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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Honorable Governor Nikki R. Haley,

Greetings from the soon to be snow cover state of Ohio. I felt compelled to write this letter to you, the Honorable Governor of The Great State of South Carolina; since we look to our leaders for guidance and examples of proper moral conduct. Would it be possible to please look into the practice of the Blood Sport, 'Bear Baiting?' This is considered legal in The Great State of South Carolina.

The Blood Sport of 'Bear Baiting,' consists of a captured bear whose teeth and claws are ripped out, and then the bear is mauled to death by dogs for the enjoyment of spectators. This can take hours. This is arguably an out dated and barbaric practice, but one in which another living entity is grossly exploited for entertainment.

I would like to refer to the term Ahimsa, one of the cardinal virtues from Vedic literature. *"Ahimsa means not arresting the progressive life of any living entity. There is no necessity for animal killing. This injunction is for everyone. Persons who desire to make advancement in spiritual realization should not commit violence to animals."* (Bhagavad-gita As it is, 16.1 pg. 727).

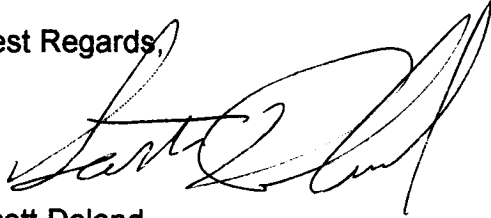
I am led to understand that there is probably a culture and profitable entertainment foundation built around this practice, and a group of Constituents which this appeals to.

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I would appeal to your wisdom and a ~~heartfelt~~ review of this practice. Please consider making this form or entertainment ~~legal~~, in the Great State of South Carolina.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Best Regards,

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

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