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Dear Governor Haley:

I appreciate your quick response to my letter dated October 15.

Our points of view on the confederate flag are different, and I think that you may have given the issue a “thumbs down” the way rulers in by-gone societies were known to do. Goldwater said that he would stand with the people and that if he and the people disagreed, he would stand on the side of liberty. I feel that it was profoundly disrespectful to the South’s heritage to have removed the flag due to media pressure.

Georgia didn’t remove her flag, and the media isn’t calling them racists. They have moved on.

The South is a Republican stronghold and efforts to diminish us, are efforts to diminish the cause of small government. Taking down the flag said to the masses, “Oops, large government supporters were right! That was, indeed, racism. Sorry!”

South Carolina is not filled with racists, yet most of us support the flag. When we elected you, race wasn’t an issue. You were a TEA Party candidate. We thought you would stand for us against the barrage of the media and the establishment GOP and the Left, which are sometimes viewed as all the same. You were small government, and wikipedia called you “libertarian.” We elected Tim Scott for the same reasons.

If we’re to believe that a small number of Muslims can’t bastardize a religion of peace, then one idiot with a gun shouldn’t be able to re-brand an entire geographical section of the country (that happens to vote Republican) as racists. Islam has its symbols, like the Koran, skull cap, burka, and hijab. Yet, we are told not to view those as symbols of hate.

Taking the flag down acknowledged that the flag was a symbol of hate and those that viewed it that way were exactly correct this whole time. But it wasn’t hateful or racist.

Ironically, the NAACP has ended their economic ban on the state, and all it took was a racist, crazy white man to kill nine black people. It’s an upside down world if a flag can insight a ban and a mass murder is reason to lift it.

Yours,

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