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Message:

Mrs. Haley, as you may already know it's rather hard for service members to contact those of authority without fear of backlash from their command staff. This however is not the case, why? Why is all I ask of you, and all others that hold places of authority within South Carolina. I just watched a video online of a white man getting beaten in the streets of Columbia; and watched his things get taken from him...in broad daylight...in the middle of the street with cars just sitting at the red light. Is the state not already on high alert? I mean...a kid walks into a church and shoots a few people...someone defaces a monument sacred to our states history, chants of "Black Power" are getting yelled in our streets...is there nothing more you can do? Let me tell you this...the middle eastern equivalent of "white power" or "black power" or "Praise God" is "Allahu Akbar"...they say that before they begin shooting at you and your brothers, or after they blow up a column of vehicles, or after they drag a body through the streets as they stand over that persons corpse. Are you going to let it escalate to that? Peacefully protest...sure. Black, White, Asian, whatever. Let them protest. It's their right. But from what I've seen the state forgets the word "peacefully". You know I had big plans, BIG plans to move back to my once wonderful home state and to live out my days on a front porch in Charleston...now?...not so much. I don't know WHAT you're doing if anything, and make no mistake. I'm not expecting the SC police departments to become militarized or anything...but fuck...I mean seriously, I wonder who I fight for anymore. Nikki you've got a god damned war on your hands whether you see it yet or not. Before you know it assembly street will be next, then bull, then the USC campus will get locked down like columbine. Are you prepared to deal with that? I'm not...frankly, it hurts my heart to hear about news from back home...genuinely hurts. In closing, i don't know if you have some master plan, I don't know what you plan to do. It seems from the outside you're all just planning to "ride it out" or try to come to some peaceful resolve...and while I may not agree with that...I trust you, and when I say you I mean the state...and I always have. So in saying that, I have your backs and will continue to promote small state leadership in SC. If this doesn't get fixed... (I don't know if you care or not) but you'll lose at least one supporter. I didn't go to Afghanistan for cowards...I went for the policemen, the firefighters, the EMT's, and the red blooded American citizens of South Carolina...

One of my greatest influences leading into my adult life was Mr. John Rainey. If you know anything about him, which I'm sure you do; you'd know he was a very headstrong man with firm political ideals. But above all was the BIGGEST supporter and lover of South Carolina that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. I hate to say this...but if he were still alive...he'd be incredibly disappointed. I now, am scared to go to Columbia with my wife. Honestly, you couldn't

pay me to go there now, for ANY reason. There, I now fear for my safety and my wife's alike.

Fix this. Nobody is going to do it but yall. Make me feel safe again, make me love South Carolina like I used to. Make South Carolina great again. Fix this.