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Dear Governor Haley,

I heard you tell the national media after the Charleston shootings that your job was to "take care of your people." I laughed because I knew that intention would not last.

Then I read that you thought people over 18 years old should decide for themselves about their own safety. Except that foolish young people often do not make wise choices, do they? I wondered how many days/weeks before one of them died on a motorcycle, without even a helmet for protection. I think it was less than a week. This man was 49 years old. If he didn't have the wisdom to wear a helmet, there is no hope for young people to do any better.

We need to have a law in place that requires them to wear a helmet. If they ignore the law and risk getting a ticket, then that is their choice. But wouldn't it be better if you (and this state) cared enough to have that law that perhaps some of them would obey? You would never know how many lives would be saved because of the helmet. But at least you would

know that you tried to take care of your people.
Would you let your son ride without a helmet?

I'm enclosing copies of your statement and
the article about Mr. Kellenbach's death.
I will be sending more articles about other
deaths as they occur.

Sincerely,
Susan B. James

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Motorcyclist dies after Chapin crash

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A motorcycle driver is dead after a crash in Chapin on Saturday evening.

Christian Kallenbach, 49, of Chapin was the driver who died, according to Lexington County Coroner Margaret Fisher, who said Kallenbach was pronounced dead at the scene.

Kallenbach was traveling south on the 3000 block of Wessinger Road, near Hilton Run Court, went off the right side of the road, struck a culvert and was thrown from the motorcycle, according to the S.C. Highway Patrol. The wreck happened at about 8:15 p.m.

Lance Cpl. Judd Jones said Kallenbach wasn't wearing a helmet. An autopsy will be performed on Monday.

The Highway Patrol continues to investigate.

— GLEN LUKE FLANAGAN

Hayley wrote in her veto message Friday that the bill's requirements are inconsistent with laws for similar vehicles and constitute government overreach. "I believe that adults over the age of 18 - who are allowed to vote and serve our military - should decide for themselves what they should wear for their personal safety," she said.

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