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Dear Governor Nikki Haley:

As your constituent, the issue of hands-only CPR and AED training in high schools is very important to me. Research has shown how vital a prompt medical response in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest or a heart attack can be in preserving a life. If a larger segment of our population in South Carolina was trained in these basic skills, as a community, we may be able to save more lives.

Approximately 70% of Americans do not know how to administer CPR. If Senate Bill 160 is passed and high schools in our state train students in hands-only CPR and AED proficiency, as a community, we could begin to chip away at these high numbers and hopefully create a reality where more lives are saved and less lost.

I have been a registered nurse for 44 years and worked all over the world but no where is CPR more important than right here in our town and state. My father, Orville Robert Kirby, died in 1982 of a heart attack in the old Community Cash in downtown Landrum at the time. Had someone known CPR, he could have been with us for many more years. Please consider this request from a long time resident of Landrum and invested healthcare provider and participant, we need this.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 160. Let's ensure our high school students in South Carolina are trained to be the hero that could keep someone alive in an emergency.

Sincerely,
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