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Dear Members of the Senate,

Thank you for taking quick action yesterday on Tort Reform. You sent a strong positive message that South Carolina is committed to protecting our businesses and remaining competitive with other states.

But there is one last item I urge you to pass before leaving tomorrow: the Department of Administration.

The Department of Administration bill, H.3066, will bring accountability and transparency to our government. Restructuring our state's critical support functions will modernize the functions of state government, enabling us to meet the new challenges of the 21st century.

You've heard me talk about the importance of running government like a business. If we are to prevail against other states and nations as we strive to attract jobs and talented professionals to South Carolina, then we need a government that is more agile, more accountable, and more responsive than the one we have today.

I ask that you pass the Department of Administration bill before leaving so that we may conclude negotiations on this legislation later this month. South Carolinians deserve better government, and they shouldn't have to wait another year for it.

Together, we can make good government happen!

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

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A handwritten note in black ink, slanted upwards to the right. It reads: "Thank you! Let's finish this session strong!"

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