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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing you to request your assistance in stopping the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, Division of Labor, Office of Occupational Safety and Health from further interference with our efforts to conduct business.

On May 31 – June 2 we were subjected to 2-1/2 days of a general wall-to-wall inspection by three (3) employees of the above department. At the Closing Conference on June 2nd I was informed that after review we might receive seven (7) citations and we might receive a possible reduction in fines as each item that was pointed out was abated by us during the inspection. We are now told to expect the citations in two to six weeks.

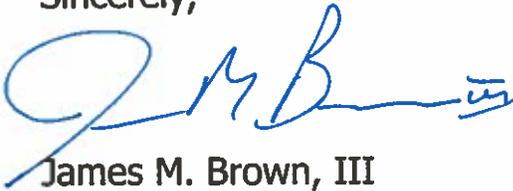
Last Thursday June 9, 2016 we received notice by telephone that at least two of the original three person inspection team believed we should now also be inspected by personnel from the Health side of the department for further assessment and monitoring. This morning a two person team showed up at our facility. We refused them entrance and they left to obtain a warrant to gain access yet again to our business.

Governor, we are a small company, now with only (57) employees as we have never truly recovered from the effects of the recession. We currently have 1441 days without a lost time accident. Prior to that accident July 5, 2012 we went 4-1/2 years without a lost time accident. We operate a very safe operation in an admittedly dangerous business, steel fabrication.

The original compliance team was provided with all requested documentation including our extensive safety program manual, five years of OSHA 300 logs, and inspection and training records.

I request your help from further harassment and business interruptions from South Carolina OSHA.

Sincerely,



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