



# State of South Carolina

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Ashton Mercado  
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Dear Ashton,

Thank you for writing. I love to hear from students and appreciate your interest in South Carolina!

The Palmetto State is a beautiful state to visit and a wonderful place to live. From the mountains to the Lowcountry, there are countless opportunities to learn about history, participate in a variety of outdoor activities, enjoy delicious food, and meet some of the friendliest people in the nation. To learn more about South Carolina, please visit [www.sciway.net](http://www.sciway.net), [www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov), and [www.discoverouthcarolina.com](http://www.discoverouthcarolina.com).

Thanks again for your letter. Keep up the good work, and I wish you the best of luck in the future. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki".  
Nikki R. Haley

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Enclosures

A handwritten note in black ink that reads "Proud of you Ashton!" written diagonally.