortunately there is always the chance of recurrence. It is always in the back of your mind and now with the fact my husband may lose his job – scares us to death. I can get medical insurance through my job and I can get it on Henry as well though not quite as affordable but thankful just the same. My concern is for all the other folks losing their jobs and their medical insurance and unfortunately they may not have any other options about their insurance. We never know what today will bring. We found out that a telephone call from your doctor can change your life in an instant forever. It's hard to believe that Santee Cooper seems to be so unaffected about how they are going to impact scores of lives, the majority they will never know. You have been successful in bringing in new jobs for our state. Please help us keep the jobs we already have and help keep our families and communities strong financially.

Please, please help us find a resolution to this situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Buck". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Debbie Buck

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