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Her Excellency Nikki Haley  
Governor of the State of South Carolina  
1301 Gervais St #710  
Columbia, SC 29201

Object: We are all Americans

Dear Governor Nikki,

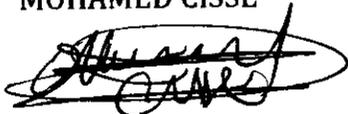
At the time when we all mourn the massacre of Charleston, SC, I would like to join the country in prayer for the victims and their family. I would also like to thank you for your leadership in managing the Great State of SC during this racial related crisis.

Dear Governor, This letter is my contribution to the ultimate racial problem that our country, the USA, is facing. At the time when the call is clear to take the confederate flag down in SC, I would like to make more meaningful call: take out racial questions from all type of application such as job or school; this is the moment to do it and it would be your legacy. I am certain that racial background is necessary in finding or tracing health records however; requesting candidates to disclose their races is merely a prejudice to people of color. In fact, a Nord-African would not answer 'Black of African Decent' to the race section in any application. Ironically, as a Naturalized American, I have to answer "African American" while I am not an African because 'African' is not a citizenship. If that should be my only choice, then others will respond by 'European American' or Asian American. The question, if needed, should only be "Are you an American Citizen?" otherwise, the unnecessary discrimination will only cause more problems than it could possibly solve.

Dear Governor, this is the time; your time and the best time to enter the history of the world's greatest country. Your call to the American people will make resound around the glob and be the most significant call for a better society after the abolition of the slavery. The racial troubles will never be over but we can certainly do something about what makes it worst.

Glory to the State of South Carolina, Glory to the United States of America

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohamed Cisse', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.