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Dear Anna,

Thank you for your letter. It is so cool that you have been to South Carolina before with your grandparents! I love to hear from students, and I'm happy to tell you about our great state.

South Carolina 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. You can also find a wealth of information about the Palmetto State at www.sciway.net, www.scstatehouse.gov, and www.discoversouthcarolina.com.

I am thrilled that being a female governor is no longer a "first" for women in South Carolina, and I hope that there will be many women who succeed me in the years to come. Growing up in Bamberg, South Carolina, I never thought about running for office. I was never involved in student government or party politics. When I was thirteen years old, I started doing the accounting books for my family's business, a retail clothing store. My background in both my family business and, later, corporate business motivated me to run for the legislature because I wanted the Statehouse to be more business friendly and to spend tax dollars more wisely. When, after six years in the House, I couldn't get what I wanted done as a legislator, I decided to run for governor. My mother always told me, "Don't complain about it; do something about it," so that's what I did. I encourage you to find the power of your voice and get involved in your community. Your special gifts and talents are needed by those around you.

Thank you again for writing. I wish you the best of luck in the future and hope you will have a chance to visit again soon! God bless.

My very best,

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

Nikki R. Haley

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A large, handwritten note in black ink that reads "Proud of you!" with an exclamation mark.

Enclosures