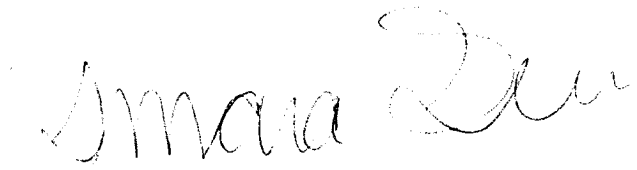


Closing the University down isn't helping the staff neither the students. If it's the president and the finance office to blame, then why are we facing the consequences? We've been going through the process of losing our school for the past few months and all I've heard is nothing but great ideas from students. By watching the meetings and news almost every legislator are so quick to say "Shut South Carolina State Down", but what about the STUDENTS? We deserve to have a say so and give our plans and our ideas. We have as much right to this University as anyone else. I would like for you along with all other legislators to give us the opportunity to help and set a plan for OUR University.

We are loyal sons and daughters whom cherish South Carolina State University as our home. We will NOT give up without a fight. I hope for you to consider our thoughts and ideas along the process. Think about our education, think about our feelings, and think about our life. South Carolina State University is an legendary college and we hope to not end our University life so soon. So please let us help you help us to Keep SC State open! KILL THE BILL! Thank you for your support and time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amara Green", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Dear Governor Haley,

I am Amara Green a current student at South Carolina State University. This is my first year here at South Carolina State University which I dearly love and enjoy. When I transferred here I risked twenty-five credits to attend the University I've always loved and adore. If South Carolina State University closes, every student here is bound to go through the same exact situation. As a student here, I know I work hard to earn credits that I don't plan to lose. I got pushed back an entire year which took me from a junior to a sophomore. By South Carolina State being at risk of shutting down, it puts seniors at a risk of not graduating because they have to transfer and may lose credits. What about the freshmen who also worked really hard for the credits that they have and may have to restart because they have to transfer. Our school is supported by not only the town of Orangeburg but other regions of South Carolina. We have supporters all around the nation of the state and out of state. South Carolina State are known to have the number one Marching band which gives students and staff the joy and happiness of their University. We're also known to be one of the best HBCU whom stick together as one and bleed the colors of garnet and blue. If we lose our University, you will lose the town of Orangeburg being that we are the heart of Orangeburg, we are the life of Orangeburg, and we are Orangeburg!

As a current student, I understand what we're going through and what must be done to correct the situation. What I don't understand is why the students are suffering for others action.