

June 23, 2015

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

We are writing to express our opinion that it's time for South Carolina to remove confederate flags from all state government buildings. In light of the recent massacre in Charleston, if ever there was a time to take action, the time is now. We applaud your commitment to doing the same and speaking out on this issue. I only hope more politicians will follow suit.

No doubt there are those that feel nothing but pride for the confederate flag. And I understand that. But the fact is, it is also used as a powerful and threatening symbol of white supremacy. Period. If anyone doesn't see that, then they live in a state of denial. Therefore it is inappropriate to have it flying above ANY state capital. There can be no disputing the fact that to raise the confederate flag is a threat to all African Americans. Given their unspeakable and shameful treatment throughout our country's history, continuing to raise the flag on government grounds represents a flagrant lack of sensitivity and understanding on the part of white america and our country's legislative body.

A good rule to live by is "what would Jesus do?" In a sea of politicians that like to flaunt their Christian religious dedication and devotion.....this insensitivity is a disgrace to the life and words of Jesus.

South Carolinians need to put their pride aside, see the bigger picture, and do the right thing.....remove the confederate flag from all state government buildings.

Sincerely,



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