

Dear Governor Haley,

There are two serious issues that need to be addressed.

My name is Theresa Hassett, I'm a 71 year woman who lives alone. I have to work despite the fact I'm retired. I cannot live solely on my Social Security and work to supplement my income.

Because I work, I cannot get any kind of assistance. They use a chart to determine if a person is eligible for food stamps. I have my rent, water, electric, apartment Insurance, phone, car insurance I had to get security in my apartment because of a break in along with many other bills. Co-pay for doctors visits, Hospital.

I use credit cards to buy food. When standing at my work in McDonalds I suffer from arthritis, I work in pain. I don't know what can be done about my situation. I have to work to provide a roof over my head and I can't get any help. I work with people who live common law marriage and will not get married because they will lose their food stamps, health benefits. Maybe you can raise the income limit higher for seniors who are in the same predicament as me.

I'm struggling trying to keep up with my bills. Something is seriously wrong when seniors can't afford to buy food and have to work past retirement age.

Another serious problem that you are aware of as our Governor, is the minimum wage not keeping up with the cost of living. Since I moved here 8 years ago to Myrtle Beach and most of S C, we are rapidly growing in this state. I cannot understand why the minimum wage has not been increased.

S. C. is one of the lowest paid minimum wage states. We are building new homes all over Myrtle Beach.

New schools, roads and townhomes. Myrtle Beach is not a seasonal place anymore or just for retired people. We need higher wages for the families who live here. Why hasn't this been done.

Thanking You In Advance

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