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March 24, 2015

The Honorable James H. Lucas
Speaker of the House of Representatives
South Carolina Statehouse, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives,

This week, you will consider H. 3041, a Joint Resolution that, with voter approval, would move the office of Superintendent of Education from an elected position to one appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate and with the appointee meeting designated qualifications. We believe this legislation, if approved by the General Assembly, would make way for another historic restructuring effort that would give more accountability to the executive branch and move South Carolina's education system forward.

Now is the time to take action and let the voters of South Carolina decide this important issue. As Governor and Superintendent of Education, we urge you to thoroughly debate this bill and then pass it with the fullest measure of our support.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

Nikki R. Haley

Handwritten signature of Molly M. Spearman in black ink.

Molly M. Spearman