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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: CONSTITUENT, Support S. 428, Allie's Law, Alcohol Server Training

Dear Governor Haley:

As your constituent, I am asking you to support S. 428, filed by Senator Larry Martin. S. 428 "Allie's Law" is named after my deceased teenage daughter, who died in a one car crash after she consumed liquor at a billiards parlor in Greenville in 1998. S. 428 would establish a responsible alcoholic beverage server training program. I believe that alcohol server training would have prevented my daughter's death.

Presently S. 428 is in the Senate Judiciary Committee, and it has not been assigned to a subcommittee. I am hopeful that you would sign this bill if it passes the General Assembly. DAODAS would be the state agency which would approve the alcohol server programs and issue the server permits.

S. C. is No. 1 in the nation for alcohol-related traffic deaths, according to NHTSA (2013 data.) Alcohol server training is a requirement in 18 states. It has been shown to be an effective tool in preventing underage drinking, intoxication, and drunk driving. S. C. already requires alcohol server training for sellers who are convicted of selling to an underage person. Also, a licensed brewery is required to train its servers. Allie's Law is a logical expansion of server training to all alcoholic beverage servers.

I am a member of the Greenville Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Coalition and the Underage Drinking Action Group. Also, I am an attorney. However, I am writing to you today as a mother, who lost her only child.

I urge to support S. 428.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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