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**The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

**Re: Confederate Flag Issue**

**Dear Gov. Haley:**

**I am writing to say how very disappointed I am in your rush to pull down a very important historic symbol from the State Capitol grounds. There has already been a compromise and vote on this issue back in 2000 and the passing of the Heritage Act that was supposed to protect these types of historical flags, markers and monuments.**

**It is so sad that outsiders set on stirring up trouble and media from other states have been allowed to come into our state and tell us what we, as citizens of the great State of South Carolina, should do. If we had been left on our own, none of this would have happened. And to see this issue used as nothing more than a political ploy by both parties makes me ill.**

**I have always been a great supporter of yours, have always voted for you and most of my friends and acquaintances have also. I have campaigned in my county for you and spread the word as best I could to help you during each election. I can assure you that I will never vote for you again for any office, state, federal or otherwise. Nor will any of my friends and acquaintances. You have let your state down in this time of trouble and have not protected her interests or her history. I cannot express the depths of my disappointment and sadness over what has happened over the last two weeks and your actions. I, too am devastated and shocked over the horrific murders in Charleston. But, an evil person committed these violent acts, not a flag or a 150 year old historic symbol that our ancestors so bravely fought under. This has nothing to do with a flag, slavery or the War Between the States.**

**I have always supported you because I felt you represented the will of the majority of the people of South Carolina. If you could give in so easily to political pressure over the flag issue, then you will give in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and other controversial issues as well. I, and many others, no longer feel you are our governor and you have lost our support.**

**Sincerely,  
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