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Mr. Tim Middleton
United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Mr. Middleton,

I am in receipt of the Settlement Agreement ('Agreement') between the United States Department of Education ('Department') and the South Carolina Department of Education ('SCDE') regarding South Carolina's financial support under IDEA Part B for SFYs 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013. The South Carolina Superintendent of Education is an elected constitutional officer and the SCDE is not a cabinet agency, so I have no direct control of the agency. For this reason, I am requesting that I be removed as a signatory to the document.

With that being said, I am a strong advocate for education in South Carolina, and I am an avid supporter of Superintendent Molly Spearman. I commit to working with Superintendent Spearman on behalf of all South Carolina children and specifically for children receiving services under IDEA Part B. Further, I pledge to work with the SCDE in future executive budgets to support implementation of this Agreement.

If you have questions, please contact my Chief of Staff, Swati Patel.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nikki R. Haley". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/hp