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February 17, 2016

Hon. Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: No Voter Left Behind Initiative

Dear Gov. Haley:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said that the greatest stride for civil rights was the short step into the voting booth. We're writing you today to offer our assistance in ensuring that all South Carolina citizens are able to take that short step and participate in the promise of America – choosing our leaders at the ballot box.

We have launched the No Voter Left Behind initiative to help voters navigate the often confusing world of voter ID laws that have been enacted in many states. We believe that no one who is otherwise eligible to vote should be denied that right simply because they do not have an acceptable form of identification. We are committed to helping those voters obtain the identification they need.

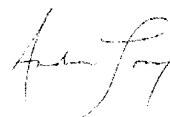
We have written today to every Presidential campaign in South Carolina – Republicans and Democrats – to let them know about our initiative and to offer our assistance. Enclosed with this letter is a press statement, which will be released shortly, further explaining the initiative, as well as a flyer we have prepared for the campaigns' use.

We look forward to being a constructive partner in the efforts to ensure that as many eligible South Carolinians as possible participate in our democratic process.

Sincerely,



Martin Luther King III



Ambassador Andrew Young

NO VOTER LEFT BEHIND

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February 17, 2016

NON-PARTISAN GROUP OF CIVIC LEADERS TAKE BOLD MOVES TO ENSURE NO VOTER LEFT OUT OF THE VOTING PROCESS

National Leaders including Martin Luther King III and Ambassador
Andrew Young Launch *No Voter Left Behind* Initiative

COLUMBIA, SC—Today, a non-partisan group of civic leaders, including Martin Luther King III and Ambassador Andrew Young, announced the launch of the *No Voter Left Behind* initiative. The purpose of the effort – led by the Drum Major Institute (DMI) – is to ensure that no registered voter is left out of the democratic process simply due to the lack of acceptable photo identification.

Mr. King said: “Everyone wants to know who will win this primary or the next, who will win the nominations, and who will win the final contest in November. But if citizens who have the right to choose their leaders are unable to cast a ballot, then we will certainly know that regardless of who wins the election, America will have lost.”

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, thirty-four states have laws in force that require citizens to show identification to vote. These states have adopted an array of different voting requirements and a hodgepodge of rules for obtaining the necessary ID.

THE NO VOTER LEFT BEHIND INITIATIVE WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE BY:

- **Raising Awareness** of the State-by-State Voter ID requirements and laws
- **Launching a nation-wide toll-free hotline (855-VOTE-2016)** that citizens can call for assistance
- **Devoting physical resources**, including assisting voters in getting to their local Election Commission and DMV offices to obtain photo ID

Launched today in South Carolina, the initiative will be active in all states requiring voter ID.

Ambassador Andrew Young said: “The responsibility of casting a vote for President of the United States places a burden on the conscience of every American to choose wisely. But there should not be physical burdens impeding citizens from fulfilling their civic duty and exercising the right to vote. We remain committed and will do whatever it takes to lessen the burden on all Americans to vote and ensuring that every citizen can comply with voter ID laws.”

DMI Co-founder William Wachtel said: “The lack of a little plastic card should not prevent anyone from exercising their fundamental right to vote. Having proper identification is empowering – even beyond the basic civil right of voting – and we are devoted to helping citizens who are on the outside looking in become equal participants in American opportunity.”

Mr. King continued: “We support immediate action to implement common-sense solutions to facilitate voter participation. It is a national shame that America has one of the lowest voter turnout rates in the world. We are engaging in this state-by-state effort to ensure that no one who has a right to vote is turned away from the voting booth or left to wonder whether their provisional ballot will ever be counted. But it should not be left to independent groups and volunteers to fix America’s voting system. By bringing greater attention to these challenges, we hope to focus attention on systemic reforms to make voting easier, not harder.”

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DMI is committed to realizing on the dream of Dr. King who often said: “I have come to see more and more that one of the most decisive steps...is that little walk to the voting booth.” The Drum Major Institute was originally founded in 1961 to build on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for human rights, economic justice and opportunity, and was reconstituted by Ambassador Young, Martin Luther King III, and William Wachtel in 2004 in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act.

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The background of the entire image is a close-up, high-resolution photograph of the United States flag. The flag is waving, with the blue field of stars on the left and the red and white stripes on the right. The stars are white and five-pointed, set against a dark blue background. The stripes are a vibrant red and white, creating a strong visual contrast.

NO VOTER LEFT BEHIND

NEED HELP GETTING ID TO VOTE?

CALL US!

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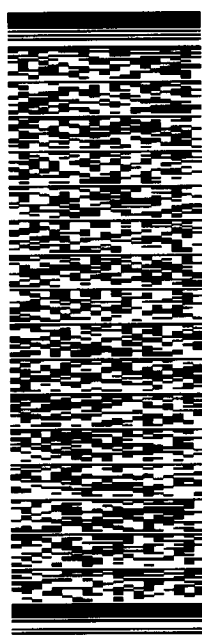
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