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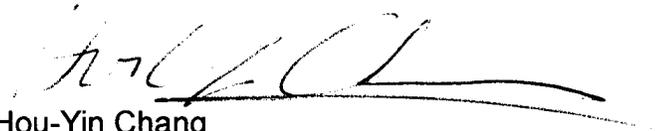
The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201-3756

Dear Gov. Haley:

I applaud and commend your consistent and principled defense of marriage that you have shown throughout your tenure as Governor of South Carolina. In the wake of the recent federal court decision erroneously ruling that South Carolina's law is unconstitutional, I would urge you and Attorney General Wilson to continue to uphold and defend the law as the people of South Carolina have determined it, and refuse to give way to a tyrannical and out-of-control judiciary in a matter so important.

Please use the full authority of your office to order County Clerks and other State officers to continue to refuse to issue marriage licenses that violate state law, especially pertaining to Sections 20-1-10 and 20-1-15 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, and Article XVII, Section 15 of the South Carolina Constitution. Please also continue to aggressively press your appeal of illegitimate federal court rulings seeking to strip South Carolina of its sovereign right to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The United States Supreme Court has never held that traditional marriage violates the US Constitution, and has noted in the *Windsor* case that states have historically regulated the definition of marriage. Please continue to insist that judges respect the decision of South Carolina voters to define marriage in law the way it exists in reality – the union of one man and one woman - and refuse to accept illegitimate rulings that attempt to decree otherwise.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hou-Yin Chang', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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