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Governor Nikki Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I am a senior at Crestwood High school who is interested in more funding for animal shelters and free mobile animal clinics. I feel that the animals lost each day could go towards helping those with disabilities because about 2.4 million healthy, adoptable cats and dogs—about one every 13 seconds—are put down in U.S. shelters each year. These are animals that could be put to better use by training them to help out those with disabilities like PTSD, diabetes, epilepsy, etc. It only costs about \$10,000 for each veteran's dog. It cost approximately \$42,000 to train the owner and the Seeing Eye dog. The average fully trained diabetic alert dog is in the \$20,000s. Also, if you experience seizures, a service dog can be trained to assist you. Dogs can often predict seizures, can call for help if one occurs, physically blocking you from hurting yourself, and more. Cats and dogs alike are great mood-boosters. A mobile clinic's startup cost is around \$250,000 and the cost of running a mobile clinic is about \$300 per day. I look forward to your response and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chrystian Z. Waddell". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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