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Hon. Nikki Haley
Governor, South Carolina
1100 Gervais St.
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Dear Honorable Governor:

The recent turmoil about the presence of a Confederate flag flying on a flag pole is unfortunate. When the route of the casket for Rev. Clementa Pinckney was announced a commentator on one of the networks noted the presence of the Confederate flag in a very snide tone. Probably intending to stir up some incident which is how the networks raise their profile and money.

However, I was also surprised that no one on your staff suggested lowering the flag to Half Mast. A flag flying at Half Mast is considered a sign of respect or mourning* for a fallen person. Thus when the Rev. Pinckney's casket passed by, the flag at Half Mast would have expressed mourning and respect.



Respectfully

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- After thirty two years of active duty and reserve duty with the US Navy and US Coast Guard. I'm familiar with flag etiquette.