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Dear Governor Haley,

We are Camden Military Academy, the Military Academy of South Carolina. Established 1892 as Carlisle Academy in Bamberg, SC, here at CMA, her sister school, we carry on the institution's mission to educate, inspire and help each cadet in our charge to achieve his maximum potential. We seek to imbue each cadet with a respect for learning and to develop the self discipline needed for optimal success in these difficult times.

We are a military boarding school. This affords us advantages in reaching our goals. Our cadets are under our perpetual guidance day and night, which allows us to carefully monitor and control influences in the very crucial development of their characters. Aside from academics, this is accomplished through responsibility and rank advancement within the Corps of Cadets, activities such as sports, Civil Air Patrol, Boy Scouts, Drill Team, parades and influential guest speakers.

As we are an insulated community, guest speakers are among the most important influences we can provide our young men. We have hosted such dignitaries as school safety specialist Mike Dorn, South Carolina State Attorney General Alan Wilson and Arizona State Senator John McCain. Speakers like these show our cadets that our state's and nation's leaders are real people, not characters on television. They show the students that the attainment of such influence is within the realm of possibilities for all young people who are willing to strive for such.

For these reasons, we humbly beseech you, Governor Haley, that you volunteer to speak to our Corps of Cadets on January 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This is one of our most important assemblies, as it teaches all cadets, not just those of African American decent, the importance of standing up for that which is right and standing against that which is wrong, no matter the cost to the individual. This holiday demonstrates to our students the value of personal sacrifice and the value of those who have made personal sacrifices. It would mean so much, not just to the cadets, but to the faculty to be honored by the Governor with her presence on this day.

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Sincerely Yours,

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