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Dear Governor Haley,

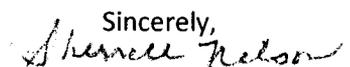
I am writing this letter to inform you that my son Raymond Nelson who is employed as a Student Support Specialist with Communities in Schools has been suspended. He was suspended on April 22, 2015 due to his opening an account for his group, "Boys With a Purpose". He opened the account and was asked by his supervisor to turn the monies over to CIS, he refused and was put on suspension. Raymond meets with these young boys and they dress out every Wednesday. His concern is only for these young students and he feels that the money is for the boys use. He told her that and she wants to be in full control of the monies. He feels that he implemented the group and as such should have some input as to the funds sent in.

Raymond is passionate about what he does. These boys love him and he loves them. They look forward to coming in on Wednesdays dressed in their "Sunday Best" and learning life skills. While he says it is not even about the money he knows that the money can be put to great use for the betterment of these young lives. For instance, they were given a trip to Carowinds (no money was given to him) by Steve Harvey and some of the monies can be used to provide transportation.

I am writing to you so that you may know about what is going on. He has gotten rave reviews on his accomplishments and this is only hurting these boys as they have been put on notice and not having their sessions since April 22.

Raymond is leading by example and continues to look for ways that he may be of service to our younger generation. This is his heart and he absolutely wants only the best for these children.

It has not been put out in the community that he is on suspension. I do not know what the school told the children. I do know that this is a real concern for everyone that supports Raymond and his vision. I am writing this letter to ask how a picture of Raymond Nelson and his students can be posted on a bill board on Interstate 26? He has a beautiful picture of him and the boys standing in front of Memminger Auditorium. Please help us to get Raymond reinstated and to make this a reality.

Sincerely,

Sherrell Nelson