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Mr. Allen Ridge
27331 Highway 151
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Dear Mr. Ridge,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the Second Amendment and your undeniable right to bear arms. Your engagement on this issue is an encouraging sign that citizens are taking a more active role in their government.

As a concealed weapons permit (CWP) holder myself, I fully support your right to protect yourself and your family in a safe and responsible way. South Carolina is a good neighbor in this respect as well, participating in permit reciprocity with 20 other states whose laws are compatible with our own. While I know South Carolina to be a firearm-friendly state, there are steps we can take to make exercising your right to bear arms more practical – steps like protecting the rights of employees to safely stow firearms in their vehicles when at work.

On June 29, 2012, I signed into law House Bill 4494, which allows for the purchase of rifles or shotguns in other states by South Carolina residents. Purchases must meet all federal requirements, but this law does maintain and protect your Second Amendment rights. I also signed Senate Bill 308 into law on February 11, 2014, expanding the list of places where a responsible concealed weapons permit holder can carry his or her firearm. These bills are small steps in efforts to promote your right to bear arms.

Again, thank you for your interest in South Carolina's firearm and concealed carry laws. As your governor, I will work to ensure that your Second Amendment rights are always secure. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance on this or any other issue.

My very best,

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Nikki R. Haley

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