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Dear Ms. Patel,

First, happy Thanksgiving! I am a South Carolinian who runs a foreign policy institute in Washington, DC, the Atlantic Council. My mother, Dr. Mary Thornely of Trident Technical College, suggested that I contact you regarding Governor Haley's nomination to serve as our next UN Ambassador. Please find a note below for the Governor. Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions or suggestions on how we can be most useful.

Many thanks,
Damon

Dear Governor Haley,

I serve as the Executive Vice President of the Atlantic Council, a foreign affairs institute based in Washington, but also am from Charleston, South Carolina where my mother, Mary Thornley, serves as President of Trident Technical College. As a South Carolinian, and on behalf of the Atlantic Council, I am writing to congratulate you on your nomination to become the next US Ambassador to the United Nations. From this perch, you will represent the United States on so many challenging global issues, and I'd like to extend an offer of assistance to help you prepare and succeed in this task. Specifically, we'd be delighted to host you with the Atlantic Council board and offer to organize a bespoke transition seminar to help you prepare for your new assignment.

Under the chairmanship of Governor Jon Huntsman, the Atlantic Council is a bipartisan foreign policy non-profit organization committed to constructive US leadership in the world working with our allies and partners to solve global challenges. Our leadership includes our Vice Chair former National Security Advisor Stephen Hadley, as well as our former Chairs including General Brent Scowcroft, General James Jones, and Secretary Chuck Hagel. Our board leadership ranges from Secretary Madeleine Albright, Secretary Condoleezza Rice, Secretary Kissinger, former NSAs Zbig Brzezinski, and former UN Ambassador Zal Khalilzad. Our staff, which I help lead, is a group of professionals who are foreign policy practitioners and analysts committed to helping US officials succeed in their positions.

We face disruptive and historic times. Our message is that renewed, constructive, and resourceful US leadership is required alongside our friends and allies to shape a better future. If we don't lead, less benevolent forces will fill the void. You have a tremendous opportunity and we are invested in your success.

On behalf of Atlantic Council Chairman Jon Huntsman and our board, I am writing to invite you to meet with the Atlantic Council board in an off-the-record setting at our Annual Forum on December 1 in Washington, DC. The board is an extraordinary, bipartisan group of business and former policy and military leaders, dedicated to constructive US leadership in the world. Our Annual Forum convenes the Council's extraordinary community of board directors and members for a half-day of sessions on the most pressing issues facing the United States and its allies at a time of historic change and global volatility.

We know your schedule is extremely busy and would deeply appreciate you joining us for 60-75 minutes on December 1 (our office would be happy to work with your staff to find a suitable slot in the program.) We are eager to hear your perspectives in a session focused on the next administration's opportunities and priorities. Your participation would provide a crucial perspective to these conversations in an off-record setting. Attached is the latest list of Board members.

Second, we would like to offer to organize a time of your convenience an off the record, private transition seminar on a range of issues you will face as our next Ambassador to the United Nations. This is a service the Council offers to major leaders assuming new positions. For example, we have organized transition seminars for each of the most recent Secretaries General of NATO prior to their assuming their positions. We have done the same for many 4-star military commanders and prominent ambassadors. We would work closely with you to develop a bespoke agenda and ensure our nation's best expert briefers are available to give you a range of perspectives and advice on major issues at the United Nations. The session would also address the practicalities of working at the UN and within the Security Council. In addition to providing useful expertise, these sessions also help build a constituency of policy leaders committed to your success at the UN, and provide you with a group which you could reach back to at any point during your service. This session could be scheduled at any time convenient for you.

Please let me know if you might be able to join our board forum on December 1, and whether we can find a convenient time to offer a transition seminar. Please don't hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact me directly with any questions. I can be reached at dwilson@AtlanticCouncil.org or on my mobile at 202-746-8858.

Again, congratulations on your nomination – and I pass on the congratulations from my mother.

Many thanks,
Damon Wilson