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Dear Governor Haley,

First off I would like to say how proud I am of the people of the State of South Carolina in light of that God awful shooting in Charleston. The love and community that was shown to the families of the murdered people warmed my heart and made me proud to call South Carolina my home.

In the beginning I was also extremely proud of the manner that you handled what happened. That day when you choked up at the microphone my heart was touched and I cried right along with you.

And then I heard that speech you gave in reference to the removal of the Confederate flag from the Memorial on the Statehouse grounds. I cannot begin to explain how disappointed I am in you and what you did.

As Ronald Reagan said in time of crises "Don't just do something, stand there".

If you truly wanted to have a "discussion" about the Confederate flag there is another time and place for that discussion. That darn flag did not have one thing to do with that fool murdering those people. All you did was when you made that speech was cave in to media pressure. And for that I cannot forgive you. And by doing that you removed any chance of a "discussion" over the matter. You totally disregarded the feelings and thoughts of the people that look to that flag for reasons other than racism. By caving like you did to the liberal media you gave them an inch and by God they are taking their mile. Things have snowballed so badly that they are now changing the General Lee, the car from the Dukes of Hazard and removing the flag from it. And talking about removing all sorts of statues of historical figures from the Civil War. This is insanity.

I spoke to a friend of mine the other day and asked her what she thought of when she saw the Confederate flag. She spoke of her ancestors that were killed in the Civil War. These are the people that you are kicking in the face.

These people don't protest or get on cable news screaming about all the injustice. They quietly go on with their lives. But they do vote. My guess is that it was your national ambitions that played a part in this whole decision. You seem to forget the road to your national ambitions run through South Carolina. David Beasley moved that flag and ended as a one term governor and was replaced by a Democrat of all things. If I recall correctly his Senate run didn't go well either.

I am not a native of South Carolina. My family moved here in 1977 and I came permanently in 1986. South Carolina is now my home. In the years that I have lived here I have grown to admire the people of South Carolina. They are fine people with hearts of gold... stubborn and independent. The Civil War started in this state. Reconstruction was brutal and the people from South Carolina have not forgotten. They are proud of how their ancestors stood up to the Federal Government and some lost all in the process. This is what that Confederate flag means to them.

At this point I am sorry I voted for you twice. I honestly thought you had a backbone and would stand up for ALL the people of your state.

Guess not. Live and learn.

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