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Dear Governor Haley,

My son, Jonathan Thorne, is five years old and attends Riverwalk Academy. He is in kindergarten. They have a strong focus on project based learning and their first project of the year was titled "We Built Our City." The entire class took part in building a floor model of a city. They made roads, train tracks, cars, street signs, trees, hospitals, grocery stores, town halls, etc. Jonathan's building was the city hall and there was a picture of his face in the window.

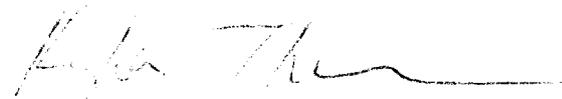
His grandmother thought it would be a great idea for us to take him to our city hall to meet our mayor. It turned out to be a great idea. Jonathan was so excited to meet our city mayor. While we were in the mayor's office, Mayor Echols showed Jonathan a picture that he took with you and one that he took with President Obama. When my son saw the pictures, he asked us if he could meet the both of you, too.

Do you think it would be possible for you to meet Jonathan for about fifteen minutes or so and tell him about the things that you do for our state? He would be so happy to meet with you and I would be so grateful.

It is so important to me and my husband that our children understand knowledge is power. We don't only want them to learn at school, but we also want to make sure that we partake in developing their minds academically and spiritually as much as we possibly can at home.

I have enclosed two pictures for you to keep. One is Jonathan shaking Mayor Echols' hand and the other is him standing in front of Mayor Echols' picture of you and President Obama while Mayor Echols is telling him about the pictures.

Thanks so much for considering my son's request to meet you!



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