

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

October 29, 2015

Governor Haley,

Thank you for your leadership. As a native South Carolinian, I appreciate your emotion and direction when something good or bad affects our state.

My name is Michael Cook. I was born in Columbia, grew up in Cayce and for the past 20 years have lived in Greenville County. I am a 54 year old, unemployed white guy, trying to find a job back in Columbia. It has been an arduous and frustrating past 8 months. I have the best wife-EVER.

I am a degreed, professional Credit Manager. In March, the division that I worked for was purchased by an international company. After converting the company's computer systems to theirs, I was laid off. This is the second time that this has happened to me in the past 14 years.

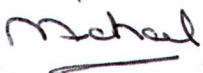
My unemployment ran out a couple of months ago.....it wasn't much but it did keep my savings and severance from drying up so quickly.

Anyway, a letter to a Governor probably wouldn't be complete without a request or two for help.

To find a job, I have been using the SCIWAY and SCWORKS websites ie the link to SC State government jobs. As of today, there are 507 posted state jobs. My problem is the validity of these jobs....some, most were posted years ago. I have applied for a number of them, only to never hear back from anyone. In my opinion, these job postings should have time limits and if the job is no longer valid or ever was, it shouldn't be on there at all. There is plenty of other false hope out there without my State Government contributing to it.

Secondly, besides your family, my Dad-James Cook of Chapin is the "biggest Nikki lover" out there. He has had a rough week, he wrecked his car(car was totaled, he only had a minor hand injury) and decided it is time for him to stop driving as he will turn 83 on Saturday, Oct 31. If someone in your office could send him a card, that would turn his week.....302 Killian Point, Chapin, SC 29036 (803-345-3342)

Thank you Governor Haley for listening.



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CAREER SUMMARY: Accountant with expertise in the areas of Collections and Receivables. Skilled communicator with ability to work with both internal and external customers. Enjoys challenges and has a proven record of lengthy tenure with employers.

COMPUTER EXPERIENCE: AS400, Trend, JD Edwards, MS-Office, Word, Excel, SAP, Cisco

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2007-2015	CREDIT MANAGER, KNAUF INSULATION/GUARDIAN BUILDING PRODUCTS Monitor Credit Screens Work Aging Reports Research potential customers Perform annual file reviews Active communicator Monthly analysis of delinquent accounts	Greer, SC
1999-2007	MANAGER OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, KRAUS/ORDERS DISTRIBUTING CO, INC. Managed the accounts receivable investment Formulated credit policies and established receivable goals Monitored standards of performance Reviewed and approved all accounts payable Maintained company mail distribution system	Greenville, SC

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Created and Managed an Accounts Receivable Department.
Maintained high currency results, driving lower than industry DSO results.
History of limited write offs.
Worked with Management to increase sales.
Performed Month End Closing.
Prepared monthly financial margins and adjusting journal entries.
Monitored freight, tracked inventory and conducted monthly departmental safety meetings.
Produced a budget and expenditures analysis.
Monthly billing of a partial owner for their interest in a construction project.

EDUCATION:	Newberry College	B.S. Accounting	Newberry, SC
	Midlands Technical College	A.B. Accounting	Columbia, SC