



June 18, 2013

The Hon. Nikki Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29219

Dear Governor Haley:

SCBIO appreciates your thoughtful support for startup companies in South Carolina and the difficult job of raising capital to move ideas to market. Your signing of the High Growth, Small Business, Job Creation Act will launch a new wave of innovation investment in the state.

In every state where such a measure is enacted, it has generated follow-up investment and economic activity that more than pays for the credit. We are going to work toward that end here, as well.

For that reason, the SCBIO Invitation Committee renews its invitation to you (sent May 6, 2013) to be its keynote speaker to about 200 researchers, entrepreneurs and biomedical executives during its annual conference **Thurs.-Fri., November 14-15, 2013, in Charleston, SC at the Mills House Hotel.**

Past conferences have featured Presidential Medal of Science winner Leroy Hood, MD, PhD, and Jeffrey Shuren, Director of the FDA Center for Medical Devices and Radiological Health, and James Greenwood, CEO of BIO International. We have attached a brochure from our past conference.

We have confirmed as a speaker, the nationally known **Steve Burrill, CEO of Burrill & Company**, a life sciences financial services firm of San Francisco. He is life sciences visionary and featured in huge national and international conferences. His presence on the podium with you would send a message to his vast bio network that South Carolina is ready to be a player in life sciences.

SCBIO's agenda is simply to grow great companies and great jobs right here in South Carolina. You have been an active and critical part of that effort with your successful recruitment of Nephron and Spirit Pharmaceuticals and now with the startup investment incentive. We want to applaud your efforts on behalf of this fast-growing sector.

We ask that you give every consideration to this request and look forward to working with you on your schedule. We will make available **speaking times to fit your schedule. The optimum times are 5 p.m. Thursday, or noon, Friday.**

We look forward to hearing about your availability. Please know, your leadership and inspiration remain highly regarded in South Carolina.

Many thanks for your kind consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wayne Roper".

Wayne Roper  
President