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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
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Dear Governor Haley:

You have been duped by Senator Marco Rubio. I am a former resident of Florida, and have considerable knowledge about the senator. Please see the enclosure.

Semper Fi,

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award winning author

Enclosure

## SENATOR MARCO RUBIO

A president should be honest, truthful, have integrity, negotiating skills, and care equally about all Americans regardless of race, religion, sexual preference or political orientation. Though Rubio is a very polished believable orator, he has deceived, misled, lied, and skirted the law most of his adult life, oftentimes being exposed by the Miami, Tampa Bay, and Jacksonville, Florida newspapers.

In his most recent biography (which changes almost as often as the wind), since 2008 he started a new law firm and became an adjunct professor at Florida International University (FIU). I was an adjunct lecturer for Law Office Management at FIU and never heard of him then, his name does not appear in the current faculty phone book, nor is he teaching any classes this year. As for his law firm, I worked in the Florida legal field for over 20 years and neither I nor any of the hundreds of lawyers I associated with ever heard of Rubio's law firm. Rather, from 1997-2005 he was a local government lobbyist with the Ft. Lauderdale firm of Becker Poliakoff (they called him a coordinator/facilitator), he was a registered federal lobbyist from 2003-2005 (though he doesn't remember signing such a document), and has been Of Counsel with Broad & Cassel since 2004, in their governmental department (which means he sells influence and accessibility, better known as lobbying. Much of this occurred while Rubio has been serving as a U.S. senator. Sounds like a possible conflict of interest/dereliction of duty, or out and out fraud and influence peddling, which members of Congress should not be engaged in.

In the past he claimed his parents were forced to leave Cuba after Fidel Castro came into power, and that he was a Mariel Boatlift child. In truth, his parents left before Fidel came into power, and Marco was born in the United States 9 years after Mariel. Explaining away these lies, he simply said "it was the essence of my family story as to why they came to America". Actually, it is another example of how he tries to shade the truth to gain your favor.

Though he wasn't a good student living in Las Vegas, he immersed himself in the Mormon faith for years, only to inexplicably convert to Catholicism when the family moved to Florida. He claims he had a football scholarship to college, yet he bounced around four different colleges for years, and admits he wasn't good in football.

In debates Rubio repeatedly claims to have lived paycheck to paycheck, yet he never held a job until he became a politician four years after law school. During the first Republican debate in 2015, he said he had a \$100K student loan, though records show "someone" paid it off for him in 2012. Also in 2015, his Jacksonville house, jointly owned with David Rivera, was foreclosed on due to lack of mortgage payments. Rivera is under federal indictment for fraud, and possibly Rubio wanted out to avoid being implicated with Rivera. To qualify for his current \$550K home in an exclusive gated community next to the Trump National Doral Resort, Marco secretly and dishonestly got a Cuban friend and banker to loan him \$135K for the down payment. He said, with pride, he moved there to "be with my people". The community is 71% Cuban and 29% foreigners. Imagine how Ben Carson would be vilified if he lived in a Black community or Bernie Sanders lived in a Jewish community.

Rubio has railed against Cuba for years because the Castros are communists, and we shouldn't have anything to do with them, yet we continue to have relations with and do business with China and Russia. When we renewed diplomatic ties with Cuba last year, Rubio was rebuffed by hundreds of young Cubans living in Little Havana – Miami, because they had long wanted to visit the country of their heritage and do business with Cuba. Since then he has said little, if anything, to criticize Cuba. Having

visited Cuba twice, I suspect Rubio (he has never been to Cuba) would be surprised to know Fidel lives in a secret secluded location because of many assassination attempts, and has very little contact with his brother, Raul. Rubio would also be surprised all the pictures of Fidel, which used to adorn buildings and walls in every city, have long ago disappeared and been replaced by Che Guevara, who is now recognized and revered as the true hero of the revolution.

Senator Rubio has never been able to work with his senate colleagues, so how could he expect to accomplish anything as president? When the senate crafted an immigration bill, Senators McCain and Graham acknowledged they didn't let Rubio in the room when they voted on the bill. Being recognized with the worst voting record in the Senate, Rubio recently said the bills were unimportant, and he wasn't running for reelection anyway. Though not yet confirmed, there appears to have been a secret meeting with Senator Rand Paul involving \$250K, related to the results of the Indiana primary and being allowed to run for reelection in the Senate. How can Rubio shamelessly accept his \$174K salary plus benefits when he doesn't show up for work? Rubio not only lacks the moral character of the position he is seeking, he should be ashamed to ask for our vote. He epitomizes everything we say about a crooked politician.