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Message:

To all who work in the government for our state, I thank you all if you have the time to read my message. My name is Spencer Collins, a 21 year old student who attends Wofford College in Spartanburg South Carolina. As you know, we're all mourning over the 9 victims who were shot and killed in Charleston this week. It will be tough to overcome such a tragedy like this but through God's compassion and love, we can overcome every trial and tribulation in our lives. My main concern is to Nikki Haley and those who are already in consideration for the death penalty of Dylan Roof. As I assume that many of you have a Christian faith who work for the government of South Carolina (correct me if I'm wrong) the death penalty decision is the wrong answer. As Christians today, we endure many of the horrific things that happen in our society, but when tragedy strikes, we tend to forget our morals and teachings of Jesus. The argument I'm trying to make for you Mrs. Haley is that we must have a forgivable and loveable spirit in times like this. IF we really love God and love for Jesus, God will have his final say in this man's life. Jesus himself was killed by his own people... spit on, beaten and crucified, even when he lived a life of love and not of sin. As we read Jesus did not wish for those who mistreated him to be punished and die. He continued to love and allowed everyone to accept him so they can be heaven with our heavenly father. Everyone deserves a second chance. Dylan should face the consequences for spending his life in jail for his actions but as Godly people, shouldn't we believe that he'll have the opportunity to grow in Christ? We can't take that away. Isn't that our duty to live in a Christ-like manner? Simply ask yourself this... What would Jesus do in this situation? We can't lean on men's understanding but the way of Jesus. No one deserves to die. In anyway, i hope this message reaches to Mrs. Haley and hopefully you'll change your mind about the penalty for Dylan Roof so he can have a chance to see his way, his truth, and the light . I love you all and to everyone in Charleston, I'm very sorry that you have to endure much pain. you will overcome this tragic moment city of Charleston, I can promise you that. Psalms 30:5 - For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Stay strong Charleston,

Sincerely, Spencer Collins