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Dear Governor Nikki Haley:

When someone suffers cardiac arrest, fast bystander response is often the difference between life and death. Less than one-third of out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest sufferers receive bystander CPR. Making sure that every high school student is trained in hands-only CPR as part of the already required health education class will create an ever-growing number of trained lifesavers in our state.

Less than 10% of people who suffer sudden cardiac arrest outside the hospital survive to make it home. Effective bystander CPR, provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest, can double or triple a victim's chance of survival.

Please support hands-only CPR training in schools during the 2015 session. Every student who can properly perform this simple skill is poised to save a life.

Sincerely,
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