

Dear Governor,

My name is Kevin Mears and I have been employed at the Mt. Holly aluminum plant for 21 years. I am writing this letter in hopes that you can help me, and 600 fellow employees, from losing our jobs on December 31st. I am sure you are aware of the power dispute between Santee Cooper and Century Aluminum. I am BEGGING you to step in and PLEASE help. My wife was recently diagnosed with cancer and is having surgery the first week of November. If the plant closes, I lose my medical benefits and will not be able to afford her treatments. Without them she will die! I trust in God and hope that you will help. This plant has been in my life for the birth of my kids and my first grandchild. Now it is seeing me face this new battle. Please help. I know that you can do something, anything.. Time is of the essence! Losing my job would be devastating, I would lose everything, my wife included..PLEASE, PLEASE, HELP! This plant closing would also be a huge loss the the economy of South Carolina, \$26 million in state revenues and taxes right off the top. My family and the family of 600 other people are relying on you and your office. Thanks for reading, have a blessed day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Mears". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.