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

Subject: Removal of Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds

Dear Governor Haley:

I wanted to express the appreciation of myself and my wife for your support of the proposal to remove the Confederate (actually, the battle flag of the Army of Virginia) from the South Carolina Statehouse grounds.

I am a Navy veteran and we are long-time South Carolinians, with, between us, four great-grandfathers who fought for the Confederacy (two losing a leg and one losing his life) and we understand the bravery of those who fought for their homes and what they believed was right. But we can remember them and those who supported them without flying over the Statehouse grounds a flag that, for many, implies a disrespect for the rights of all Americans, regardless of race or creed.

It is time to move on. As you know, we all have more important issues to try to resolve in today's world.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald A. Furtado', written in a cursive style.

Donald A. Furtado

