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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dean Governor Haley:

We are writing to you on behalf of two very special friends of ours, Ashley and Janette Mangum, two of the finest people we have ever had the pleasure of knowing. They do not know we are writing to you.

Ashley is gravely ill and currently in Agape Hospice Home on Stoneridge Drive. He is in the final stages of COPD and emphazema. He does not have long to be with us.

Ashley is retired from SC Central Correctional Institution where he was in charge of food procurement and warehousing. Janette is retired from the Lexington School System where she was a schoolteacher.

Unfortunately there are times when even the best of parents have a child who makes a bad decision and ends up incarcerated. This is what happened to Ashley and Janette's son. His name is Delance Mangum. Delance is not a violent offender. His downfall was drugs, the curse of our society.

The reason for this letter is that Ashley's time is near and he and Janette have been unable to obtain authorization for an officer of the law to accompany Delance to his father's funeral when that time comes. Ashley and Janette are already heartbroken over what happened to Delance, but even more so over this.

Please Governor Haley, is there not some way Delance Mangum can be escorted to his father's funeral by a police officer? The family will be more than willing to pay for the police officers time to do this. It would mean more than words can say for Ashley and Janette to know this can be approved.

Thank you,

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