

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

Congratulations regarding your appointment as President-elect Trump's US Ambassador to the United Nations. It is with both sadness and excitement that many South Carolinians, myself included, send you off. We will miss your strong leadership and tender compassion for the people of our state. But we are excited for you to represent us, and we are confident that you will represent us well!

It is regarding your new appointment that I am writing to you today. I am currently reading, writing, and teaching about modern slavery as I work to complete my Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of South Carolina. I am immersed in the world of modern slaves, the abuses they experience, the rights and dignity they are denied, and the pain they perpetually suffer, often times hidden and forsaken and forgotten by the rest of the world. As you take your new post, you will be in a unique position to leverage your influence and your compassion for the benefit of these modern slaves. The United Nations has taken a stand against slavery with things such as the 1948 UN Declaration of Human Rights and the Palermo Protocol, just to name a few important documents. I hope and pray that you will make continuing and enforcing and bolstering this legacy a priority, as you aim to protect the world's most vulnerable men, women, and children. I have faith that you are just the person to do this, and I pray that you will have the strength to stand firm against these atrocious crimes against humanity, and that you will emerge a champion for the oppressed, dejected, and downtrodden whose fundamental rights have been stolen by slavers, slave-traders, and the many of us who benefit from their oppression and live in ambivalence to their plight.

God Bless and God Speed!

Abolition!



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