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Mary Fallin
Governor

January 14, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

Nikki

Women in Government Relations (WGR) was established 40 years ago to serve the needs of a small but growing number of female professionals in the government relations community in Washington, D.C. Today, WGR remains committed to its mission of advancing and empowering women in the field of government relations, by providing substantive programming and networking opportunities at the federal, state and local levels of government. WGR has over 1,000 professional and student members in both the public and private sectors representing major corporations, trade associations, law firms, public affairs agencies, lobbying firms, and public interest groups at all levels of government.

All around us, we see the incredible influence of women in politics and government. We all want more women to be involved as candidates, elected and appointed officials, advocates, and voters. WGR helps to celebrate the accomplishments of women in this profession and inspire other women to take active roles in the political and policy arenas. As female governors, we too have a responsibility to support this mission.

WGR recognizes and appreciates the role female government officials have played in helping to support WGR's mission. At present, over 91 current and former members of Congress hold Emeritus status, which is reserved for women who have displayed an exceptional commitment to helping other women succeed in the field of government relations, and who have also achieved professional and personal success in that endeavor. The WGR Board of Directors acknowledges the increasingly integral role of state policy making and leadership, and has expanded this status to female governors.

I encourage you to join me in supporting WGR by adding your name to its list of honorary Emeritus members. As an Emeritus member, you will be listed on the WGR website and included on prospective membership materials. Additionally, Emeritus members are honorary guests for WGR's Inaugural Governor's Reception, to be held February 19, 2016, 4:00 – 6:00 pm, at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

I ask that you return your acceptance of Emeritus membership to the WGR office, via email to info@wrg.org or fax 703-995-0528. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact WGR's Executive Director, Emily Bardach, at ebardach@wgr.org or 703-299-8547.

Thank you for considering my request and I hope you will be able to join me at the reception after our RGA Executive Committee meeting on Friday, February 19, 2016.

Sincerely,

Mary Fallin

Mary Fallin
Governor

*I hope to see you in D.C.
next month!*



Emeritus Membership Form

Emeritus Membership status in Women in Government Relations (WGR) is extended to those women in the field who have displayed an exceptional commitment to mentoring other women in the government relations arena, and who have also achieved notable professional and personal success in the field. Emeritus Membership status may only be extended by an invitation from the full Board of Directors of WGR. There are no annual membership fees assessed.

NOTE: A list of Emeritus Members will be posted on the WGR website and printed on prospective membership materials. Additionally, Emeritus members serve as the honorary hosts for WGR's Annual Spring Reception and Inaugural Governors Reception.

☐ I **accept** Emeritus Membership Status

☐ I **decline** Emeritus Membership Status

Print name: The Honorable

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note that my staff contact should be: _____

Contact phone number: _____ Email: _____

☐ Please send information on how members of my staff can also join WGR.
Send to: _____

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