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**From:** Priester, Nicole  
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**To:** Pitts, Ted; Haltiwanger, Katherine  
**Subject:** Fwd: response to your plea for money

I thought you both may want to see this. I regretted for the scheduling request for Monday night, but the tray is out of my league.

Nicole

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Paton Blough <paton@rehinge.com>  
**Date:** April 11, 2014 at 4:07:35 PM EDT  
**To:** Nikki Haley <grassroots@nikkihaley.com>, Haley <governor@govoep.state.sc.us>  
**Cc:** Nicole Priester Haley Aide <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov>, "Jamal Smith Haley Aide" <jasmith@oepp.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** response to your plea for money

Dear Governor Haley,

This is a response to why I cannot continue to financially support you.

I have supported you financially and through other means such as letters to the editor since you have been in office but I am finding I can no longer do so. Your response to the mental health crisis in this state has been deplorable. I know you have replaced some of the money back to John Magill and the DMH budget but we are still 40 million below 2007 levels.

I just found out last night that you verbally supported Gateway House in Greenville and spoke at an event there only to pull the line item funding from the budget. Worse yet you will not respond to the Gateway people who think mental health is so important.

I got over 400 signatures including a dozen lawmakers asking you to not appeal Judge Baxley's ruling having to do with the unconstitutional treatment of the severely mentally ill behind bars and hand delivered the letter with ink signatures to your personal aid Jamal Smith 3 months ago and still have not received a promised response. I walked into that meeting with the Executive Director of NAMI SC Bill Lindsey and the Chairman of the Board Dr. James Hayes. Do you intend to

answer this letter as Jamal promised you would?

Here it is again incase you missed it somehow. I will put the list of signers at the bottom. Your rival Senator Vincent Sheheen has also signed this recently.

<http://rehinge.com/sc-mental-health-reform-petition/>

Are you not aware of how bad the crisis is and how desperately we need leadership for reform? We have gone from over 600,000 hospital beds in this country down to 40,000 while growing a mentally ill inmate population of 1.2 million. 223,000 of whom are veterans who served our country and now suffer with PTSD. The lack of care and understanding happened to be highlighted again last week at Fort Hood.

We also lose over 100 souls a day to suicide that is a symptom of the mental illness they suffer with. 22 of those are once again veterans who have served our country.

In our state we have gone from 3,500 hospital beds down to 400 while our population has doubled and find ourselves with the interesting number of 3,500 severely mentally ill behind bars in the DOC. This does not count how many we have in our local and county jails. The largest mental health facility's now in the USA are the LA County Jail, Cook County Jail in Illinois and Rikers Island in New York. At least those states have better facilities in their jails.

I have put out a legislative proposal that I would still love and be willing to get your help on. Here it is:

<http://rehinge.com/rehinge-proposes-mental-health-reform-bill-for-sc-prisons/>

Please consider being a leader in SC on these issues and get behind some of these ideas. It will help avoid the crazy expensive cost of doing nothing and help our state avoid black eyes like the one mentioned again this morning in the front page of the Greenville News:

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/10/sc-ranks-near-bottom-treatment-mentally-inmates/7547089/>

You are welcome to use this quote from me. "It is a sound conservative principal both morally and fiscally to deal with our current mental health crisis upfront. A dollar properly spent on mental health will save more than 5 dollars down the road."

The most traction with law makers is the idea of expanding Mental Health Court. I am days away from introducing legislation with a State Senator that will get this ball moving. I also recently heard that Chief Justice Toal mentioned these type of court programs 2 days ago in her address to the General Assembly. The Ohio State bar states "A recent study estimates that mentally ill offenders will use \$40,000 of services annually as they cycle in and out of institutions. A specialty court uses existing services and adds intensive case management at an additional cost of only several thousand dollars a year."

I am going to give a presentation [monday night](#) at our local upstate legislative delegation meeting to try and get bipartisan support for reform and specifically for Mental Health Court. You are welcome to attend and watch the power point plea I will deliver.

Here is a youtube video as well from a speech I gave from the State House steps a few weeks ago with your appointment Tony Keck in the background. <http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=pgGonO81gHg>

This brings me to another point. Why are you fighting against medicaid expansion so much. Do you not realize you are actually fighting against help for people without jobs, pregnant single moms, and the mentally ill who desperately need these services?

If you are against help from the federal government so much why not at least be consistent. You recently have asked for and are slated to receive well over 100 million dollars in FEMA funds to help pick up ice storm debris in our State. I see this as extremely hypocritical. You gave some of the work to Randy Perkins the owner of Ashbritt Environmental who is close to a billionaire from Florida. I do guess that you realize that he has supported the Republican Governors Association to the tune of over 600,000 dollars over the past few years. The RGA is now supporting you to the tune of 200,000 in an ad campaign for your re-election.

Please tell me if I am wrong in stating that "Federal funds are being recycled through FEMA to support Governor Haley's re-election campaign while at the same time she is actively stopping federal funds from helping over 300,00 of our poorest and most vulnerable populations.

I truly believe that you have a ton of power Governor Haley and I would love to see you forget about national politics and use that power to reform our mental health crisis in our great state of South Carolina. You might be surprised how many votes it will get you when one in 4 adults have suffered with a mental illness in the last 12 months.

I am aware that parts of this letter are a little edgy but I promise I am only speaking from deep within my soul and I would love to salvage our relationship for the greater good of our state and eventually our nation!

Please feel free to call me any time on my cell 864-444-4409

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On Apr 10, 2014, at 9:21 AM, "Governor Nikki Haley" <[grassroots@nikkihaley.com](mailto:grassroots@nikkihaley.com)> wrote:

Paton,

The Democrats are getting desperate. Between the crippling failures of Obamacare and burdensome pro-union regulations, their misguided policies have failed the American people. They know that they can't run on their record alone and that's why they are pulling out all the stops to flood proud, Conservative states like South Carolina with their special interest money.

Our campaign has looked at the numbers and it's clear that they're planning to pour millions of dollars into our airways to spread their liberal lies from now until November. They're already running blatantly false ads and we can't let this continue. That's why I'm asking you to help me fight back.

We have a goal to raise \$150,000 by the end of this month to go up against the special interest money already flowing into South Carolina. Can I count on you to help?

We've started this month strong but we still need to raise \$120,000 over the next 21 days. Please [click here](#) to donate \$20 to help us reach our goal.

If we raise \$150,000 this month, we'll be able to defend South Carolina from this onslaught. But I'm going to need your help to get there!

My very best,

Nikki

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