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Dear Governor,

I watched intently the news reports of the mass murder in a Charleston church in June of 2015. I cried and was deeply saddened how in this day and age in this country we still have so much hatred for African Americans. It especially concerns me since my son-in-law is black as are my two beautiful grandchildren. (my daughter is Caucasian) It didn't take long to find out who the killer was, a white guy with a gun with a white supremacist ideology whose hatred was so extreme he went into a historic black church and murdered nine innocent people JUST LIKE THAT.

I watched you react to the murders with grace, your leadership was passionate and empathetic; I was impressed. I was equally impressed that you led the charge to remove the confederate flag from the South Carolina State House and applauded when you signed the bill. There is no place in this country in 2016 for symbols of our racist history flying over our government.

As a South Carolinian I once again applauded when you spoke out strongly against Mr. Trump. His divisive and hateful campaign as well as his personal hateful, racist, sexist, misogynistic words and behavior was and is appalling. I thought "Thank God my Governor doesn't support this guy, you are a woman of principle, not just another politician who sees which way the wind is blowing and chooses the direction that suits his or her political career."

Well it seems I am the fool. I watched you last week accept Trump's appointment as UN Ambassador and tell everyone that in the end *you voted for this man*. WOW, just 17 months ago you were standing up against racism and hatred and now you helped put a man into the most powerful job in the world who has done everything he can to spread fear, hatred and racism and divisiveness through this country. The KKK is applauding your actions, white supremacists are applauding your actions and skinheads are applauding your actions. I am sure Reverend Pinckney is not.

Last week that Confederate flag was blowing your way and you grabbed hold of it, I pray you can live with your decision.



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