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Please advise

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Lt. Governor Bryant,

I read the article in the Greenville News concerning a South Carolina Immigrant, Erika Hernandez. While I admit I do not know her personally, I do feel her story is one worth considering. She was brought here by her parents at age 6 and has since completed High School (achieving high grades and honors). While in High School she also studied cosmetology in hopes of getting a job to help her finance a degree in Nursing as there is a shortage of bi-lingual nurses.

It seems that the State's denial of a cosmetology license was arbitrary because she took the required classes and passed the required exams. I don't see evidence of any request for preferential treatment on her exam or her license.

It would seem to me that South Carolina would welcome such an immigrant who is willing to learn a trade and work at it to assist her in pursuing a Nursing Degree. As a working immigrant she would be paying taxes to the State of South Carolina. Her only request is that she receive in state tuition and an opportunity to work.

The American Dream was built on hard working immigrants who sacrificed for the chance at a better life. It seems that Erika Hernandez is such an immigrant who deserves our support and not denials. I would urge your office to revisit this case and see if this cosmetology license could be granted. I would also encourage your office to look at these cases on a one on one basis and try to encourage immigrants who have lived in SC most of their lives, excelled at school, are willing to work for their dreams and are willing to pay taxes. From what I read of her I would be proud to have her as a citizen of our state and our country

Sincerely,

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