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

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing to you not only as one of your voting supporters (because you're a good conservative that our state and nation need), but as a hardworking South Carolina taxpayer.

I recently received my tax bill for my car, a 2009 Hyundai Santa Fe, and was astounded by the amount owed....over \$500 for a car SIX YEARS OLD with dings and dents and almost 75,000 miles on it. And, lest you think I'm writing to ask you to intervene in lowering this tax bill, (although being a widow, it would be very helpful), PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT IS NOT THE INTENT OF THIS LETTER.

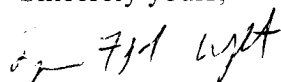
My concern, and gripe, is that the SC Department of Transportation, going by some nebulous "black book" (I think they mean the Kelley Blue Book) is very, very unrealistic about the appraisals they put on automobiles. The nice man from the SC Auditor's Office was trying to convince me that I could get \$14,200 for this car in resale according to the "book," thus it was appraised at that amount. SERIOUSLY? CHECK INTO THE REAL WORLD, PLEASE.

I actually took this vehicle into a dealer and got an appraisal of \$10,500, and in looking at new cars, found that I could get a new one for about \$19,000. SO WHY IS IT APPRIASED SO HIGH?? I realize that so much of government doesn't deal in reality because most of those making the rules don't live in the real world, but this is most unfair and I now understand why so many of my out-of-state friends run SC down when it comes to car taxes. (By the way, my "reality" is that I am a recent widow, raising 13 year-old twins by myself and working two jobs to make ends meet.)

This is my gripe, and as I drive the rutted, pothole-laden roads in my own neighborhood (northeast Columbia) I wonder where all this extra revenue is going? Not to the roads, that's for darn sure. You as Governor should surely have some influence you could exert over such unfair valuation.

Please don't pass me off to some assistant in this matter; I would prefer to hear from you to know that you received this, that you care, and to let me see that you're working to remedy this travesty.

Sincerely yours,



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