

August 31, 2015

Office of the Governor
Attn: Honorable Nikki Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Hon. Haley,

My name is Sammie L. Young, and I am a former employee of Savannah River Site in Aiken, SC. The nature of this letter is for reasons pertaining to an event that happened while I worked at the above mentioned job. The issue that I am contacting you about was initiated on June 01, 2012 stemming from serious family issues that I was having at the time which I will get to in a moment. Before I get to the point, I would like to first thank you for your time and consideration of this letter, and I pray that there is a solution to the problem that I am about to relay to you. In 2011, my late wife was diagnosed with lung cancer and given only a brief moment to live by her doctor. At the time I was working as a roofer for a contractor on Savannah River Site and after the diagnosis, work began to become more stressful with the idea of a dying wife constantly weighing on my mind. I did everything that I could to hold together as I cared for our household and my ailing wife, and for the majority of the time that she was sick, I did well at both. As time went on and my wife's health began to worsen from her cancer, thoughts of what I would do without my wife became a common thought along with the worry of taking care of all of the growing hospital fees. The entire time beyond the doctor's diagnosis even unto this present time, there was an indescribable pain from the knowing that my wife would die the way she did as well as having to see her health quickly fade until she became a person that was only a shell of who I once knew. On June 01, 2012, I arrived at work as usual, and on this day, a fellow co-worker began to harass me. I tried the best that I could to ignore him, but as I began to turn to address him, I noticed that he had a blower in his hands raised above his head in a posture that seemed to be threatening, so I grabbed him to take him down to the surface of the roof that we were standing on in an attempt to avoid the altercation that it seemed to be escalating into. Honorable Haley, I handled things in the way that I did to protect myself and my co-worker from bodily harm, and I also did it in an attempt to protect my job which was to no avail. Since the time of that incident that occurred over three years ago, I was banned from working out at the Site, I worked for Plant Vogtle until I was laid off. I've even tried to offset things by changing professions, however it has come to my attention that the ban that was placed on me back in 2012 is still prohibiting me from being able to get any work, because the majority of the work in this area in my profession is still out at The Savannah River Site, and the lack of an opportunity to be able to get work is now causing greater problems for me in regards to providing for my current household. It is my desire to be able to be an outstanding citizen and provider for my household, and I pray that you hear my request to have my credentials reinstated at the Savannah River Site so that I can achieve both. Thank you, and I hope to hear from you very soon.

Sincerely,



Sammie L. Young