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To: Haley, Nikki
Subject: My 90 Year Old Mother In Aiken

Dear Gov. Haley,

My mother lives in Aiken, SC and has just turned 90. She really wants me to come see her from my home in Maryland and I know I will not have many more opportunities. The problem is I dare not travel to a state where my medical needs cannot be met.

I suffered from debilitating migraines for 35 years because I chose to follow federal law forbidding access to cannabis. Maryland recently voted in medical cannabis and my doctor put me on small daily doses to control severe migraines that have not responded to any other treatment. Turns out cannabis is the ONLY drug that works for my condition.

If I leave Maryland I can not take my medicine with me. If I stay with my mother for more than about 36 hours I will be risking a return to the debilitating headaches -- and my only view of Aiken will be a dark silent room with me in agony until I can get to my medicine again.

Of course, I can always stock up on Dilaudid for travel, but after being addicted for a decade and nearly died of an overdose last year I am disinclined to go back to a dangerous narcotic whose only advantage is being legal with a prescription.

When, Governor Haley, will I be allowed to visit my elderly mother? When she dies will I be able to attend her funeral? Will I be able to assist my siblings in closing up her house and selling her things?

Help me, Governor Haley, to care for one of YOUR constituents as she wishes. I can not do it without proper medical care and your state does not as yet allow it.

Sincerely,
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Those who do not learn the lessons of history should avoid time travel.