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Message:

Governor Haley,

My dream for a healthier rural South Carolina is not only my deepest desire as a Registered Nurse but offers a vision to the Governor's Office and the South Carolina Office of Rural Health. I would like to share this vision with you and your associates. I have a story to tell that is longer than would hold your interest in this letter.

I have been a nurse for nearly 30 years in South Carolina. This year in 2015, I will graduate as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-Family Nurse Practitioner.

When you ran for office, I recall a critical statement that you made regarding the importance of rural communities stating that your heart belonged to the rural areas. This is where my heart, hands, feet and mind have been for over 51 years, in the heart of rural SC. I have delivered health care to the sick and dying in our local emergency rooms for as long as I can remember. It is my goal to open a rural health clinic (RHC) in Fair Play, SC in Oconee County. This is an extremely poor and underserved area of SC where primary care providers have left the poor underinsured behind to open more lucrative practices.

My goal is not to get wealthy or retire early by any means. In fact, I offer my servitude to the people of our county. My heart does belong to the underserved, impoverished, underinsured, and forgotten in our rural communities and we share this vision.

I will graduate June 28, 2015 as a Family Nurse Practitioner. I am interested in opening an RHC with a mobile roaming clinic to serve the shut-ins in our county.

I need your help to make this dream a reality.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience,

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