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Jeff Buckley
ARRES, LLC VP
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Dear Honorable Governor Haley,

My name is Jeff Buckley and I am Vice President of a start-up company named ARRES LLC, based in the small town of Cottageville, SC. We are an alternative energy company in business here since April of 2015. I have lived in Cottageville for many years and am a product of a Clemson engineering education. I prompted Ben Egan, the CEO of ARRES LLC to base the company here to provide a much needed boost to the economy of Cottageville. We presently employ approximately 25 people and are already the largest employer in the town. We are HUB Zone based and partially minority owned.

We presently have several thousand acres of land in the Olanta, SC area under contract for the development of solar farms, one of which is on NASCAR legend Cale Yarborough's ranch. Duke Energy is preparing to offer solar farm contracts to three of the five companies that have approved applications in place, and we are one of the five.

We would greatly appreciate any form of assistance in leveling the playing field in the selection process. Some of the companies are not South Carolina based as ARRES LLC is and have previous ties with Duke Power. We already have the investors in place and ready to go as well as the sub-contractors to assist us.

This project would mean many more permanent jobs for South Carolina residents both in the Cottageville area and the Olanta area. We intend to take the profits from the project and re-invest it in the area with developments such as Net Zero neighborhoods as well as solar assisted hydroponic farms that would supply the restaurants and the community with pesticide and E.coli free vegetables year round. We have already located and inquired about applicable land for these developments. We also would be opening a permanent office in the Olanta area for the purpose of local residential and commercial solar installations as well as solar farm maintenance.

We also are in the process of starting up a separate installation/maintenance design/build company that will be fully woman owned and HUB Zone based. This company is intended to extend our operations well beyond the present incentive based renewable energy era.

We have located our business in the old Cottageville police station and are in the process of renovating the facility while in operation. We are planning a March or April grand opening and community low country boil and would love to have you attend.

As our Governor, the business minded economy growing boost that you have given to South Carolina has been our inspiration and drive to advance this technology to the next level and keep SC moving forward. We would be anticipating approximately 60 to 100 total additional jobs for the combined Olanta and Cottageville residents.

Thank you,



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