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Message:

Governor Haley, I am contacting you regarding recent events in your state. What happened to the individuals in your state at the hand of a disturbed young man is painful and horrible. However, there is no link to his actions and the South Carolina state flag. Your flag is a symbol just like our nations flag. As such, symbols can and will be interpreted differently by each individual. So my question to you is simple. Where is the line? Do we stop at your state flag? Do we stop when we burn one more book? Do we stop when one last web site is banned? Freedom requires a thick skin to allow others to have an option that is different from yours and mine. I'm sure there are many individuals who want to keep the South Carolina state flag. The events in your state are being used as an excuse to further personal agendas. If the your state flag is so egregious to some then put it to a vote....a vote by the people of South Carolina, not a group of politicians who are concerned about the upcoming election. Our country was founded on the rights of the people so let the people speak with their vote. On a final note, history is rarely pretty but if we do not preserve and pass down our history then we have nothing.

Sincerely,

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