

October 23, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley,

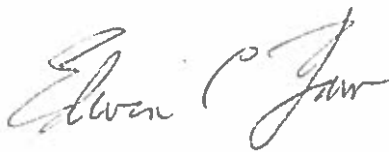
Last August 24th you wrote to me explaining your position on offshore drilling in the Atlantic. You stated that we needed to secure energy that was not dependent on countries opposed to our interests. In view of the fact that the House of Representatives has voted to pass HR-702 lifting the ban on selling crude oil pumped from wells in the United States directly to nations overseas, many of whom may be opposed to our interests, it would seem that this country is no longer concerned with that security issue.

You also said in your letter that government should not pick and choose specific areas for further energy exploration. That, however, is exactly what the Obama administration has done in choosing to open the Atlantic to drilling with only the oil industry to profit.

To date, virtually all South Carolina municipalities along the coast and Columbia have passed resolutions opposing offshore drilling. Those municipalities represent a huge number of your constituents whose interests you were elected to represent. You have the power to stop this risky undertaking which could seriously damage our thriving tourist industry and destroy our property values.

I would hope you would want to leave office next year with a legacy of creating good, long lasting jobs as you have done with Boeing, Toyota, and others and for protecting the pristine coastline that so many residents and tourists treasure. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Edwin C. Yaw', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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