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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I am grateful that South Carolina is led by a governor who leads with such competence, moral character and conviction. You lead our state with vision, humility, grace and wisdom. You truly love and take note of South Carolinians – I understood that from the brief moments when I served you more than a year ago at a Starbucks in Ft. Mill (you allowed me to get a picture with you), and then you remembered the encounter later when you met my son (a USC student at the time) at the Columbia airport among a group of people greeting Air Force One. With these personal notes of deep appreciation setting the tone, I am compelled to reach out to you almost in a sense of desperation.

Since returning with my family from the mission field five years ago, I have become more and more alarmed and disheartened at the abrogation of States' and individual rights by the United States federal government. I have watched drop-jawed as a radical Supreme Court reinvents the Constitution to overturn democratically enacted state laws and a President leads by partisan political bullying and executive fiat. Of course, I can go on and on, but you understand where I'm coming from.

I am writing, therefore, to plead with you to lead our state in saying, "No!" Having taken note of the news regarding proposals from Governor Greg Abbott of Texas, I am writing to ask you to join him in his efforts to bring change through a Convention of States. These are desperate times and I only hope we are not too late. Please, please act quickly, vigorously. I am no politician and am the quintessential political lightweight. But for whatever it may be worth, you have my support, and I pledge to you any help that I may be able to render.

Gratefully and earnestly yours,

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