

February 19, 2015
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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Nikki Haley,

My name is Emily Wright and I am a young woman from Greenville, South Carolina. As a lady living in a growing city such as Greenville, I have many concerns about my safety and overall wellbeing. With South Carolina having the second highest domestic violence rate in the nation, I am fearful for my future and the women of South Carolina.

Over the past decade, 300 women have died in South Carolina due to domestic violence. That is equivalent to roughly one murder every 12 days. Since the year 2000, our state has ranked in the top 10 states with the highest domestic violence rates. Shockingly, only 18 domestic violence shelters exist in our state that consists of 46 counties.

These facts are not only appalling, but disappointing. These statistics are simply being ignored by South Carolina legislation. With domestic violence being a hot topic in the media, the attention that this issue is receiving is higher than ever before. It is concerning that powerful, effective legislation has not been passed to protect the women and men of our great state.

I kindly request an explanation of what our government is attempting to accomplish regarding the domestic violence epidemic in South Carolina. Are there any intentions to create bipartisan agendas to establish forceful laws that will reduce the sickening, disheartening statistics and rates regarding domestic violence in our state?

As a voter in the next election, my vote for the Republican Party will be determined by what is done in response to this issue. I am not the only citizen with these concerns. The safety of South Carolina's women and men is in the hands of legislatures like you.

I am looking forward to receiving a response from you.

Respectfully yours,



Emily Wright