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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

We first want to congratulate you in your second term of office in SC! We are so proud of you for being the very best governor for our state and for the great things that you have done for SC thus far! We have a major concern regarding SC DSS Adoption & Foster Care that we would like to inform you of.

We have been actively trying to adopt and foster in SC since 2012. We applied and filled out all the necessary forms and completed all the qualifications necessary to do so. We received our Adoption license in 2014; however, we have yet to receive our foster care license, which Union County DSS has been working on since May 2014. I think a 2 year process is entirely too long, when the adoptive parents have completed everything required of them. I think DSS is slow, unprofessional, and does not realize the impact this has on the children who desperately want forever families!

Saying this, we feel DSS offices in SC need to be held accountable to a higher standard, since we the tax payers are paying their salaries! DSS is also very slow in processing inquiries we have made on potential adoptive children. We are outraged by the system here in SC! DSS is not effectively allowing SC residents to foster or adopt here!

We are hoping you can work on the DSS adoption/foster process here in SC and make it a great one!

Sincerely,

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