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Governor Nikki Haley
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Dear Governor Haley,

I was very pleased and honored to meet you at the auspicious occasion of the groundbreaking ceremony for the Toray Carbon Fibers America plant in Spartanburg County.

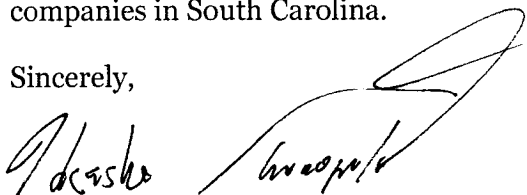
I would like to express again all our appreciation, not only for your kind presence at the ceremony despite your tight schedule, but also for all the assistance you and your administration provided Toray regarding the realization of this huge investment. Without your personal initiative, such a bold decision would have taken much more time to come to fruition.

We sincerely wish great success for Toray Carbon Fibers America, success which will bring South Carolina many new jobs and produce top level quality products. May the success of this investment be a new incentive for Japanese firms to invest more and more in the Palmetto State.

Although I have been in the Southeast for only a short time, I am already impressed with the warm hospitality in this beautiful region. I would like to visit your wonderful state as often as possible and do my utmost to strengthen the existing excellent relations between South Carolina and Japan. In this spirit, I would like to make a courtesy visit to your office in the near future when it is convenient for you.

Until then, please accept my dearest thanks once more for your support of Japan and Japanese companies in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Takashi Shinozuka', written over a horizontal line.

Takashi Shinozuka
Consul General of Japan