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Dear Commission Members,

Today, pursuant to the authority granted to me in Chapter 5 of Title 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, I hereby dissolve the Daniel Island Annexation Commission. After reviewing the Commission's report and the various enclosed documents, which were submitted to my office on May 13, 2014, I accept the Commission's conclusion that it is unable to fulfill its statutorily mandated duties, and accordingly, I must dissolve the Commission.

It is my understanding from a recent opinion of the Attorney General that the annexation statutes, while antiquated, require several surveys to be performed before the Commission can recommend a referendum on the question of annexation. Unfortunately, the high costs of these surveys have prevented the property owners and the Commission from complying with the statutes. It was my hope that the residents in this community would be able to vote on the matter of annexation. I encourage the legislative delegations to help the residents update our antiquated annexation laws to allow for a less costly process.

In addition, be advised that I am writing the Clerk of Court of Berkeley County to request that the deposit, or the remainder thereof, be returned to the Petitioners as was also recommended by the Commission in your report to me.

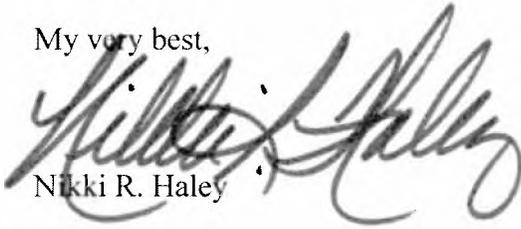
On behalf of the State of South Carolina and the residents of Daniel Island, thank you for your service on the Daniel Island Annexation Commission these last several months. I am grateful for your time, diligence, and fairness in representing the interests of both Berkeley and Charleston Counties in this important matter. God bless.

Annexation Commission Members

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My very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/rs

cc: Members of the Berkeley County Legislative Delegation
Members of the Charleston County Legislative Delegation
Members of the Berkeley County Council
Members of the Charleston County Council
Mr. Dave Williams, President of the Daniel Island Property Owners' Association