

March 4, 2015

Dear Governor Haley,

I just want to let you know that State 4-H Teen Council is scheduled to meet with your staff on Tuesday, March 10 to discuss issues relevant to youth.

One of the Council members is from your home county of Bamberg. We hope you can join us. Thank you for all you do for South Carolina.

Sincerely,  
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Bamberg County 4-H

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