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Ms. Virginia Glazebrook
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Dear Ms. Glazebrook,

Thank you for your letter about South Carolina's energy needs; it is encouraging to see citizens interested in state government.

Energy independence is an extremely important matter to our state and our nation. For too long, we have undermined our national security by relying upon countries opposed to our interests in order to secure energy that drives America's industrial and military might. Although it is essential that we further develop domestic energy sources—including advanced and alternative technologies—the government should not pick and choose specific areas for further exploration. The collapse of Solyndra in 2011, which received a \$535 million loan guarantee from the Obama Administration, reminds us of what can happen when the government tries to predict which firms or technologies will be successful.

South Carolina's businesses and researchers are already hard at work finding innovative ways to provide citizens with alternative fuel sources, including nuclear energy and offshore drilling and wind, among others. With private sector support, these technologies will yield more energy in the future, to strengthen our state's infrastructure and business climate, and reduce our dependence on foreign states' supplies.

Again, thank you for your interest in energy policy in South Carolina; please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance on this or any other issue. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thanks Virginia".