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1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

February 25, 2016

Dr. Bert Ely
Department of Biological Sciences
University of South Carolina
715 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

Dear Dr. Ely,

Congratulations on your selection as winner of the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Awareness. This is a well-deserved honor for your accomplishments in stepping beyond the scientific community and sharing your knowledge with the people of South Carolina. From your efforts to develop the SCiencelab Program and work with in-service teachers in the Nature-Based Inquiry program to your initiatives to increase minority participation in the Integrated Biomedical Sciences and Biological Sciences graduate programs, you have positively impacted our state, and I thank you for all that you do.

Michael and I wish you the very best for continued success. God bless.

My very best,


Nikki R. Haley

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Dr. Chuanbing Tang
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
University of South Carolina
631 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

Dear Dr. Tang,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, congratulations on being chosen to receive the 2016 Governor's Young Scientist Award for Excellence in Scientific Research. Through your outstanding work in organic chemistry and polymer science, you have brought national and international recognition to South Carolina, and your research has contributed to the economy of our state. Thank you for your efforts that have resulted in having five of your ten patent applications granted thus far.

Michael and I wish you continued success in your research. God bless.

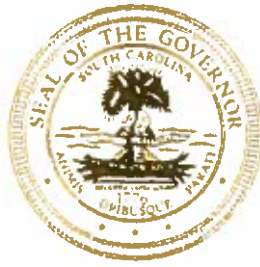
My very best,

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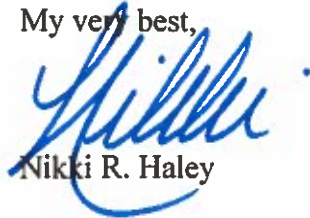
Dr. Carol Jantzen
Savannah River National Laboratory
Building 773-A
Aiken, South Carolina 29808

Dear Dr. Jantzen,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, congratulations on being chosen to receive the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research. This is quite an honor and one that is well deserved for your work at the Savannah River National Laboratory that has earned the highest respect of your colleagues in the state and in the nation. Your effort to develop safe disposal methods for high-level nuclear waste is not only innovative, it is of vital importance to our state.

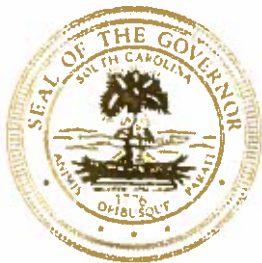
Michael and I wish you the best in your future endeavors. God bless.

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Dr. Yiming Ji
University of South Carolina Beaufort
One University Boulevard
Bluffton, South Carolina 29909

Dear Dr. Ji,

On behalf of the people of South Carolina, congratulations on receiving the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research at a Predominately Undergraduate Institution. From your work on developing a model of 3-D indoor ratio propagation and intelligent activity awareness systems to your efforts in advancing the Computational Science program at USC Beaufort and peer-reviewed published articles and awards from the National Science Foundation and other agencies, you are having a positive impact in our state and across the nation.

Michael and I thank you for your contributions to scientific research and education, and we wish you the best going forward. God bless.

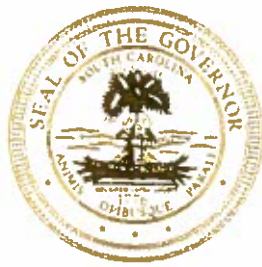
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Dr. Hans-Conrad zur Loye
Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
College of Arts and Sciences
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina 29208

Dear Dr. zur Loye,

On behalf of the people of the Palmetto State, congratulations on receiving the 2016 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Research. This is quite an honor and well deserved for your work that has earned the highest respect of your colleagues in the state and in the nation. You have contributed in tangible and meaningful ways to building our state's research infrastructure, increasing the visibility of South Carolina within the national and international scientific community while furthering the teaching mission of our state.

Michael and I thank you for all you do in support of scientific research and education, and we wish you continued success moving forward. God bless.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

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