

July 24, 2015

1113 Shoreview Drive  
Seneca, SC 29672

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I would like to applaud you for your courageous acts over the past few weeks. You have truly made the state of South Carolina proud. From your social media posts on that dreadful Wednesday evening in June, to the nationally televised interviews over the following days, you have continuously stood there with grace and courage leading a state – and a nation – in understanding what it really means to be a citizen of this great nation.

As a female engineer, I am continuously challenged with looking for role models. Even though women have been in the workplace for years, it still is quite challenging to overcome obstacles needed to succeed. I am always struggling with stating what I firmly believe out of fear that I might come across as a “not so nice” woman. That day you became my role model.

Over the past few weeks, you have shown me what it takes to be a true leader. You proved that I really can do anything despite any roadblocks. One of my favorite books, *Lean In* by Sheryl Sandberg, encourages women to constantly ask the question “what would you do if you weren’t afraid?” Standing in front of all those reporters, you did something that many people have been afraid of doing for years. You stood up for what you firmly felt was the right thing to do without being afraid of its repercussions. Like a great leader, you were able to bring both sides together for one common goal – doing what was right for the wonderful state of South Carolina.

I know it wasn’t easy. I know you have had to endure many hurtful comments from both sides. I want you to know that my family and I have been praying for you every step of the way. I have used you as an example to my 12 year old daughter that is getting ready to head into the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I want her to see that with hard work you can accomplish your goals – and help mankind in the process.

May God be with you and your family as you continue to lead us....because of you it truly is a “great day in South Carolina!”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katherine Scales Crouse". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'K'.

Katherine Scales Crouse  
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