

November 5, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Nikki Haley:

Since the new arrival of the Harrisburg Elementary School our school, Indian Land Middle School, has become overpopulated. I am not sure but the sixth grade teachers may or may not get stressed out and I believe that some kids, more so sixth grade than any other grade, may not be getting the same amount of education as they should because so many people are in the classes. Some classes, mainly sixth-grade, has an excessive amount of kids and in the future more kids will come from Harrisburg Elementary adding to the school's population. Our parents fear that we would be kicked out of Indian Land Middle and be forced to go to one of the Lancaster schools which are over an hour away. Also, the Lancaster schools do not have as good of an education as ours does which is another reason why we do not want to attend there. I suggest that we could purchase and obtain more buses, which currently are overcrowded also, we could expand the school, or we could build another middle school nearby. To make money for those suggestions we could let people have put in donations to help. We could put boxes, that the donations would go in, in our schools, stores, and have flyers advertising them. This is not a major problem in SC, but it is one of the few that I have heard of and seen. It will not affect people in my grade or me, but it may affect kids in the future. I would be extremely happy if you were to help.

Sincerely,

Ceaira Kerr

Ceaira Kerr

Student

Indian Land Middle School

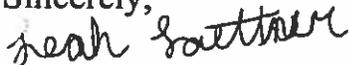
November 9, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Officer of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley,

I moved here to Indian Land about five years ago and even in that short amount of time the town has expanded so much. Many people are coming here which means that developers are building more neighborhoods and shopping malls. While I can see how this can help this small town, I don't see where all the animals are supposed to live. The more trees we cut down the less room animals have for habitats. I hear people complain about wild animals being in their backyards or on the streets, but where else are they supposed to go? Yes, there are still many acres of land here but eventually most of that is going to be developed also. I think we need more reservations or nature parks for the animals here in Indian Land. We have Andrew Jackson State Park but that is not enough. I don't think a wildlife reservation or nature park should cost too much but if something like that does go into effect it should be preserved from developers or anyone else ripping down the trees. I don't want to see the animals having their habitats ripped away from them. It would also benefit humans as we would have natural hiking trails and a place for families to gather. I want to see this town grow, but I don't want it to get to the point that it's too crowded. I also don't want to see the animals be left without any homes. Again, thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,



Leah Laettner
Student

Indian Land Middle School

November 7, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley,
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Honorable Nikki Haley:

I think a big problem Americans face nationwide is racial discrimination. Back in 2013, an African American man, Jonathan Farrell, was driving home from his fiance's house. Around 2:30am he ended up in a minor accident. Farrell went door to door (in a nearby Caucasian neighborhood) looking for help. Finally a lady opened the door for him and since he wasn't white she claimed Jonathan was a burglar. The lady shut the door on his face and called 911. Policeman Randall Kerrick showed up at the scene shooting innocent and unarmed Farrell 12 times. This act of violence was unnecessary and unfair to Jonathan and his family. These incidents happen more often with African Americans than Caucasian people.

Another issue involving racial discrimination is stereotyping Muslim people in America. A young girl wrote a poem about how American Muslims are looked down on because of 9/11 and accusing them of the terrorist groups they are involved in, and the way they dress. This is unfair to all innocent Muslims families who are being accused and insulted for things they know nothing about or are a part of.

In order to solve these discriminating actions, the government should include non-discriminating ads that show people how individuals feel when being picked on. Doing this might help citizens think twice before committing undesired actions. Another thing the leaders of U.S. can do is adding a mandatory class to all schools and colleges (nationwide) that explain the pros and cons of discrimination. Doing this will help students better understand how being prejudice to other people, have negative effects on our country. The government needs to pay for the advertisements and extra classes nationwide in order to create a positive effect among all.

I believe this nationwide problem can be solved if all citizens try to reach out and understand everyone's culture, religion and beliefs. Treat everyone like they would like to be treated and do not judge anyone before knowing the truth. Racial discrimination was a big problem 80 years ago. Although it has decreased since, there is still a lot more to do. I believe we can completely stop this issue if everyone can try to understand and appreciate each other regardless of their color, creed or religion.

Honorable Nikki Haley, I hope you take my idea into consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarina Ranjit

Indian Land Middle School

November 9th, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley,
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Nikki Haley:

As a concerned citizen of the growing Lancaster County population, there is one BIG problem I would like to address, which is our public transportation. This affected my family personally when my grandmother was offered jobs at multiple establishments and was not able to accept the job offer due to lack of transportation. Her only means of transportation is my mother who has a full time job. My grandmother's schedule didn't correspond with my mother's schedule, so she had to give up the job. At age 64 it is very hard for my grandmother to find a job so she was extremely happy to have finally found a job, but was disappointed when she found out that it didn't fit my mother's schedule. We should motivate and encourage our elders to take opportunities while staying physically and mentally active.

LARS transportation is the only means of transportation here in the Lancaster county, and are only for those who are eligible. The transportation system has a couple major flaws, for instance, due to their low budget, LARS can only transfer people for medical purposes. LARS needs to extend their services to business transportation also. The only day of the week when the LARS bus comes to Indian Land is on Friday and the working hours are 9am to 3pm. There are 4 other buisness days to accommodate for. Working hours are usually much earlier than 9am and later than 3pm, so I think that the transportation bus hours should be extended to around 5am to 11pm, which is a reasonable time. The LARS transportation system doesn't work on the holidays which includes, New Year's Day , Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Easter Friday, Easter Monday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Christmas Eve. Some people are required to work on some of those days but don't have any means transportation. So in conclusion, I hope you consider these ideas pertaining to the problems of public transportation.

In advance I would like to thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Keanu Karim
Student

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keanu Karim". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Indian Land Middle School

November 9, 2015

The Honorable Niki Haley
Office of the governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear The Honorable Niki Haley

I wrote this letter to inform you about a few problems in Indian Land and suggest a few solutions. The first problem I want to address is overdevelopment. Some downsides of overdevelopment I could come up with were increased traffic, pollution, and overpopulation. If Indian Land keeps developing it will need things like stop lights and wider roads. A way to maybe slow down the development of Indian Land is to divide it into different building sectors, and limit the amount of buildings being built in each sector. Another problem in Indian Land is the amount of students in schools. With the addition of new jobs and living spaces schools either need to be expanded or created. The schools we currently have are becoming crowded which makes it difficult for teachers to help individual students. I also think it would be helpful to create another set of schools (elementary, middle, and high school) to help decrease the amount of students already in Indian Land schools. When there are too many kids in certain grades negative things can occur. For example my brother's 6th grade field trip had to be

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Dear Governor Haley,

In Indian Land, South Carolina, more and more neighborhoods are being built. With the increasing number of neighborhoods, there will be more and more children coming into the schools. Our schools are already crowded. The additional students from more neighborhoods will cause problems and safety issues in the schools.

We have two elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. One of the elementary schools has only been open for two years and it is already at full capacity with some students in mobile units. The school district is expanding the middle school this year. With the increasing population, we should go ahead and expand the high school and make plans to build another high school and middle school.

At the beginning of this school year, our school, Indian Land Middle School, did not have enough room for all the sixth graders. There were students sitting in the hallway eating lunch and that is unacceptable. There are thirty students in all of our classes. That seems fine until you actually think about it the amount of space needed and the amount of time the teacher can spend with students needing help. In Art class, we have thirty students and we have no room to work. There is very little space for us to work on our projects. The school's Science Lab had to be turned into a classroom. This is not acceptable since we have to dissect things for the class. We are having to do that in our regular classroom that doesn't have all the equipment a lab needs. Plus, this makes our class room smell horrible.

Additional students also cause problems outside of the classrooms. With more students coming into the school, that means more students are riding the bus. On a normal day we are usually sitting three to a seat. We usually have more than one bus not running, so we have students from those buses split onto other buses. Then we have way too many students on the bus, which is not safe at all.

All of these things are happening because there are too many students in the school now. This problem is going to keep getting worse with more and more neighborhoods being built in Indian Land. No more neighborhoods need to be built until we build more schools and fix the crowding and safety issues fixed. Our government should not allow more neighborhoods to be built until we have enough space for the students we have now and the additional students that will come when the new neighborhoods are complete.

Sincerely,

Chrissy Thompson

Chrissy Thompson

Student

Indian Land

November 6, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

To The Honorable Nikki Haley:

As an eighth grade student at Indian Land Middle School, I have noticed that the amount of students in our school system is growing rapidly. The amount of students is increasing annually and our schools are very close to reaching their capacities, if they have not already reached capacity.

Since I live directly across the street from Harrisburg Elementary School, I have seen firsthand how many cars drive through the carpool and how many students pour out of the buses every morning. In only its second year open Harrisburg Elementary School is at its full capacity, already having to add multiple mobiles. When Harrisburg opened two years ago, many students that attended Indian Land Elementary School transferred to Harrisburg because of convenience, especially students of residence in the neighborhood of Bridgehampton. The transfer of so many students leaves Indian Land with much more room than it had prior to the opening of Harrisburg Elementary, which allows for more students to be transferred to Indian Land. In addition to the increased population of schools, new developments are being built to allow for the increasing population. These new developments could be rezoned, granting families with children that move into these developments the opportunity to attend Indian Land Elementary instead of Harrisburg.

Although rezoning these new developments may cause some of these new students to be separated from their friends, it may also save some of the money that would have been used to add additional classrooms or mobiles and buy extra supplies for Harrisburg.

Sincerely,

Blakely Hardin

Blakely Hardin
Student

Indian Land Middle School

November 8, 2015

**Governor Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201**

Dear Governor Haley,

I have been noticing lately that when I am riding down the road in various areas of South Carolina and look out the window I see that the roads have cracks and large potholes. So I wanted to report to you that we need our roads fixed in areas that we travel on and in neighborhoods. I have a second complaint that I sometimes encounter sometimes when someone is going to work or to an airport they are caught in traffic. This happens due to car crashes and sometimes people get fired when they are late. So I think we can expand the roads that we travel on.

With this idea of making roads wider more people would have less problems of being late in small lanes with long lines. I think the idea is good so we could make more people happy. But I know that you may think there may be some errors with this idea. You may think we are going to need more police on the lookout for criminals. Another is that they may have an easier escape to escapes the authorities.

I think we should fix our roads because every day our human race grows larger and there are more and more cars on the roads. Along with the roads we should also spend funds to fix the bridges because there are sometime potholes in the roads that we don't notice and if someone was going a bit fast and hit a pothole the car could crash and kill the driver. About one thousand and forty eight bridges are structurally deficient. Another fact is that about eight thousand and eighty five of the state's public roads are major roads and five percent are in poor condition. We spend one point billions of dollars a year in costs to motorists from driving on roads in need of repairs, which is three hundred and six dollars a year per motorist. If one person is spending that why are there so many issues with our public and state roads? Thank you for your time.

**Sincerely,
Vincent Arcudi
Student at Indian Land Middle School**

November 5, 2015

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Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I have noticed that overcrowding has been a big problem in our area. Lately, there has been more neighborhoods and more houses being built than ever before. The wildlife, that has always been so plentiful, has been disrupted by these housing developers tearing down our trees and building more houses. Another problem is traffic. Traffic has increased exponentially during the past 5 years. Also, Indian Land doesn't have enough emergency services to handle all this new development. We have no police station, minimum EMS and only volunteer fire services. Crime is becoming a real problem and it is putting a burden on the county that it is unable to carry. Overcrowding in schools has become an issue also. Although the division of the Indian Land Elementary School, with half going to Harrisburg, was an improvement. The middle school and the high school are still very crowded. I believe the county should stop issuing new housing permits and limit commercial ones. I feel we work on improving the roads, schools and services we already have. If we were to fix these problems then we would have a better living and learning environment. It would be a huge improvement for the future to stop overcrowding not only here but in other places of the world. If we would fix all of these problems, children would have a better learning space, people would live better, and wildlife would be better preserved. Most of these improvements could be paid for with a slight increase in taxes and making this community into a town that could have its own budget. This way we could keep our tax dollars in the community instead of most of it going to the county to pay for things in

other parts of the county. If we became our own town, we would have elected officials with our best interest at heart. We would be able to have our own police station, post office and other government offices. Maybe in a few years, after we have established ourselves as a town, we would be better equipped and could allow building permits to be issued again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jasmine Kitchen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "n".

Jasmine Kitchen

student

Indian Land Middle School

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am an eighth grade student at Indian Land Middle School in Lancaster county and I am writing this letter to you about a need for more extracurricular activities in Lancaster County schools. Currently our school does not offer a large variety of sports or performing arts extracurricular activities. The sports that are offered are basic, like boy's football, basketball, and baseball and girl's cheer, basketball, volleyball, and dance. Many sports such as golf, swimming, soccer, track, cross country, softball, and lacrosse are not offered at our middle school, and some are not offered at Indian Land High School.

There are also not any artistic/performing arts extracurricular activities, like drama club or photography club, offered at our school. Because of this, and the limited number of sports offered, many students do not have an opportunity to join extracurricular activities. Having more school activities for students to join would help them be more active in their everyday life. This is especially important due to the rising rate of childhood obesity. The childhood obesity rate went from 7% to 18% during 1980 to 2012. If students are not involved with after school activities they may have a tendency to go home and do unhealthy activities like watching TV or playing video games. The students perform these actions instead of physical activity such as exercise.

In order to increase the number of extracurricular activities, additional funding would be required to pay for additional coaches, transportation, and facilities. However, due the rising cost of healthcare, averaging 6 % increase every year, this would be money well spent. Compared to schools elsewhere in South Carolina and in nearby North Carolina, Lancaster County school students do not have the same opportunities to participate in these kinds of activities. Thank you for listening and I hope to hear back from you.

Sincerely,



Jackson Reeves

Student

Indian Land Middle School

November 10, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley

Office of the Governor

1205 Pendleton Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I'm complaining about how South Carolina's community is being built so quickly. I think that we should stop the growing of South Carolina but also keep growing with the jobs such as gas stations, restaurants, fast food, etc. I believe that if South Carolina is starting to grow more and more then we should stop cutting down so many trees because we need to protect our nature. This includes animals, fish in ponds, and all the trees that animals might live in.

The reason why we should slow down the growing of South Carolina is because too many trees are being cut down and are used for buildings, and houses. We don't need too many houses or buildings in South Carolina because if we build more houses then we need more schools and more schools causes more traffic. This leads to more angry people not getting to work on time, which risks the sake of their job. If the people lose their jobs then they would have to find different jobs to work at and probably won't be able to sit in traffic because of how much the community growing because of these issues.

In conclusion I believe that South Carolina continues to grow at the rate it is now, it will cause problems in the community. Problems like the loss for trees for the animals, too many buildings which causes lots of traffic.

Sincerely,

Bryнна Goss

Student

Indian land Middle School

Nicolas Dyer

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October 9, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley

Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Ms. Haley,

South Carolina is advancing fast, and is very rapidly changing from a rural to an urban state. There have been many new businesses, which I admit, is good for the economy, but maybe the state should pause, and focus on the infrastructure of many of our public schools which are in need of repairs. The population growth in some of our cities is among the fastest in the nation. Attention should be given to the capability of the schools being able to match this rapid growth.

I attend Indian Land Middle School which was built in 1980, and it is in need of some upgrades to meet the needs of the students. I am not saying it has to be a five star hotel, but it just needs to be where children can be prepared to compete fairly on any platform. Our schools need to provide laptops or tablets for students because many of our homework and assignments need to be done online. What happens to students who do not have access to these devices at home?

The transportation issue has gotten worse and needs to be addressed. The buses break down frequently, and when this happens, children have to ride another bus which is very overcrowded, and there is barely any room to walk or sit. I find this very aggravating and inconvenient and hope that new buses can be purchased to help alleviate the problem.

The food been served in the cafeteria is okay, but on a few occasions I have found mold on the ham and cheese sandwich which I find unsettling. Did not the government say something about keeping children healthy by providing them with healthy meals? How can children be expected to do their best when they are not given healthy meals? Parents work very hard, and they expect a certain level of care to be given to the preparation of students' meals.

Another concern I would like to address is, some of the boy's bathrooms do not have individual stalls, therefore, the boys have to go in one at a time which causes them to be late for class, and this sometime results in in us getting detention.

Your prompt attention to these issues will be highly appreciated, and thank you for all you do for our state.

Sincerely,

Nicolas Dyer

Student

Indian Land Middle School

November 19th, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley

Office of the Governor

1205 Pendleton Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing this letter to talk about growth in Indian Land SC. Indian land is growing like crazy. There is becoming more jobs. Due to all the buildings that are being built. More and more people are moving to Indian Land. Lots of homes are being built and lots stores are being built. I have been living in SC for four years so far. I used to live in Fort Mill. I was very close to Indian Land Schools and that is where I still go to school. Then I moved to Lancaster which is where I am living right now. But I am very close to Indian Land. I live on the outer part of Lancaster and very close to Indian Land. Indian Land is growing and the schools there do not have a lot room for all the students. That is why we are building mobiles because there is not enough room inside the schools. We should build another middle and high school. Another elementary school was built because Indian Land Elementary did not have enough room for all the kids at that school. All the kids in elementary school are going to middle school and all the kids in middle school are going to high school. We are going to need something for the schools or more schools in Indian Land because it is becoming bigger and growing here Indian Land.

Sincerely,

Logan Barbuscia
Logan Barbuscia

Student

Indian Land Middle School

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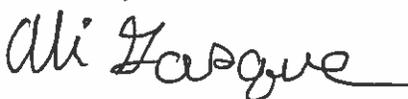
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

In Lancaster county lots of buildings are being tore down and then people build something new in their place. Why do we do that when we can just put a little bit of love and renovate the things in the building that need to be fixed? There are several buildings that are just going to waste sitting there like the old courthouse, the water building, and the old magistrate's office. The new places for those building are almost the same size so why would you switch? With the money that they use each year to make new buildings we could do something that would make an impact on the whole town. We could have a park that is not in a flood zone or even improve some of the playgrounds at schools.

I feel that people always give Lancaster a bad reputation because it's always called the bad or dirty town. If we started renovating buildings we would get more business and our town would look so much nicer. There are many vacant spaces on our main street and up town so if those buildings were full our town would not be considered one of those towns who people never want to go. Lancaster South Carolina will be clean and the history of the old buildings will live on forever because they are being used and not just sitting there with no use.

Sincerely,



Ali Gasque

Student

Governor Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

I am Gavin Jessup. I am an eighth grader from Indian Land Middle School. The reason I am writing this letter is because I don't think the teachers at Indian Land Middle School get paid enough. The average South Carolina teacher gets paid \$48,375. That's below the national average of \$56,103, which in my opinion is not enough either.

Teachers have to go to college for four years. Some are in debt for college and with a teacher's pay it will take forever to pay it off. New teachers start off making much less than the average pay. Several teachers have to work second jobs either after school or during the summer break. It can be hard on teachers because they have to grade papers and homework and make lesson plans and they have to stay up late getting them done.

I don't know how exactly the state will pay for this, but some suggestions are that you could make a small increase in personal taxes, or the sales tax, or perhaps look at ways the government may be over spending in other areas. I feel like we could find the money to pay the teachers more. If teachers were paid more it would attract more people to this career choice. It could also encourage current teachers into completing their master's degree. This will improve the quality of our education.

Thank you for reading my letter and considering these ideas.

Sincerely,



Gavin Jessup

LETTER

NOVEMBER 7, 2015

Governor: The Honorable Nikki Haley

Office of the Governor

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Columbia, SC 29201

Dear governor Nikki Haley: I would like to solve a problem in the economy of the Indian land district. The problem is that we need to expand Indian land because it is getting too crowded in the schools and the homes around are being sold so fast it is hard to keep up. We also need another school in the district for middle and high scholars. The middle and high schools are too crowded and too cramped. We have about 30 kids in every class room. I think that the school should be between Indian land and Lancaster for the kids that live toward that way. The school should be about the size of the ones in Indian land if not bigger. This would only help the schools though. So we should also put up more houses around Indian land, fort mill, rock hill, and also Lancaster for the people looking to move here. The population will get bigger and help the local stores get money and we can use the money for more houses and stores. If we improve this problem I think the population will be more successful and we will have a better community with the new schools and homes and the people can help by getting money for gas in which we can use the money for more covenant stores for more people to buy stuff.

Sincerely,

Raymond Eudy

Raymond Eudy
Indian land middle school

November 9, 2015

The honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the governor
1205 Pendleton street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Niki Haley,

My name is Jiquese Tinsley and I go to Indian Land Middle School. I have seen an issue that I would like to bring to your attention. The roads in South Carolina are very dangerous. South Carolina has some of the worst roads in the United States. Many people have been killed because of the roads.

The roads are in very bad condition because South Carolina does not spend the money needed to take care of our roads. They have potholes and chipped gravel pieces in them. Potholes and other conditions of the roads can ruin tires and mess up cars. People can run off the road because of the missing gravel.

A solution to this problem is that people should be charged more for gas. The extra money from the gas prices can be used to make the roads better. Gas prices in South Carolina are very cheap, so we could raise the prices by eighteen percent. This would save money in the end, because people wouldn't have to get their tires replaced, or their rims fixed.

I am asking that an act be passed to raise the gas prices. South Carolina's roads will be in better condition and be safer. They won't be as dangerous for people to drive. Thank you for all that you do for our state. I am grateful to have the honor of writing to you. I hope you will like my idea, and change the road conditions.

Sincerely,
Jiquese
Tinsley

November 8, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear governor Haley,

My community deals with poverty. Everywhere deals with poverty but I want our community to help more. This community needs to help more because I only see the churches helping the less fortunate but I want everyone to step in and help out with it. We all need to work together and help. Even if you aren't as wealthy as others you can still help out. Mrs. Haley can you help me make campaigns and fight starvation and poverty? I am very grateful for what I have and I want others to see that some have it worse. Making a small statement and joining together will change the world and we can try to do that. This may not even be that costly if you just have others join in and donate whatever they can. People could donate can foods, old clothes, vegetables from their garden, and more. You could make them warm for the first time since a long time. You could feed babies and children and people with a simple donation. Giving clothes could even get them a job and they could start providing for their families. Shouting out into the world and making a change could save us. No more poverty. After we start helping ourselves and making a change you could help others in different countries. Will you help me with that and start saving families? What if you didn't have air conditioning and heat in your home you would want someone to rescue you too.

Sincerely,



Jordan Hill

Student

Indian Land Middle School

LETTER

NOVEMBER 8, 2015

Governor: The Honorable Nikki Haley

Office of the Governor

1205 Pendleton Street

Columbia, SC 29201

Dear governor Nikki Haley: I would like to solve a problem in the economy of the Indian land and fort mill district. The problem is that we need to shorten Indian land and fort mill because it is getting too crowded in the schools and the homes around are being sold so fast it is hard to concentrate on my work with a lot of people around me. We also need another school in the district for middle and high scholars if this gets any more kids. The middle and high schools are too crowded and too cramped. We have about 25 kids in every class room. I think that there should be a new school be between Indian land and Lancaster for the kids that live toward that way. The school should be about the size of the ones in Indian land if not bigger.. So we should also make no more houses around Indian land, fort mill, rock hill, and also Lancaster for the population issue. The population will stay the same and help the local stores not lose their money and we can use the money for more gas. If we improve this problem I think the population will be more successful and we will have a better community with the new ideas and the people can help by getting money for gas in which we can use the money for more gas stores for more people to buy stuff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hayden Hictes".A printed name in a simple, sans-serif font that reads "Hayden Hictes".

November 5, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia SC, 29201

Dear Nikki Haley,

Indian Land South Carolina is my community. I would like to help out my community by suggesting some things that can help. There are many suggestions I have like our population is growing way too fast.

Our population is growing rapidly. Our community is way too small to be doing this. Everywhere you drive you see a gigantic neighborhood or a new neighborhood being built. You see thousands of strip malls also. But Indian Land only has two Elementary Schools, one Middle School, and one High School. Last year they had to build another Elementary School because there was so many kids attending the other elementary school. So they built another one but they have not built another Middle or High School. Also the Middle and High School buses are way over crowded. You almost have to sit three people to a seat to pretty much every single seat. Most kids do not want to move over to let another kid sit down either so they usually end up sitting in the middle of the isle.

To solve these problems you can first try to build another Middle or High School because Indian Land Schools get crowded each and every year. You can get that money by trying to start a fundraiser for kids education because they can not get it as well. Or you can hire someone to build more off of your original school to save money, like Indian Land Middle is currently towards Christmas. Second the buses. The Lancaster County can hire more bus drivers and get more buses to do so. If you do not have enough money, like before you can start a fundraiser to help. Also South Carolina does not have seat belts so someone who sits in the isle

can go flying forwards and that does not end well. I appreciate writing this letter and I thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marisa DeMarco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Marisa DeMarco
Student

Indian Land Middle School

Dear,
The Honorable Nikki Haley Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street Columbia, SC 29201

Sometimes I feel that we are doing so much to help our environment but it's the little things that we are not paying attention to. Sidewalks, we have so many crosswalks, and push buttons, but no sidewalks.. Yes, you might have to tax the people a little but more, but it's worth it. If you think about it with all of the schools and places being built around the schools, there are going to be so many people walking around.

One benefit of having sidewalks installed is the safety of the towns people. In Indian Land many people walk around. My school has a shopping center right in front of it. Kids every single day eat breakfast there every morning and end up having to walk in the cold, wet grass to get to school. Some of the high school students have jobs there and have to walk over during the day when the streets are busier. Especially with a lot of traffic from the middle school pick up and other high school pick ups.

Once we have more sidewalks then people will be more willing to actually walk around. Maybe the reason why you normally don't see many people walking around is because there is no place to walk. If we had sidewalks people would most likely walk around, visit more places, spend more money for our community, and even reduce gas usage. Overall I think sidewalks would be an amazing thing to have and would benefit our community so much.

Sincerely,
Macy Gillespie
Student
Indian Land Middle School

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Macy Gillespie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.