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The Honorable Nikki Haley
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Dear Governor Haley,

My name is Justin Bridges and I reside at the Hub apartment complex in Columbia. I am a current student at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC. I am writing to you about solar panels. I believe sustainability is very important and that if solar panels were to be implemented in every home, energy would be more affordable in South Carolina.

I believe it is time to take over the most abundant energy on earth. Solar panels can help businesses, homes, and government buildings save energy in their everyday uses. South Carolina is in the medium range for potential to use solar energy according to scientist's measurements of sunlight in specific regions. Use of solar panels could make many households during the summer could greatly reduce their energy output just from using solar panels. The reduction of price of energy could bring more companies to cities like Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville. This past May, the Solarize South Carolina initiated began and it was a plan to install solar panels on private homes. I believe the standards set are very minimal in what is actually possible. The plan is to increase solar panels by just only 10 percent while that in a numbers sense seems big in reality it is not a lot for the state of South Carolina. Solar panels are also very limited to the Charleston area. There needs to be a change in that. America overall is the fourth highest user of solar panels, yet we are very behind all other states. One of those states being our neighbor North Carolina that has more solar panels than the rest of the southeast! I believe South Carolina as a state has the potential to take great strides in solar energy based on our location, our attractiveness to large business, and the drive to be more sustainable.

I want to encourage you to draft legislation in support of a greener more sustainable and friendly South Carolina. This is an important issue that can positively impact many of your constituents, should you act on it. I hope that you will consider my opinion and the facts I have presented in my request. Please feel free to contact me with the information I provided above.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justin Bridges

