

March 5, 2015

Katie R. Philpott
Director of Boards and Commissions
Office of Governor Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201

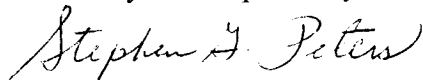
Dear Mrs. Philpott,

I am writing to express my support of Mr. Willie Jeffries as a member of the board and commission of the port of Charleston in the state of South Carolina. I have known Mr. Jeffries for over a decade and find him to be a knowledgeable, resourceful, well-respected pillar of both our community and state. Mr. Jeffries holds a B.S. in civil engineering and a wealth of knowledge about our economy and the people who have the ability to sustain its' growth and effectiveness.

The port is responsible for billions of dollars impacting the economy in S.C. and we need competent people on the board. Mr. Willie Jeffries is such an individual and it is befitting that he continue in his role as an active, engaged and competent member of your board of directors.

Please feel free to contact me if there is a need. I can be reached directly at (803) 347-6816.

Sincerely and respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen G. Peters". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large initial 'S'.

Stephen G. Peters, ED.D.
President/ CEO, The Peters Group, LLC.