



**COMMON CAUSE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

October 2, 2014

Hon. Nikki R. Haley, Governor
State of South Carolina
State House --- Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Gov. Haley:

The Board of Common Cause/South Carolina met on September 27, 2014 and directed me to write to you about reimbursing the taxpayers of South Carolina for the cost of litigation resulting from your decision to arrest the Occupy Columbia persons who sued and settled with the State in U.S. District Court in Columbia.

Judge Cameron Currie ruled that you had no legal authority to have the persons criminally charged in the case arrested and carried to the Richland County detention facility.

According to the information we have received, the plaintiffs were paid a total amount of \$204,000 to settle their claims and the legal fees to date amount to a total of \$301,622.20, all costs to the State.

Not all of the persons arrested at your direction have taken legal action and settled such claims as they might have against the state.

The Board of Common Cause/South Carolina hereby asks you to reimburse the State of South Carolina for the expenditures aforementioned and for such other costs as may be the result of your unauthorized arrest of the Occupy Columbia persons.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John V. Crangle
Executive Director

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