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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
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Dear Governor Haley:

I am a senior, Early Childhood Education Major at South Carolina State University. I have been through so many trials and tribulations to get where I am now. The reason I am writing this letter is to let you know how I feel about my HBCU and the situation that it's in.

I have been at South Carolina State University as an undergrad student for 5 ½ years going on 6 ½. My school has been dealing with a lot of issues financially and we do our best to keep moving forward. As a student now my priority is to graduate as soon as possible. I have been struggling to get through with classes and state exams and I am finally at a point where I can get what I need but money is involved and being an education major takes a lot. We as a University are a family and we help each other in need and all we ask is the support of the people. As a student we have a voice that needs to be heard because we chose to come to this University for a reason.

So basically I'm asking that you help us in our crisis that we are in. We have been through three presidents since I have been a student here and that a lot to take it. We are from the same State so you should help us in any way or fashion that is possible. We need this University to stay open as long as possible because this is just not a regular school, this HBCU has a lot of meaning to it, especially the alumni and the history of this school.

I thank you in advance for your help and hope to see improvement soon.

Sincerely,



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