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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
State of South Carolina
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In re: SC State Ports Authority Vacancies

Your Excellency:

I understand that the terms of several members of the State Ports Authority Board will be expiring this year. I don't know if any members have expressed a desire to retire from the board or if you have already made commitments to fill or reappoint any members.

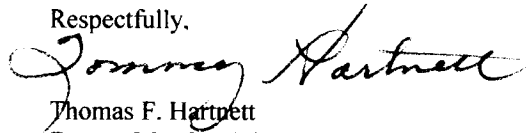
I would like to express to you my interest in your consideration of me as a possible candidate for appointment to the board. I had the honor of serving on the board as an appointee of Governor Carroll Campbell and enjoyed my service as Treasurer during my tenure. I was the first casualty of Governor Hodges' term as governor when he took me off the board during my mid-term to replace me with a democrat.

I realize you have many fine candidates to consider and probably have some obligations to friends and supporters to consider them for board appointments. I have been asked by several people knowledgeable of my previous service on the board to request that you give me consideration for appointment. I would like to be able to return to the SCSPA Board and believe I have much to offer in terms of experience, and interest in the future of the port.

I enjoyed our previous efforts supporting Governor Romney and I am sorry he has decided not to offer himself as a candidate for nomination for the presidency. I do hope that whoever is ultimately elected will find a place for Nikki Haley in their administration. You would be an asset to any president's administration.

Thank for any consideration you may give to me.

Respectfully,



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Former Member US Congress
Former Member SC State Senate
Former Member SC House of Representatives