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Dear Governor Nikki Haley:

As your constituent, the issue of hands-only CPR and AED training in high schools is very important to me. Research has shown how vital a prompt medical response in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest or a heart attack can be in preserving a life. If a larger segment of our population in South Carolina was trained in these basic skills, as a community, we may be able to save more lives.

Approximately 70% of Americans do not know how to administer CPR. If Senate Bill 160 is passed and high schools in our state train students in hands-only CPR and AED proficiency, as a community, we could begin to chip away at these high numbers and hopefully create a reality where more lives are saved and less lost.

As a Registered Nurse and community educator/former CPR Instructor, I witness the daily importance of this skill and strongly urge you to maintain this valuable skill, life saving gift and true act of kindness and selflessness in our schools for our students.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 160. Let's ensure our high school students in South Carolina are trained to be the hero that could keep someone alive in an emergency.

Sincerely,

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