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Good Morning Governor Haley,

It is my sincere hope that this message finds you in the best of health and circumstance. My name is Genaro Cruz. I have recently graduated with my Masters Degree in Criminal Justice and have been in the tattooing industry of South Carolina for the past five years. I tried to contact someone at DHEC about the possibility of privatizing inspections of tattooing facilities, but it seems as if my efforts have been ignored. In short, tattooing is a form of self expression that is growing in popularity, but those inspecting the facilities have no experience in the industry. I fear they do not know what to look for outside of regulations that in my humble but knowledgeable opinion need to be revised. I have been in a consultant/administrative role for a tattoo facility for the past five years and I only want the industry to be respectable and safe seeing as how its existence has proven to be inevitable. Although South Carolina would be considered a baby in the industry, that does not mean we cannot be at the forefront of safety and cleanliness. I would love to be able to discuss changes that could be beneficial and how I could play a major role in that revolution.

Thank you very much for your time and a response,

Sincerely,  
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