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Subject: Website email from Lani Siddique

Dear Lt. Governor Bryant, Congratulations on your appointment to such an honorable leadership role in the state of South Carolina. I wish you well and I hope that you can carry out your duties with courage and fairness to all. You and I were quoted in the article that was posted in Greenville Online about the protest yesterday. I have left you a voicemail speaking of my concerns of your support of the executive order banning refugees from certain nationalities and banning legal immigrants from these countries. I am sorry if my voicemail was rude or offensive, that was not my intention. However it sounds like you are maybe misinformed about the existing vetting process that refugees go through to even THINK about coming to the US. Some of the most stringent and thorough vetting processes in the world for refugees are already in place and it takes 2-3 years before they come here. Immigrants, international students and visitors are also investigated and given thorough background checks. Although the system is not perfect, you made it sound like just anyone can come in and out like a revolving door. This is simply inaccurate and I am deeply concerned that you support such an executive order. This ban is completely irrational and has no basis. The order and the overall nature of the order also demonizes innocent Muslims and legal residents. It is not just an inconvenience, it is humiliation. America is good and kind and intelligent. We have a system to keep us all safe but this executive order doesn't perfect the system, it harms it. Please come and meet some of the refugees who are settling into their life in Columbia. I would be honored to arrange a meeting with them and also some people who know the vetting process better than I do. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinions. Sincerely, Lani Siddique <http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2017/01/31/donald-trump-statehouse-protest-sc/97289334/>

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