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

Dear Governor Haley,

As a caring student and citizen of the US who knows a little about the detrimental effects of plastic on the environment, I am deeply concerned for the welfare of future citizens. If this high level of plastic and styrofoam production keeps up, then the ozone layer above South Carolina may eventually be completely depleted. By that point, not only would we be exposed to extreme amounts of UV radiation, but there would also be higher levels of air and ground pollution. People will have to stop this use eventually anyway, for landfills can only expand so much. In order to make at least a small difference in limiting the use of plastic, I have a simple proposal.

I would be very appreciative if you were to somehow create and broadcast statewide commercials of SC government officials and citizens who informed viewers of the negative environmental effects of plastic and styrofoam goods. Pleading citizens to use canvas or denim shopping bags instead of taking home plastic ones could potentially make a large difference in halting the production and/or purchases of plastic bags in the state of South Carolina. Not only would this raise public awareness (possibly concern) and decrease the use of plastic bags, but it would save grocery stores money by reducing the need to purchase them. Along with these factors, it would help add to a positive public image of local/state government. I hope it is possible for you to put state funding into this, and I could not be more thankful if you were to do so. I apologize for the briefness and informality of this letter, as it was written quickly. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Morgan Choate