

From: Heather Meadors
Sent: 3/10/2016 3:05:33 PM
To: Haley, Nikki
Cc:
Subject: request

Good afternoon, Governor,

It's been a while since we've spoken, but I am hopeful that you can assist me. On behalf of JHM Hotels and Mr. Rama, I serve on the Upstate SBDC Board, and we are hosting an event this July in Greenville, and would like to honor you for your work in growing small businesses in SC. In case you aren't familiar with the incredible work of the SBDC, please take a look at their site.

<http://www.scsbdc.com/>

Below is an email from Rance Bryan, who works at the SBDC, detailing some of the specifics. I would just love to have you come to this event and be recognized. Certainly we understand your schedule is very busy, but if you happen to have an opening, it would be amazing. Please let me know what is needed to proceed with our request. Many thanks!

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Nikki Haley

Governor Haley,

The year 2015 was an outstanding period of time for economic development in South Carolina. The announcement of Volvo in the low country and a 6th consecutive record year of exports were just two of the highlights. The business community in South Carolina is thriving and your office has led the charge in this effort.

The Greenville Area Small Business Development Center plays an important role in economic development by assisting entrepreneurs that are looking to start a new business or grow and expand an existing one. Our area office works with hundreds of potential and current business owners on an annual basis. On July 12th of this year our office is hosting an **Upstate Small Business Awards Ceremony**. We will be honoring an Upstate Small Business Ally of the Year and our office and local advisory board would be honored to present you with this award. We would like to recognize your hard work in making South Carolina a premier location to do business.

Our event will be held in Greenville, SC on July 12th, 2016 at the ONE Building (1 North Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601) . The event is scheduled to run from 8:30am-10:30am with the award ceremony taking place from 9:30am-