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Hey,

I was contacted by Kelly Parkison who is asking for the Governor to endorse a book she is publishing about the adoption of her daughter from India. Rep. Allison is endorsing the book and would like to see if the Governor is interested as well. Could you please follow up with Kelly about this request.

Thank you,  
Haley

**From:** Kelly Parkison [mailto:kparkison@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2016 12:58 PM  
**To:** Mottel, Haley  
**Subject:** Book endorsement

Haley,

Thank you so much for your quick response and thank you for your time!

Some brief information about myself...

My name is Kelly McCorkle Parkison. I was born and raised in Greenville. I graduated from North Greenville University in 2001. I had the honor of representing our state as Miss SC 2002 and placed in the top 15 at Miss America. As Miss SC, I served as an ambassador of our state promoting my platform of Learning Disabilities Awareness. (I was told as a child I would not graduate high school or go to college, because of my learning disabilities... but I did both, actually graduating college with honors) I spoke 450 times in SC that year with educators, children, and charitable organizations sharing my story. Following Miss SC, I began working for Congressman Jim DeMint in his Washington, DC office. I also had the incredible opportunity to participate on the Emmy winning CBS Reality Show, The Amazing Race 7, in which my teammate and I placed third. I eventually ended up working in the development office of my alma mater, North Greenville University. I married my sweet husband, Scott Parkison, and now I am the full time mother of five children... one of which we adopted from India, hence the book I wrote. It was about our experience. In addition, I am the founder of a non profit called LOFT 218 in which we are trying to build an orphanage and women's shelter for victims of trafficking in Rajasthan, India.

We now reside in Manchester, TN where my husband is a pastor. We have been here for five years, and miss our home state of SC very much. :) As all of my family still lives there.

The book is being published by a commercial publisher out of Greenville called Ambassador International. We already have some strong endorsements from some well known gentlemen in baptist and adoption circles, but I really wanted a strong female endorsement. My friend, Representative Rita Allison is endorsing it, but I would love for Governor Haley to as well.

The book is an inspirational story of our family's journey in adopting our daughter from India. We faced many obstacles but always over came them. We end our story by showing how our adoption experience has led us to do more for orphans and victims of human trafficking in India. With Governor Haley's ties to India, and the fact that I have so much respect for her as a woman, politician, wife, and mother, I feel she would be the perfect

endorser for the book.

I would need the endorsement by February 25th. I will attach the manuscript. Thanks again Haley. Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Kelly

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Kelly Parkison

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