

December 5, 2015

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

I write to you today to ask for your help in saving the Century Aluminum Mt. Holly plant. I'm a South Carolina resident, taxpayer, mother of two wonderful children and the spouse of a hard working Century Aluminum employee. We have very little time left to save the Mt. Holly plant and I am pleading you to intervene.

As you are aware, Santee Cooper and Century Aluminum have come to a stalemate on a reasonable power contract that would allow the plant to continue operations, ultimately jeopardizing the jobs of over 600 employees and their families as of December 21, 2015. This saddens me, as I know how dedicated and passionate the employees of this plant have been to the company and the community over the many years in operation. Although I am not privy to all the details of the negotiations, what I do know as public record does not add up to me and I would like some concrete answers from Santee Cooper why shutting down this plant would be a good decision, other than personal gain. Century Aluminum has made every attempt to work with Santee Cooper for a resolution only to be rejected, time after time, and even when they acquired outside sourcing at Santee Cooper's suggestion.

I'd like to share with you what shutting down the plant means to my family. Christmas, well, what a time for my husband to lose his job, but we are humble and have survived hard times together and will celebrate our blessings. My son attends Clemson University, pursuing an Engineering degree and tuition is due in January. We have been helping him pay for college, however, without my husband's income, it's going to be a challenge to help him fund his education this upcoming year. Luckily, I will be able to add my family to my company's insurance, but that is not the case for many of the Century Aluminum's employees who are the only source of income for their family. What happens to the families that have lost their only source of income and health insurance? With the impending loss of my husband's income, I re-evaluated our budget and unfortunately cut out many things that contribute to our community, including reducing the \$4.2K we personally pay annually to Santee Cooper.

These are all hard choices a family must make when losing employment. I'm hoping that you can make a difference and help save the plant. There has to be a solution, one that both companies can agree upon. One that can help save employment for more than 600 hard working South Carolinians. Please help us. You are so well respected as a South Carolina leader and an integral part of making South Carolina such a great state. I appreciate any assistance you can give for a positive resolution. Thank you for taking my request into consideration, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you and your staff.

My Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Cowan".

Becky Cowan