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Office of the Governor
The Honorable Governor Nikki Haley
State House, 1st Floor
West Wing, 1205 Pendleton St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Congratulations on your re-election and I look forward to the next four years as the leader of South Carolina.

In September 2103, my two granddaughters, Brendasia and Jasmine, (ages 12 & 13) had to leave their father, step-mother and two younger siblings and come to live with my wife and me (their grandparents). This change was not only impacted their family life, but also required they change schools and adapt from always living in the city to living in the country. It was a difficult transition for them but fortunately they have adjusted and both have done well in school last year. They have made new friends and become active in the Youth Group at church.

My youngest granddaughter, Brendasia Patterson, has expressed to me several times her great desire to meet you. Of the two girls, she has had the most difficult adjustment and also struggles with self-worth. I know you have a tremendous amount of requests for your time. I understand and respect that you cannot accommodate all requests. But, if it is possible, could you possibly arrange a few minutes in your schedule to allow my granddaughters to meet you in person? It would be the highlight of their year and also give Bren a confidence boost. As a result, she may start using her abilities in a positive manner, dream big, and set goals for her life.

If you are unable to meet with us I understand, but I promised the girls I would make the request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Councilman Lynn Ballard
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