

Dear Governor Haley,  
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I would like to live in a state, this state of South Carolina, that supports the dignity and pursuit of happiness of all its citizens. The Battle Flag of the Confederacy no longer has a place in the representation of the Peoples of South Carolina. Those that cling to that flag have a nostalgia for the pride and privilege of their forefathers, not an understanding of the breadth, depth, and complexity of our true history. A splinter of that history, so small, that it becomes a fantasy, condemning them to the same sins of their forefathers. We need to have this conversation so that all can appreciate our shared past. South Carolina is in a unique position to truly face the deep and wrenching racial inequities that are intertwined in the fabric of our nation's past. More so than other states, we are small. We can be true to our hearts and light on our feet, and do it with dignity for all. It is time.

I am grateful for the position that you have taken and your courage in doing so.

Sincerely,  
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