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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing to you today because of last week's tragedy at Emanuel AME Church. As an American citizen and descendant of soldiers on the Union and Confederate side, I must insist that the Confederate flag on the State House lawn be removed. If your tears during your speech following the incident were real and your claim that the flag belongs in a museum are valid, please follow through on your actions.

The flag does belong in a museum as a symbol of the way things used to be. We, here in the North, hear about the new South. We'll if the South is new, how come blatant racism is still practiced in South Carolina? People in South Carolina pay their taxes, no matter what color they happen to be, and that money is used to care for the State House and its grounds. Can you imagine how people of color feel when they know they are paying for the maintenance and care that flag receives?

Yes, you can say that the flag represents state's rights and the right of the states to determine their economic policy, but how can any of you say that those rights included slavery and the economic system was aided by slave labor? It's amazing to me that people get incensed about human trafficking and not raise any eyebrow about the Confederate flag, which is a system of both.

Ma'am, you say that you can't do anything about removing the flag and your powers as governor do have limits, but you do have political influence. I know that your a Republican, the party of Abraham Lincoln, why not use your party and political influence to work for justice and dignity for all?

Respectfully yours,



Mary Anne Huber