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West End, NC 27376  
6/22/2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendelton, St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Governor Haley,

I appreciate your efforts on removing the confederate flag from the state capitol. It is remembrance of how people suffered and are still suffering racial hatred. We should be past that now and everyone should get along.

The shooting at the church made me cry. It was so sad that people who were praying at the church were shot. Dillon Roof wrapped himself in a confederated flag of hatred.

I have been to South Carolina but don't feel comfortable there with the confederate flag, yes I saw it at the state capitol and was greatly distressed to see it so boldly displayed. I have seen the flag in other places on private property and have to think that they are living in the past.

We have more than enough problems in this country besides the color of your skin. We are all Americans and should stand for what principles our country promotes.

I lived in Germany and it is forbidden to display a Nazi flag anywhere or on anything.

The confederate flag has a place in a museum of the civil war.

Thank you for your push to have it removed. I hope that we can see it taken down soon.

Sincerely,

Cheryl [REDACTED]

Dear Governor Nikki Haley, June 23, 2015

Just a quick note to say that I fully support you in your position to remove the Confederate Battle Flag from the Statehouse grounds.

I do appreciate you in the economic gains you have helped to bring about in South Carolina.

I am proud of you as my Governor especially in the way you have handled the flag affair and racial matters.

I wish you could serve another term as Governor. I have dropped about you to others across the country.

With greatest respect  
and admiration

[Redacted Signature]

P.S. I hope you can tolerate my hand writing.

B. Luke [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Statesboro GA 30458 [REDACTED]

June 24, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley,

I write you today on the issue of the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the memorial near the state capitol building. I am sure you know full well the gravity of the situation you're in with its removal; being its ingrained value to not only the denizens of South Carolina, but also people all across the South which still call themselves Southern first and foremost even after all this time.

To some the flag is treason. To some it is hatred, and no different than a German swastika. To some it is just a relic of the past with no value. To others it is a flag important to our history. However, to many many others it is a flag of pride, of unity, of heritage, of our culture, of our people, and the flag of the land we will all always call home. I am one of the latter, and have always been. I am a Southerner, and I refuse to ever go by any other name, or claim any other land as my home, and like so many others, I refuse to give up that identity no matter what the rest of the US views me as because of it. That being said, I do so with a heavy heart support your decision for lowering the Southern Cross from the memorial.

To me, the Confederate flags will never be about hatred, but only the love of the place I call home. They used to inspire unity among Southerners, they were a regional treasure, and they were a source of pride, and symbolized the love of where we come from. The flags became so deeply rooted in our cultural identity, that even now we hold onto them under increasing pressure to lower them from both outside, and in. People like Dylan Roof, and those who use this once proud banner to symbolize hatred of their fellow man, have corrupted its meaning beyond repair.

Governor, you stand in a position to do something so great for not only Carolina, but the entire South as a whole. The banners which once united us now divide us, and poison our identity. We've always been different from the rest of the country and always will be, but it's time we adopted a new symbol for ourselves; one all southerners can rally behind and take pride in no matter what their political affiliation, creed, or race, but one that is just as Southern. If we can let go of the old south, and the antebellum wonderland, then maybe just maybe we can bring the south out of its dark age without sacrificing where we came from and who we are.

I know I am nobody, and I have my reservations that this will ever even find your eyes for you to read, However, this subject is one very dear to my heart and always has been. Something needs to fly over that memorial that is Southern. I beg you Governor, don't let that memorial to the men who died protecting this place, and their families, be the place that the South's identity is finally ground into the dirt. If the Old South has to die, then let the place it finally died be the birthplace of the new. Hoist not

the battle flag of the rebellion, but instead hoist a flag of peace and rebirth. Hoist a gray flag with a Southern Magnolia blossom, the flower of the south. South Carolina has it in it's power to usher in a new era for all the Dixie, same as it has done before. Let us not forget our sins, and neither let us deny them, but allow us to redeem ourselves in a new life, and never surrender who we are. Allow us to be proud of where we have our roots again. Let the South rise, not with the sword, but with the pen, Let the Southlands rise, not to show her wrath, but to show her charm.

Don't let the "New South" to be built by the machinations of those outside her, who have no love for her. let the South's second reconstruction be by Southern hands, and Southern Ideals. United with the rest of the Union, but retaining our own unique Identity. Let us take steps to winning, not the war we've long lost, but the right to claim that we found our place in this world, without losing that identity we cherish so much. Do as others have done, and replace the old banner with a new one to rally around together.. I'll say it once more in another way: **Not in the spirit of hatred, or division, but in unity, loyalty, brotherhood, and love— Let the South [finally] rise again!**

Yours truly, ma'am,

Luke [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

P.S. The reason I suggest a Southern Magnolia Blossom is because it is a flower native to the South, that grows just about everywhere down here, and has always been seen as a symbol of Southern Charm and Hospitality. I personally think it would be a well-accepted symbol to replace the flag of war, and doesn't carry the same negative history that Cotton could be claimed to have had with just reasoning. This, however, is just a suggestion for your consideration.





From: Janice [redacted]@me.com  
Subject: Letter to Gov. Haley  
Date: June 21, 2015 at 4:06 PM  
To:



Dear Governor Haley,

I was born, bred and educated through college in SC, spending 4 years as a page in the Legislative Council and now remain a frequent visitor and tourist with many remaining connections including a few who attended your prep school and university. Thus, I am writing today as someone who possibly cares as much if not more about the state as you do, though certainly in different ways.

I think that for you to continue to support allowing the Confederate flag to fly over the State House appears either delusional or spineless. Along with Sen. Graham, you clearly must have the power and influence to lead the state in removing this prominent symbol which long ago came to be equated with racists and especially racist rednecks. Those folks, along with the decent people who are attached to their history and heritage without feelings of superiority and/or malice, can display the flag in their own way if they must, as one of our constitutional freedoms. Even so, please take a stand in working with your fellow lawmakers to take that divisive flag down from the State House, which should belong to and represent all South Carolinians. It's hurtful to many of your citizens and just plain embarrassing to many others who aren't all able to empathize with those who feel the pain, but who still know it isn't right to fly it high and proud with disregard for fellow South Carolinians. Furthermore, this unfortunate decision serves to perpetuate feelings of anger, ill will and resentment. Do you and the SC legislature really want those lingering feelings in a 21st Century South Carolina or might you aspire for a meaningful legacy during your remaining term?

As I close, I read the following quote attributed to you following the recent tragedy in Charleston and in case you or your staff missed or ignored the New York Times coverage, afterwards I pasted just a few of the insightful and relevant early comments from readers across the US and world in response to your statement::

"We'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another," she said in a statement.

Robert S

South Carolina is all for people carrying guns. This is the result.

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DaveInNewYork Albany, NY 21 minutes ago

This quote from the governor is audacious: "...we'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another."

She so cleverly words it to sanitize it of the racial aspects of this crime, while as recently as last October she defended the flying of the confederate flag over her state house with "no CEO has complained."

Really, it is no so hard to connect the dots. I guess this crime, like that flag, is just another part of that "southern heritage" we hear so much about

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**Bystander**

"... we'll never understand what motivates anyone to enter one of our places of worship and take the life of another," the governor said "

Indulge me as I throw out a couple hypotheticals.

- Hysterical, paranoid gun culture enabled by states trying to outdo each other with permissiveness
- Hysterical, hate-mongering right-wing TV "news," talk show hosts, web sites
- Foaming-at-the-mouth incitements to racism
- Continued un- and underemployment

Most of these could be addressed by people of intelligence and good will. I wonder where we could find some

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**Kevin**

The plain fact is that we Americans live in a hyper-violent society. If events like this, not to mention a kindergarten massacre, do not lead to gun control, then nothing will.


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**Tom Brenner** New York · 21 years, 148 days

Another example of uncharitable growing racism in our country. What is next? Mass shooting in front of Capitol Hill? Somebody must take responsibility for social situation in the country and problem of racism. Also the 2nd Amendment and laws which regulate bearing arms in South Carolina raise many questions!

Gun laws must be toughened! Waiting for new mass nots and destruction of private property...

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**Robert**

We are an armed, divided, polarized country populated by 315,000,000 and it is reasonable to believe that one tenth of one percent, or more, of our residents are demented and capable of this kind of aberrant behavior. It's a wonder there are not more tragedies like this.

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**su** · 1 year, 1 day

It is a never ending story. Another person exercised his 2nd amendment rights. In USA the logic dictates that we shall overcome killings, and massacres together with owning millions of assault rifles and illegal guns.

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**Jay Casey** · 20 years, 11 months, 29 days

This is terrible. Guns are too easy to get. Hate doesn't need access to lethal tools. Condolences to the families.

*Sincerely,*



June 22, 2015

Dear Governor,

A few comments

1. I have immense respect for the congregation of AME Emanuel Church, especially Rev. Goff, and his message of peace.
2. Please work on getting the Confederate flag, taken down from public property, The Civil War was a tragedy in so many ways. The memory of that period should be smoothed over, not celebrated.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

resident of Wilmette Illinois

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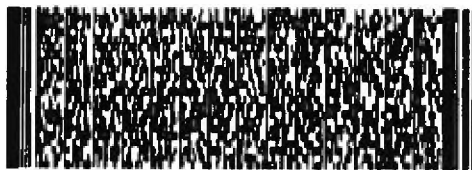
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June 24, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

On behalf of [REDACTED] and its 25,000 employees throughout the globe, I would like to add our voice to the growing chorus of Americans who thank you for your courageous efforts in calling for the Confederate flag to be taken down from the South Carolina Capitol grounds.

[REDACTED] has a long history and large presence in South Carolina. With two offices and over 350 employees, [REDACTED] looks to continue serving our clients and invest in the community. We applaud South Carolina's wonderful business climate, friendly communities and the welcoming atmosphere that has always made our employees and clients feel at home.

However, last week's horrendous events at Emanuel African Methodist (AME) Church have made it clear the Confederate flag has no place on South Carolina's Capitol grounds. It is now clear to everyone that the symbol represents much more than a memorial to a former way of life for some people. Any symbol that can perpetuate the unimaginable hate that inspired a murderer to commit last week's heinous atrocity is simply unacceptable to display on state grounds.

It is true that the removal of this flag will not erase the unspeakable tragedy that took place at AME Church nor will it prevent future generations from knowing what hate is. But it is a start. And if we can remove a symbol that has so often been used to divide this nation with violence and oppression, it will bring us one step closer to having people unite as one America under our shared flag, a flag that remains the brightest beacon of equality and hope the world has ever known.

Abraham Lincoln said "the best way to predict the future is to create it." In the tradition and spirit of our engineering and design firm that has been building complex and challenging projects for nearly 70 years, we are looking forward to seeing South Carolina begin building a new future of its own.

Thus, when the legislature convenes for an emergency session this summer to decide whether the flag should remain on state grounds, we hope that the General Assembly will make the right decision for all the people of South Carolina and honor your call to remove this painful symbol once and for all.

Thank you again for showing true leadership. I hope others will follow your example and show the world that South Carolina is stronger than the symbols that seek to divide it.

Sincerely,

  
Jacqueline C.   
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  


6/24/15-


Dear Madam Governor,

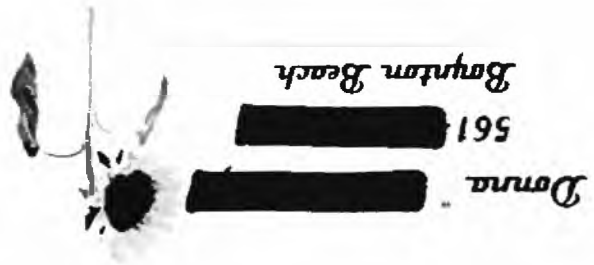
I found this flag a few years back on my morning walks on our beach.

I thought it would be a nice souvenir - but I never displayed it (as I was ashamed of its' history).

Well now it's time to get rid of it. maybe someone will have a big bonfire!!

My heart cries for the people in Charleston . . . . But you keep up the good work and bring the flag down -









June 24, 2015

[REDACTED]  
Easley, SC 29641

Governor Nikki Haley  
State House, 1st Floor  
PO Box 1773  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor:

The people of the state and especially of the Charleston area are mourning this senseless tragedy of the deaths of nine innocent, Christian people at the AME church. We must mourn their loss and comfort the families. Let's concentrate on them now. And then on the problems in this young man's life that he felt he should do this horrible thing.

The Confederate Memorial Flag did not cause this. Symbols can be used by many people in wrong ways. Whatever happens with the flag now will not prevent future tragedy in the same way that taking guns away from law abiding citizens will not prevent a person intent on evil from killing and hurting others.

**Please keep flying the flag** over the memorial to our brave Confederate dead. It honors all of our ancestors. The South suffered during and after the War Between the States....cities were burned, people were murdered, homes and lands were ransacked and laid to waste. The War Between the States was not fought simply because of slavery but resistance against a federal power that wanted to overthrow states' rights and constitutional liberties and over run and tear down our people.

The flag was flown during the Centennial on the Capital dome and should have been taken down afterwards; this I agree. However, a compromise was made. Our flag now flies above a historical monument to honor the brave soldiers, both Black and White, who fought in defense of their land. There is also on the Capitol grounds an African-American Memorial.

Where do the compromises end? Do we remove names of Confederate officers from roadways, cities, hospitals and educational buildings? Do we change the name of Clemson University? Do we destroy the monuments that are all around our state? We should not forget our history, the good and the bad. We should learn from it, but we cannot deny it.

Many of those who are attacking the flag are not native Carolinians and do not understand the pride we feel in the faithful men who defended our state. Don't allow those who are attacking the flag destroy the unity we in South Carolina have.

Sincerely,

Lorraine [REDACTED]

Dear Governor Haley:

There is a time for sympathy and love, and then there is a time for action. Americans have been threatened in their schools, their malls, their theaters, their workplaces, and now their churches. This was an act of terrorism. In response to the act of terrorism on 9/11/01, our lives forever changed to accommodate safety measures on planes, through our mail, and now through our email, phone calls, and texts. Nearly every aspect of our freedoms was scrutinized and balanced with these measures for our own safety.

What action will you take to not only demonstrate your support for South Carolina's black community, but to protect them? At the very least, remove the Confederate Flag of times gone by and embrace a new emblem of tolerance, equality, and safety for all. Then offer voluntary protection to all historically black organizations in the wake of this despicable hate crime. Finally, take measures to ensure that guns do not get welcomed into schools, churches, and workplaces. Crack down on gun laws: don't respond to fire with fire. That's letting the terrorist win - turning every sacred place into a war zone.

Show kindness, but more importantly - DO SOMETHING.

Respectfully,

Governor Nikki R Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina  
29201

June 24,2015

Dear Governor Haley,

I recently moved to Greenville, SC from Kentucky where I grew up on the north end of the lower Mississippi Delta. My Grandfather was a cotton farmer and I have an appreciation of the racial issues in the South and South Carolina.

I want to express my support for your news conference and the position you took relative to the tragic loss of lives in Charleston and the Confederate Flag. I appreciate the leadership you have shown.

I want to suggest that if someone should count votes in the General Assembly on the issue of removing the Flag and find that a sufficient majority is going to vote to remove the Flag, it would be in South Carolina's interest to have a unanimous vote on the issue. I know it is very unlikely but if it is going to pass how do you best represent South Carolina to the rest of the world. I would think it would be easier to recruit Companies to build new plants and provide more jobs in South Carolina if South Carolina shows it is a progressive state that is putting the racial problems of the past behind it. South Carolina is a poor state economically and its citizens need good jobs a great deal more than a relic of the past flying on State grounds.

Sincerely,

  
James W 

  
Greenville, SC 29605

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Deposit, NY 13754

June 21, 2015

Gov. Nikki Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

Along with millions of Americans, I was horrified and heartbroken when I learned of the recent senseless murder of nine members of the Mother Emanuel Church in Charleston by a young white racist terrorist.

I write to ask you to **TAKE DOWN THE CONFEDERATE FLAG** that flies in your state capitol!

One of your state legislators, Rep. Doug Brannon (R-Spartanburg County), told The Associated Press he believes it's time to remove the flag. **It's "not just a symbol of hate, it's actually a symbol of pride in one's hatred,"** he said. Mitt Romney has called for the removal of that symbol of hatred also.

A member of my family has scheduled a wedding in Charleston this fall which I was planning on attending. I will not be attending that wedding as I intend to boycott Charleston and South Carolina until you and your state legislators **TAKE DOWN THAT FLAG!**

**STOP THE HATRED NOW!**

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Melissa [REDACTED] Family

cc: SC Dept. of Tourism

June 23, 2015

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

We are writing to express our opinion that it's time for South Carolina to remove confederate flags from all state government buildings. In light of the recent massacre in Charleston, if ever there was a time to take action, the time is now. We applaud your commitment to doing the same and speaking out on this issue. I only hope more politicians will follow suit.

No doubt there are those that feel nothing but pride for the confederate flag. And I understand that. But the fact is, it is also used as a powerful and threatening symbol of white supremacy. Period. If anyone doesn't see that, then they live in a state of denial. Therefore it is inappropriate to have it flying above ANY state capital. There can be no disputing the fact that to raise the confederate flag is a threat to all African Americans. Given their unspeakable and shameful treatment throughout our country's history, continuing to raise the flag on government grounds represents a flagrant lack of sensitivity and understanding on the part of white america and our country's legislative body.

A good rule to live by is "what would Jesus do?" In a sea of politicians that like to flaunt their Christian religious dedication and devotion.....this insensitivity is a disgrace to the life and words of Jesus.

South Carolinians need to put their pride aside, see the bigger picture, and do the right thing.....remove the confederate flag from all state government buildings.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

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Ann [Redacted]

Steven [Redacted]

June 25, 2015

FROM:

Charles A. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Leavenworth, IN 47137

TO:

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

SUBJECT:

Your stand on the Confederate Flag

Dear Governor Haley,

I have to tell you I sorely disagree with the removal of the Confederate Flag from the official state position much like a disgraced dog being hidden away from view because a few people see it as a symbol of slavery. Slavery has been abolished more than 150 years ago. Why do they keep bringing it up?

I am a Hoosier and do not have a confederate Flag but I will get one now. The flag always seemed to me to be recognition of that southern Reb warrior that had that loud war cry that was and is today still respected for bravery and gallantry. It is smilingly repeated by young men during weekend parties for fun. Everyone knows what it is.

It is sad that you can not tolerate nor defend any opposite views especially when it is in front of the liars and race-baiters who have started demonstrating. America was always touted as a country of tolerance for disagreeing opinions. Is this quality going away? If it is we are all losers.

I have voted Republican most of my long life but you are giving me pause. Are you just trying to set the stage to run for President in the future? The parishioners at the AME church have expressed the most Christian view not you politicians who seem to just want public attention. You are starting to remind me of the Democrats who want to show they have real feelings for the down trodden and minorities. And it is all a sham.

Please rethink your support for this politically correct driven idea.

With kind regards,  
Sincerely

[REDACTED]

Charles A. [REDACTED]

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Louis Farrakhan stated "We need to put the American flag down. Because we've caught as much hell under that as the Confederate flag" in remarks before the Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, DC on Wednesday first reported by DC's

Farrakhan said, "White folks march with you because they don't want you upsetting the city, they don't give a damn about them nine."

He added that when the police took suspected shooter Dylann Roof to Burger King they were saying "You did a good job. Kill all them [bleep.]"

Later, he declared, "I don't know what the hell the fight is about over the Confederate flag. We need to put the American flag down. Because we've caught as much hell under that as the Confederate flag," comments that were meant with cheers and applause. He added, "Who are we fighting today? It's the people that carry the American flag."

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[REDACTED]  
Portland, OR 97229  
22 June 2015

Governor Nikki R. Haley  
~~1100 Germain St.~~ 1205 Pendleton St.  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I request that all Confederate flags be taken down from flag poles and put into museums or destroyed.

I am appalled that South Carolina has them flying. Flying even at full mast, this is a slap in the face to all Americans - especially the friends and families of the victims of the murders in Charleston.

Those flags represent the long ago history of the south. The civil war is long over. It is history. So are those flags, slavery and racism and hatred.

My husband & I are appalled that you as governor have NOT done the right thing by getting rid of those flags. Are you satisfied to not move on with the times and to not follow God's commandment to do unto others as you wish to be done to you?

Earl & I have decided to not only visit your state but tell all our friends to avoid your state. Sorry our tourist dollars will go elsewhere.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

Karen [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Palo Alto, CA 94304

June 19, 2015

South Carolina Office of the Governor  
Nikki R. Haley  
South Carolina State House, First Floor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

Borrowing the words of a recent petition issued by Daily Kos, I state my position on the issue of the confederate flag that flies on the grounds of the South Carolina statehouse in Columbia:

"The Confederate flag is a racist symbol that inflames racially motivated hate crimes like what we just saw happen in Charleston. South Carolina has been ridiculed for years by insisting the flag wave at the State Capitol, but after this tragedy it is well past time to remove it."

Considering the flag is a part of American history, I humbly suggest the flag be moved to a historical location where it can be viewed as such--a relic of the past, not a present day confirmation of a country divided by race.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this serious issue. I am confident you will act in the best interest of all of the people you represent.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Karen [REDACTED]

June 20, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley:

The South's proud traditions and history are being marred by hatred. The men who fought under the Confederate flag did so with ideals based on honest beliefs...not hatred for African Americans.

Today, the promoters of hatred use this symbol as a banner to identify themselves. They corrupt our youth with their carefully taught doctrines and maintain a culture that dishonors your ancestors.

The Confederate flag represents a time in history that pitted father against son and brother against brother, but only because they had deep convictions about what they believed in... and it was not hatred toward African Americans. Today too many in the South have used this history by distorting it and manipulating it to suit their goals. One consequence of their actions is the type of violence that we witnessed at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston.

Good folks in South Carolina who want to continue to believe that the flag represents good men, who died for a cause, should be appalled by its present use by hate groups who turn their young people into pitiable pawns.

It is time Governor Haley to put this flag in a museum along with other symbols of the Civil War so that folk who want to remember this time in history can do so with a better understanding of its significance.

It is time to stop celebrating HATE and what it produces in our society.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Henry [Redacted]

[Redacted Address Line]  
Bayside, NY 11361-2617

June 25, 2015

[REDACTED]  
Canton, OH 44721

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton St  
Columbia, S. C. 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing to you today because of last week's tragedy at Emanuel AME Church. As an American citizen and descendant of soldiers on the Union and Confederate side, I must insist that the Confederate flag on the State House lawn be removed. If your tears during your speech following the incident were real and your claim that the flag belongs in a museum are valid, please follow through on your actions.

The flag does belong in a museum as a symbol of the way things used to be. We, here in the North, hear about the new South. We'll if the South is new, how come blatant racism is still practiced in South Carolina? People in South Carolina pay their taxes, no matter what color they happen to be, and that money is used to care for the State House and its grounds. Can you imagine how people of color feel when they know they are paying for the maintenance and care that flag receives?

Yes, you can say that the flag represents state's rights and the right of the states to determine their economic policy, but how can any of you say that those rights included slavery and the economic system was aided by slave labor? It's amazing to me that people get incensed about human trafficking and not raise any eyebrow about the Confederate flag, which is a system of both.

Ma'am, you say that you can't do anything about removing the flag and your powers as governor do have limits, but you do have political influence. I know that you are a Republican, the party of Abraham Lincoln, why not use your party and political influence to work for justice and dignity for all?

Respectfully yours,

[REDACTED]  
Mary Anne [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

La Jolla, California 92037

June 26, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley

Obviously, I am not in your state, but what you have started, regarding the Confederate Flag, has its effect on everyone. Your haste, and perhaps fear, of blaming the flag for the horrific actions of crazed man, has created a witch hunt against the south. Had you, and your senators, not clamored for the removal of the flag, this gigantic, ugly snow ball would not be rolling. I assume you blamed the flag when you saw Roof holding it, and filled with fear of riots, etc, as in Maryland, you and the other cowards, made the decision to scrape your heritage by implying that the Confederate flag was to blame and advocating it's removal. I was proud of Lindsey Graham's sane response, until, he too, capitulated.

Of course, all the other states, not to be left out, or to be called "racist," joined the scared little herd. Then, this politically motivated witch hunt spread to the flag manufacturers, retailers and even to the Nation Park Service, who removed all Confederate souvenirs items. Will book burnings be next?

This madness is contrary to all American principles of democracy. Even if I wanted to buy a Confederate souvenir, I would not be able to. It is unbelievable! . Now, I suppose you, and the others, will be advocating the destruction of Civil War statues and changing street names. Where will it end and it's all on the shoulders of South Carolina's poor handling of a delicate and tragic situation..

You know that just because this demented killer was shown with a Confederate Flag, does not mean the flag is to blame. I have seen pictures of the KKK carrying the American Flag, shall we abolish it because it was misused.

It is sad, sick and deplorable what is happening to southern heritage and the rights of people to purchase items of Confederate history. Have you more respect for political agendas than for the heritage of the southern people, and, perhaps, yourself? Your policies, and haste, in blaming the flag have to carry the blame for this 21<sup>st</sup> century ravishing of southern culture and history..

Sincerely, /s/

[REDACTED]  
Mary [REDACTED]

James [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Alexander, Arkansas 72002  
June 24, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley  
Governor's Office  
South Carolina Statehouse  
Columbia, South Carolina

Governor Haley,

What you said concerning the Confederate flag according to our newspaper was just plain silly. Just what does a shooting of several negroes in Charleston have to do with the flag at the Columbia Statehouse? That issue was supposedly settled back in about 2000, or 2001. I came and marched in favor of keeping the flag on the dome.

My people came to this country at least by 1768, and just before the Revolutionary War we were in South Carolina, and fought in that war. John Eison, Sr. was granted a large grant of land in the Jonesville for his service. Before, during, and after the Civil War we were solidly Confederate, and some died in service. I feel I have a right to speak up, and do not appreciate attacks on the Confederate flag.

No, the young man should not have shot the negroes. Let the courts take care of that matter.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
James [REDACTED]

cc: Speaker  
South Carolina House of Representatives

JRE/jre

June 24, 2015

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

Your Excellency,

It is with a heavy heart that I write these words to you. It would do me great honor should you choose to give them your consideration.

Firstly, let me give you a short background of myself. I am a seventeen year old high school student from [REDACTED]. I will be enrolling in the fall at the University of South Carolina at Aiken, majoring in history. I am also currently studying to become a [REDACTED]. I have lived in South Carolina all of my life, and I am proud to own it as my State. My ancestors have lived in South Carolina since before the Revolution. At least ten of my ancestors fought for South Carolina and Georgia during the Southern War for Independence. It is with a sense of duty to their principles and to their memory that I write to you.

Secondly, allow me to give honor unto whom honor is due. I believe you to be one of the finest governors in our history. I reside in former Representative [REDACTED] district, and I appreciate your honoring him for his years of faithful service to our great and sovereign state. You also recently sent a letter to my home church, [REDACTED] in Clearwater, recognizing one of our World War II veterans. On another occasion, my girlfriend was present when you attended the ceremony at Bob Jones University when Steve Pettit was made president of that institution. All of these examples show me that you truly do care for the people of our fair State, and that you have our best interests at heart. It is quite refreshing to have someone in office who believes in serving their constituency. You have repeatedly vindicated my faith in you as a stateswoman of the highest caliber. I must also commend you for your actions of leadership and compassion during this tragic time of loss for our state.

This brings me to the topic that I wish to discuss. I join in mourning the loss of those nine souls who were killed in Charleston. I have not been silent in my prayers for their dear families. I was humbled and blessed to hear the families of the slain speak in such a kind Christian way to the murderer. This exemplifies the forgiveness which comes only by our Lord Jesus Christ. Truly these are people who live by the teachings of the Savior. I also join in the outcry for the execution of the wicked coward Roof. May the justice of the Almighty come swiftly upon him. I further hold him in contempt for the way he has misrepresented my sacred Confederate heritage.

This is the topic upon which I wish to elaborate the most. I appreciate you stating in your address to the people that he did not represent the true history of the Confederate Flag. I commend you for refusing to remove the Battle Flag of the Army of Northern Virginia from the State House grounds in years past. However, I must confess my disappointment, ma'am, at your choice to call for its removal now. I understand why you have chosen to take this course of action, but I must humbly submit to you that it must not be so. I feel as though my ancestors and the brave patriots which fought by their side have a right honest place in the memory of our people, and a right to be remembered by the flying of their banner over a memorial on the grounds of our State House. What they fought for was the true America, as the founders intended it to be. It is apparent that it takes only "four score and seven years" to forget the founding

principles of a nation. After the war, efforts to reeducate the Southern people succeeded in causing many of us to believe that we were wrong, and that it was good that the North had beaten us. In reality, it was an invasion of our homes, and an attack upon the rights of the State. The founders never intended for the federal government to have as much power as it now possesses. My ancestors fought so that we would not have to deal with many of the issues which plague our society today - issues brought about because of the expansion of federal authority.

Our State has a long history of taking a stand for the right. We were first to formally sever our ties with the British Crown at the onset of the Revolution and, when the federal government passed an oppressive tariff which was designed to bolster the Northern economy by restricting the rights of Southerners to buy goods from Europe, South Carolina fought to nullify the tyrannical law. When the right of the States to govern themselves in the way they decide was attacked by the federal government in 1860, South Carolina was the first to secede from the Union as it sought to impose its will upon her. It was also the only Southern State in which the delegates unanimously adopted secession. South Carolinians have always relentlessly taken a stand for traditional values. Let me assert that this attack on the Confederate Flag is not a plea for tolerance: it is an attack on traditions that many, and I believe most, South Carolinians hold dear. Our great and sovereign state should not kowtow to the vociferous demands of the perpetually offended. They are trying to erase all of the values for which the Confederacy stood by destroying our symbols and rewriting history. Their goal is to homogenize, to make us just like the rest of the Union. You said yourself that we did not react with rioting and looting, as in Baltimore and Ferguson, but rather with Christian love and unity. I humbly submit to you that this is precisely because we are not like the rest of the Union. Our history is part of what makes us different. If we become like the rest of the Union, we will see rioting and violence in our streets should another tragedy like this one occur. If you wish to preserve the uniqueness of our State, where courtesy (a hallmark of uniquely Southern culture) is king, then preserve our public symbols. Do not give in to the influence of those who hate the values that I know you and I live by. They are trying to destroy the very foundation, the very essence of what makes us who we are. This act of submission to the will of those who want to see the Red States crumble is very troubling. If I may be so plain, ma'am, it grieves me. Let us not say to our Confederate dead that they have no place in these modern times, that they are not worth remembering, that they merit no respect, and that what they died for is evil. It cheapens their sacrifice.

I want to see my beloved State take a stand once more. I want those patriot sons of Dixie to receive the honor due them. I want to see a governor who refuses to allow liberals to dictate how we do things in Carolina. I'll take my stand. Take a stand, I pray you, for the values and symbols which define us. We do not need to leave this part of our history behind. Thank you again for your consideration in this matter. May God richly bless you, your family, and the great and sovereign State of South Carolina.

Your Servant,

[Redacted Signature]

Zachary [Redacted]



MRS. ELIZABETH [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
SILVERDALE, WA 98383



OFFICE OF GOVERNOR NIKKI R. HALEY  
1205 PENDLETON STREET  
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I have some concerns about a few things I hope you can address. I just read where you have called for the removal of the Confederate Flag. A few things I hope you will consider. This flag has been around for over a hundred years yet now it is being blamed for a mass shooting. I think the Confederate Flag has many meanings one of which I never hear about. It is a symbol of a lost way of life. The victory of freedom for all over slavery. I am a Southerner by birth and proud of our history. The South was not all bad yet we hear "it was all about slavery". President Obama says we must not judge all Muslims by the acts of a few yet the entire culture of the South is blamed for slavery. The vast majority of people who lived in the South did not own slaves ;yet you do not hear about them. Many slaves and former slaves helped our entire nation for example Eli Whitney the inventor of the cotton gen.

I think this is an important issue because I believe removing the Confederate Flay will be the first step on a slippery slope. What happens when there are shooting on military bases because people hate the military. Will there be calls to remove their flags. Already the American flag is under attack and being removed from many places that I feel it should be flown. Will you stand up for the American flag to remain flying?

Finally, I feel that the Confederate flag had nothing to do with the church shooting. The young man in question did not own slaves he was hate filled and misguided as well as ill. Thank you for reading my letter and opinions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. [REDACTED]

360 [REDACTED]



Silverdale, WA 98383

WHAT DOES  
THE CONFEDERATE  
FLAG HAVE TO  
DO WITH THE  
CHURCH SHOOTINGS  
OR THE PRICE  
OF EGGS?

ABSOLUTELY  
NOTHING



Dear Governor Haley,

Thank you for all of your kindness and concern shown to the families of Emmanuel AME Church. And thank you for your efforts in removing the Confederate flag.... I think it is definitely time. Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

**DENNIS G.** [REDACTED]

PHONE (843) [REDACTED]

FAX (843) [REDACTED]

July 1, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley,

I wanted to write to you in support of removing the Confederate Flag from its current position at the State Capital Building. My family has lived continuously in South Carolina for many generations and I know in my heart that the overwhelming majority of southerners I know do not intend this tribute and historical symbol in the south to be one of pain and disrespect to the African American race, however it is. With that said, let's not miss this opportunity to take care of this longstanding problem that South Carolina has faced over the last several decades. It has always been said you should never waste a good crisis.

The despicable act that Dylan Roof perpetrated on those innocent people must somehow be turned into a cause for peace. His attempt was to create a race war and divide our state. He has done exactly the opposite. South Carolina has shown the nation how to handle crisis situations with the way the North Charleston police shooting of an African American man was handled by the local authorities and the way you and other elected officials and, of course, our law enforcement agencies have responded to the Dylan Roof murders. The African American community, in response to these two violent acts, did not march in the streets, burn our buildings and cause unrest to the citizens; instead they showed restraint, forgiveness and mercy. I have never been more proud to be a South Carolinian. Let's show them once and for all that every person that lives in South Carolina will be treated fairly and equally.

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Dennis G. [REDACTED]

June 25, 2015

Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing this letter to you for various reasons.

First, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and thanks to you for initially taking a firm stand for requesting for the removal of the Confederate flag after the tragic and senseless deaths of the "Emanuel Nine".

My heart ached when the American, and our State flags were at half mast, but the Confederate flag was and is still flying at Full mast.

But through your passion and decisive action, you have started a "chain reaction" among other Southern States as they are compelled to follow your leadership.

Governor Haley, thank you for your Leadership!

Secondly, I would like to make a humble request:

Whenever the killer of the "Emanuel Nine" trial is, please, please have his trial to be televised for all in Charleston, S.C. to witness as they may have closure.

Of course, you make the final, and ultimate decision.

This is only a request on my part.  
Lastly Governor Haley,  
you've mentioned something during the  
news conference that I didn't quite  
agree with.

While you had members of the S.C. Senate  
standing on your left, and on your right,  
you labeled yourself as a "minority".

Although I understood the intent,  
Ma'am, with all due respect, I disagree.  
Yes, you are an Indian American,  
but I do not see you as a minority at all.

Consider if you will,  
Everyone in South Carolina, even in the United States  
is afforded with the same opportunity to achieve  
success.

Yet it is the people who chooses to be complacent  
and just "make it in this world",  
and chose not to make something of themselves  
even as opportunities exists.

It is these people who should be considered  
as Minorities.

And Minority is not limited to any certain,  
or specific Ethnicity,



because under this classification,  
there are even some Caucasian Americans  
who would be considered as a Minority.

The Governor of South Carolina,  
Nikki Haley a Minority??

I don't think so.

GOD bless you Mum,  
thank you for everything that you have done.  
I hope to hear from you soon.

Have a Blessed Day!! Be Encouraged!!

Respectfully,

Larry [REDACTED]

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
South Carolina State House, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
1205 Pendleton St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Gov. Haley:

I am writing to express my deep distress that you have reversed your Confederate flag stance.

You yourself have stated that the flag is not an emblem of hate, and that it does not impede economic advancement or good will among all South Carolinians. To say that the flag represents slavery and oppression frankly is historically wrong; its basis is *the issue of states' rights*.

Otherwise, how do you explain the ownership of slaves in Northern states? How to explain that even some free blacks owned slaves?

While hate groups have appropriated the flag for evil use – and certainly this was the case for Dylann Roof – the answer is not to bow to a wrong consensus.

Because in fact, you are inviting the world to judge and decide for South Carolina. People who are not residents of this state, who likely could not find it on a map, and know little or nothing of South Carolina history should not have a say here. Political correctness is a shallow gesture, Governor. In bowing to uninformed popular opinion, you essentially said, “We’re taking it down because of the *perception* that the flag is bad.”

And that is a slippery slope indeed. When young people are taught that America is a “mean” country, and our President has made a signature of the global apology, what is next – taking down our nation’s flag in mea culpa? There is already precedent for allowing the flag of Mexico to fly over U.S. government buildings and schools. The University of California at Irvine removed a U.S. flag to spare illegal aliens “hurt feelings.” And now Louis Farrakhan is calling for America’s flag to be furled. Why would you encourage this trend?

As you set the stage to cleanse South Carolina history and culture, removing monuments and symbols, renaming buildings and streets, where does it stop? Do we raze Charleston’s historic sites lest there be offense? For that matter, should Washington, D.C., be renamed? After all, there were slaves at Mt. Vernon!

I appeal to you, think back to the reason in your previous statements. Let this matter be decided by South Carolinians, not by outsiders. At least let there be time for debate over the fact that Dylann Roof’s drugs were more to blame for the massacre than a flag he misappropriated.

In closing, let me say that I proudly voted for you. I have written to you expressing my gratitude that you are my Governor. However, I can no longer support you if you remove the flag. With all due respect, you will have lost my trust.

Sincerely,

Diana [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Ridgeway, SC 29130/(803) [REDACTED]

Dear Governor Haley,

6/21/15

The racial terrorist massacre in Charleston was fueled in part by the Confederate flag flying on the grounds of your State Capital.

The Confederate flag must come down!

Germany no longer allows the Nazi flag on government premises.

The Confederate Flag on the grounds of your State Capital leads some people to think that the war between the states and the races continues on into the present day. That flag helped feed the hatred and divisiveness that led to the terrorist massacre in that black church in Charleston. That flag must come down!

Whatever various meanings the Confederate flag might have had in the past, today it is a symbol of racism and murderous hatred.

Please take down the flag and show the racists that they did not and will not win, not yesterday, not today, not tomorrow.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Liane 

Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

**DENNIS G.** [REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Dennis G. [REDACTED]



Dear Spencer Wiley,

I took you for doing

the right thing. Maybe now

we can stop fighting

the Civil War. Oh, sure

Byron Ruff had no idea of

what he has set in motion.

We have much to be proud of

in our state just as we have

much to improve.

Your courage will be

long remembered. Sincerely,

6-23-15

Debbie [REDACTED]  
Sumter, SC 29150

June 23, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am a 58 year old white female that has lived and worked in the State of South Carolina for 53 years. I have never considered the Confederate Flag anything other than history for my state. That is what the flag has meant to me and many others. This is what we were taught in South Carolina history. I had great pride in knowing what my state represented and what this state endured. I am very disappointed about this flag issues but I knew in time you would have to buckle and give in. I remember when the flag was removed from the top of the State House where it was not near as visible as it is now. I also remember that the deal was if we put the flag on the Confederate Memorial on the State House grounds, we would also put a Martin Luther King Memorial as well. Since we are now leaning to remove this flag, and I am sure it will happen, I for one think we need to remove the Martin Luther King Memorial as well as we don't want any hate or ill feelings, especially before it creates an issue. Fifteen years ago, that was the deal. And leaving this statue on the grounds of the State House could send the wrong message and we don't want any more negative press. That memorial means nothing to me but that flag does. The statue has a place to go, the Martin Luther King Park, but the Confederate flag, part of our heritage and history, has no place left in this state to go to represent what this country was founded on and the many people who lost their lives protecting this state and country. You and I both know that this flag did not kill those nine people in Charleston but if we must accommodate a select few then we need to make it fair across the board to avoid sending the wrong message. You, at one time, felt very differently about this flag and what it meant to many people which greatly aided you in being elected as the Governor of this great state. I hate that it has come to the removal of the flag which has been so misunderstood and misrepresented by a group of people. Heritage and history are important factors too.

I hope you will consider this request, it is the right thing to do. If you are forced to give in to a select group, then show the other select group the same respect. We create unnecessary animosity when we strive to take care of only one side of a specific group and not considered the others. Let's keep it all fair to avoid ruffling any more feathers.

Please contact me at the above address. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Debbie [REDACTED]

June 25, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
State of South Carolina  
State Capitol Building  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

The whole state wept with you on the morning after the horrific shooting at the Emanuel AME Church as you tearfully and truthfully spoke these poignant words: "We wake up today, and the heart and soul of South Carolina is broken." A dark and ominous cloud had descended over the Palmetto State overnight.

More than 150 years ago, in the early morning of April 12, 1861,



Confederate troops opened fire on Fort Sumter in the harbor outside of Charleston, beginning the bombardment that initiated the bloodiest war in history. Some have called it "the second shot heard around the world." And on June 17, 2015, the forces of evil took aim at the heart and soul of South Carolina with a hideous plan of death and destruction, and the shots were heard around the world.

The messenger of hate entered the doors of the Emanuel A.M.E. Church where a small group of believers had gathered for prayer

and Bible study. With the love of Christ, they welcomed the stranger, and took the "outsider" in, and accepted him, and loved him. They gave him their best - breaking the bread of God's Word with him, and serving him the water of life. But hate resisted their love, and hate did what hate always does - steals, kills and destroys.

... but love never fails...

At last, the delivery boy of hate was captured and brought before a judge, and we looked into the "face" of evil, and we heard his "voice". But those

who had a "right" to hate chose  
instead to love. With quivering  
lips and hearts gripped by  
excruciating grief, the families  
of the victims spoke the shock-  
ing words that no one expected  
to hear — "I forgive you." We  
all wanted to hate, but with the  
families' example, we chose to  
love. We heard the trembling  
voice of love that forgives the  
worst even in the darkest depths  
of the valley of the shadow of death.  
The world heard...

... "love never fails..."

And the power of love drew

The broken-hearted from all over the state, and every nation, to bring cards, and flowers, and balloons to the church to celebrate the amazing love of those whose blood was shed and the amazing grace of the God they loved. And the streets were filled with worship and love, not the destruction and chaos that usually follows hate. And we were reminded once again...

... love never fails...

And what professionals, organizers and bureaucrats couldn't

coordinate with months of  
board meetings and back-slapping  
and backroom deals to bring  
people together, the spirit of  
love orchestrated in days as  
mourners across the state and  
nation linked arms and hearts  
on a "bridge over troubled water."  
And they sang together, and  
they prayed together, and they  
held each other. No one even  
noticed the color of their skin  
or the accent that they spoke  
with. And on news reports  
across the world, they expected  
to see protests and chants



for vengeance, but instead  
they came face to face with  
love poured out through tears,  
and sobs, and prayers. The  
world witnessed the power of  
love on a bridge in Charleston;  
they saw and heard...

...love never fails...

The acts of love whispered  
in countless unnoticed gentle  
acts of kindness...

... handing out bottles of water  
to those who came to grieve.

... a small child with a sign  
reading - "FREE HUGS", and many  
coming to receive them.

... family members of the victims responding to interviewers, not with words of division and retaliation, but with gracious words of reconciliation.

... a cleaning crew from MSJC volunteering to clean up the church after the shooting. "I took my team into the church and we did a blessing," one volunteer said. "We did what we do best." And they bent down in prayer and then bent down to clean up the blood. And we learned that acts of love are never insignificant, and  
"... love never fails..."

Governor Haley, on that tragic  
gloomy morning after hate shot  
through the heart of all  
South Carolinians, we all thought  
that the heart and soul of  
South Carolina was broken -  
but together, hand in hand,  
through this gruesome page  
in South Carolina's history, we  
have discovered that love never  
fails. The heart of South Carolina is

sent not broken.

Respectfully,





Gov Nikki HALLEY'S

DEAR Gov + THE CONFEDERATE FLAG IS  
A SYMBOL OF HISTORY. OF A GREAT WAR  
THAT DIVIDED OUR NATION. BETWEEN NORTH  
AND SOUTH

Upon WITH + THOUSANDS OF MEN BOTH  
NORTH + SOUTH DIED DEFENDING.  
THEIR BELIEFS.

EVEN ABRAHAM LINCOLN WAS NOT TOTALLY  
AGAINST SLAVERY. WHILE IT EXISTED  
BUT EXPANDING INTO NEW TERRITORIES  
GAINED FROM WAR WITH MEXICO AT  
THAT TIME IN 1847.

SHOULD A YOUNG DISORIENTED MAN  
MISGUIDED. WITH A GUN, WHO COMMITTED  
THIS CRIME AT THE AMC CHURCH, DESTROY  
A PART OF HISTORY. (150 YEARS AGO)

Upon WITH + THOUSANDS OF MEN BOTH  
NORTH + SOUTH DIED DEFENDING IN WAR.  
THE FLAG HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH  
WHAT HAPPENED AT THE CHURCH.

DID YOU KNOW WWII NAZI FLAG CAME  
FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN. AND WAS  
ADOPTED BY GERMANY AND MADE A SYM  
BOL OF HATE, AND MASS MURDER.

TODAY DO WE BLAME THE AMERICAN  
INDIAN, FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN GERMANY  
DURING WWII.

THE MAN WHO COMMITTED THIS CRIME  
WAS CAUGHT. AND PAY FOR THIS CRIME  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW IN COURT.

DON'T LET THIS DISORIENTED YOUNG MAN  
DESTROY A SYMBOL OF HISTORY. OVER

THE FLAG ITSELF HAD NOTHING  
TO DO WITH THE CRIMES COMMITTED AT THE  
AMC EMBROID.

NO MORE THAN THE NAZI FLAG TAKEN FROM  
AMERICAN INDIAN. DURING THE 1930<sup>TH</sup>  
WITH CRIMES COMMITTED DURING WWII

THE CONFEDERATE FLAG IS A SYMBOL OF  
HISTORY LET IT STAND. HONORING  
OUR NATION'S HISTORY. AND ALL THE MEN  
WHO DIED IN THE CIVIL WAR BOTH NORTH  
AND SOUTH.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Barrington NJ 08007

PS

1863 AT GETTYSBURG ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
DEDICATED THE BATTLEFIELD, HONORING  
SOLDIERS BOTH NORTH + SOUTH

ROGER S. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
STEVENSVILLE, MD 21666

June 26, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor  
The State of North Carolina  
State House- 1100 Gervais Street  
Charleston, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I am writing to express tremendous appreciation for your public leadership example re standing for removing the Confederate flag from the State House grounds.

It is very unlikely you ever saw my letter to you with copies to Hugh Leatherman and Jay Lucas encouraging this. However, I've attached it because I think it reflects the sentiments of millions and millions of people in the U.S. and around the world who sensitive to history, support positive cultural change, and are very disturbed by intolerance regardless of the source.

So, please add me to the chorus of folk supporting your political leadership here. If my original letter is helpful to you in any way please use it.

Congratulations and thank you,

[REDACTED]  
Roger S. [REDACTED]

ROGER S. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
STEVENSVILLE, MD 21666

June 21, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor  
The State of South Carolina  
State House - 1100 Gervais St.  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Please help me understand why in the world you would not take a clear decisive leadership stance urging removal of the Confederate Flag from the grounds of the State House? I am assuming in South Carolina the State House is public not private property.

Why is this complicated for you? Why in the aftermath of the church killings would you not want to do this now even if you have not stepped forward before on this issue- and I apologize if you have and I am uninformed? What is stopping you? What am I missing?

Would you please articulate for the public benefit the difference say between the lens of a Jewish person having a Nazi flag hung on the grounds of a South Carolina Court House or an African-American having the Confederate Flag hung in a public space in your state, museums excepted. If one peels back the onion, is there really much difference between Hitler's view of the Jews and the Confederacy's view of black men, woman, and children as their human property?

This is an opportunity to step forward and take a REAL LEADERSHIP position that will make you, your children and theirs PROUD. In retrospect this - unlike asking you to cure cancer; rejuvenate America's middle class, or figure out what our country should be doing in the Middle East today- should be a heart felt "no-brainer".

I look forward to your response,

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Roger S. [REDACTED]

C: The Honorable Hugh K. Leatherman, Sr., President Pro Tempore, South Carolina Senate  
The Honorable Jay Lucas, Speaker, South Carolina House

[REDACTED]  
Ottawa, Ontario,

[REDACTED]  
Canada,  
June 24, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley,  
State House,  
1100 Gervais Street,  
Columbia, SC  
USA

Dear Governor Haley:

Along with many others, I was both shocked by the recent killings of the citizens of your state at the Emanuel Church in Charleston and comforted by the compassionate response from people around the world.

My wife and I recall our wonderful visit to Charleston some years ago and remember the Fort Sumter area and the historical visits of both Washington and Lafayette to the city. I recall that a search was then underway for the first operational submarine.

The discussion about the flag of the Confederacy reminded me of a visit to Florida by my sister and her children. She purchased a Confederate flag for one of her sons. The clerk told her that people from the northern states referred to it as the rebel flag. I grew up in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 1863, a cousin of my grandmother, a harbour pilot, guided the Confederate ship, The Tallahassee, through the harbour narrows and avoided two Union gunboats stationed outside the harbour.

The skipper of the Tallahassee was Captain Taylor whose grandfather was President Taylor. He was also related to Mr. Jefferson Davis. After the war, Captain Taylor returned to Halifax and became a leading citizen and business figure in Halifax, passing away in that city in 1907.

I noticed during the service at the Emanuel Church that many in the Congregation were sweltering from the heat. Perhaps a collection could be taken up so that the church might be air- conditioned.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

W.J. [REDACTED]

**Thanna and Walter** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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June 27, 2015

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

RE: Flag

Dear Governor Haley:

My wife and I were thrilled by your courageous leadership toward removal of the Confederate battle flag from the South Carolina state capitol grounds.

As white southerners, we have for years associated that flag, wherever encountered, as a disturbing and aggressive symbol whose display we were helpless to limit.

It is particularly gratifying to us as registered Democrats that you have overnight transformed an ugly divisive issue into a promising nationwide bipartisan project.

I agree with my wife's opinion that it "took a woman" to get this long-neglected job done. Perhaps it will take a woman to tackle the other ugly divisive issue (guns) that again emerged with the Mother Emanuel AME Church massacre.

Our best wishes for success in your efforts.

Gratefully,

[REDACTED]  
Walter [REDACTED]

June 29, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley:

I am Randolph [REDACTED] of Myrtle Beach, SC. I am writing you concerning the current events in our state, namely; the murder of 9 of our Christian Brothers and Sisters in Charleston plus the proposed removal of the Confederate Battle Flag at our statehouse in Columbia.

First, I am a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Many of my ancestors served the Southern Confederacy, many killed in battle, one dying in a Northern prison camp in Chicago, Illinois named Camp Douglas.

For many years I have been a supporter of keeping the flag in place on statehouse grounds.

However the murder of the Rev. Clementa Pinckney along with 8 other of my Christian Brothers and Sisters changed my heart. This one horrific event has caused me much sadness, plus much needed reflection and prayer.

As a member of the [REDACTED] Church of the [REDACTED] near Surfside Beach my first allegiance is to our God and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My Christian duty requires me to call for the removal of the Confederate Battle Flag from statehouse grounds to a place of respect. I support your call



to do the same.

At age 63 I am but a common man that cannot tolerate to see 9 of my Christian Brothers and Sisters harmed in any manner. I have asked God for his guidance and grace as I pen this letter.

I pray for the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston and all her membership. I pray for healing in our state. I pray for all residents of this state great and small, for an extra helping of God's healing Grace.

May God Bless you as well as your entire family.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Randolph [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

Ville Platte La. 70586

June 29 2015

Dear Gov. Haley

I felt Compelled to write you about how I admire the people of Charleston. I wish if ever a tragedy should touch my heart I can be as forgiving, loving and kind hearted.

This tragedy brought my community of all religions in prayer on our courthouse square. I felt God's presence and love.

Politicians have used this tragedy to benefit their agenda. They should learn from the families of Charleston.

As far as the removal of the flag, this will cause a tsunami - Removal of religious flag, American flag monuments, etc. All these things are history.

Ever hear of the saying "the south will rise again," well

I say to that is "The South  
will rise again to say the  
war is over. a good thing  
happened."

I'm seventy one years of age,  
my time is almost out but not  
my children and grands. I've  
lost respect for the supreme court,  
government and many politicians  
The Supreme Court members interpret  
the laws to benefit themselves  
and not our constitutional  
rights. Government and elected  
officials are becoming richer  
in wealth not integrity.

Before you judge me, I'm  
a practicing Catholic, faithful  
voter, taxpayer, grounded  
and provided for my children  
paid my way and love  
my God, Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph -

Hope you don't judge me as  
racist, mentally ill, out of line  
ignorant or down right unAmerican  
Prayers

Kim [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The Woodlands, TX 77380

June 19, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley:

I am deeply saddened by the murders at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church. What I cannot understand, however, is that a State would endorse the presence of a Confederate Flag at a State site, indicating to most reasonable people who observe that flag, that it is the States endorsement of the oppression and racism for which the Confederacy unashamedly stood. Demanding the death penalty for Roof is just words, whereas the act of visibly removing what is widely seen as endorsement of racism which is at the heart of the hatred expressed by Roof, would be a more effective and sincere act indicating that racism is not endorsed nor tolerated.

You have a pulpit on which to unequivocally state your own intolerance for racism. Whether or not you choose to actively use that pulpit will make known to all your conviction on this issue.

We need to heal South Carolina and heal the Nation. South Carolina would be recognized as leading in removing the symbols of inequality and in looking forward to a proud nation of equality, inclusion and opportunity for all.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Kim [REDACTED]



[REDACTED]  
Henrico, VA 23233-2426

28 June 2015

Governor Nikki Haley  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201-3756

Dear Governor Haley:

All honorable people are justifiably upset and saddened by the horrible murders which recently took place in Charleston.

To imply that the murderer's picture with the Confederate battle flag makes the flag unfit to be used in other situations is akin to the Cold War assertion that the United States and the Soviet Union were morally equivalent.

Confining the battle flag to museums and private property would be intolerant and unworthy. The enclosed picture is from Elmira, NY, site of an awful Union prison camp in which many Confederate soldiers died, including the great grandfather of my best friend. Before his untimely death in 2003 my friend visited his ancestor's grave site and was most appreciative of the Confederate flag flying there.

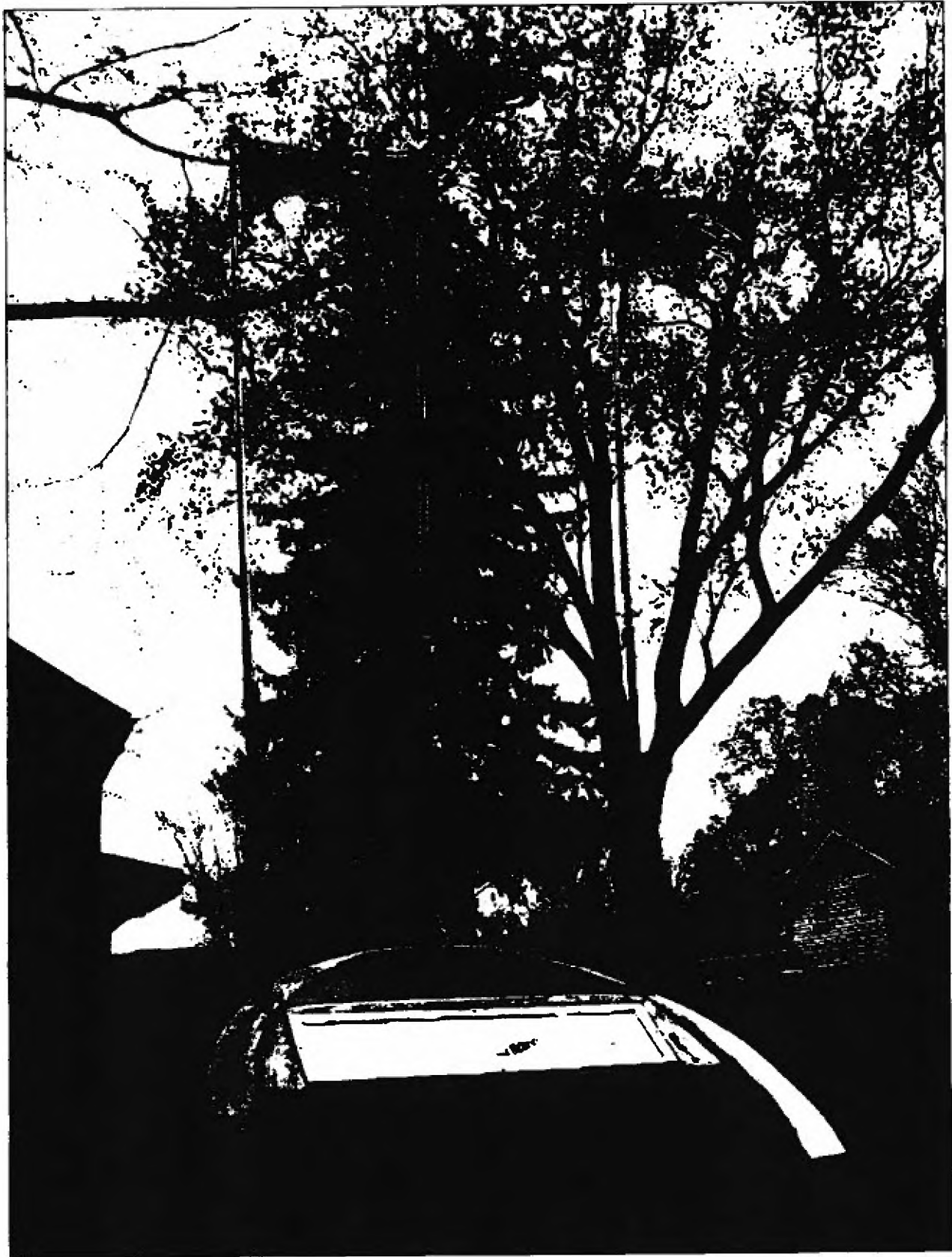
On the Sunday before Memorial Day my wife and I visited Oakwood Cemetery, which is owned by the City of Richmond. It was moving to see Confederate flags by grave stones in the Confederate section, as shown in the enclosed photo. The first husband of my wife's great grandmother is buried in that section. We have three Confederate ancestors buried in private plots in Oakwood. From time to time we have put Confederate flags on their graves.

Your proposals regarding the flag would deny us the freedom to honor appropriately our Confederate ancestors, who answered the call of their nation, just as my father did in World War One, my two brothers did in World War Two, and I did near the end of the Korean War.

Sincerely,

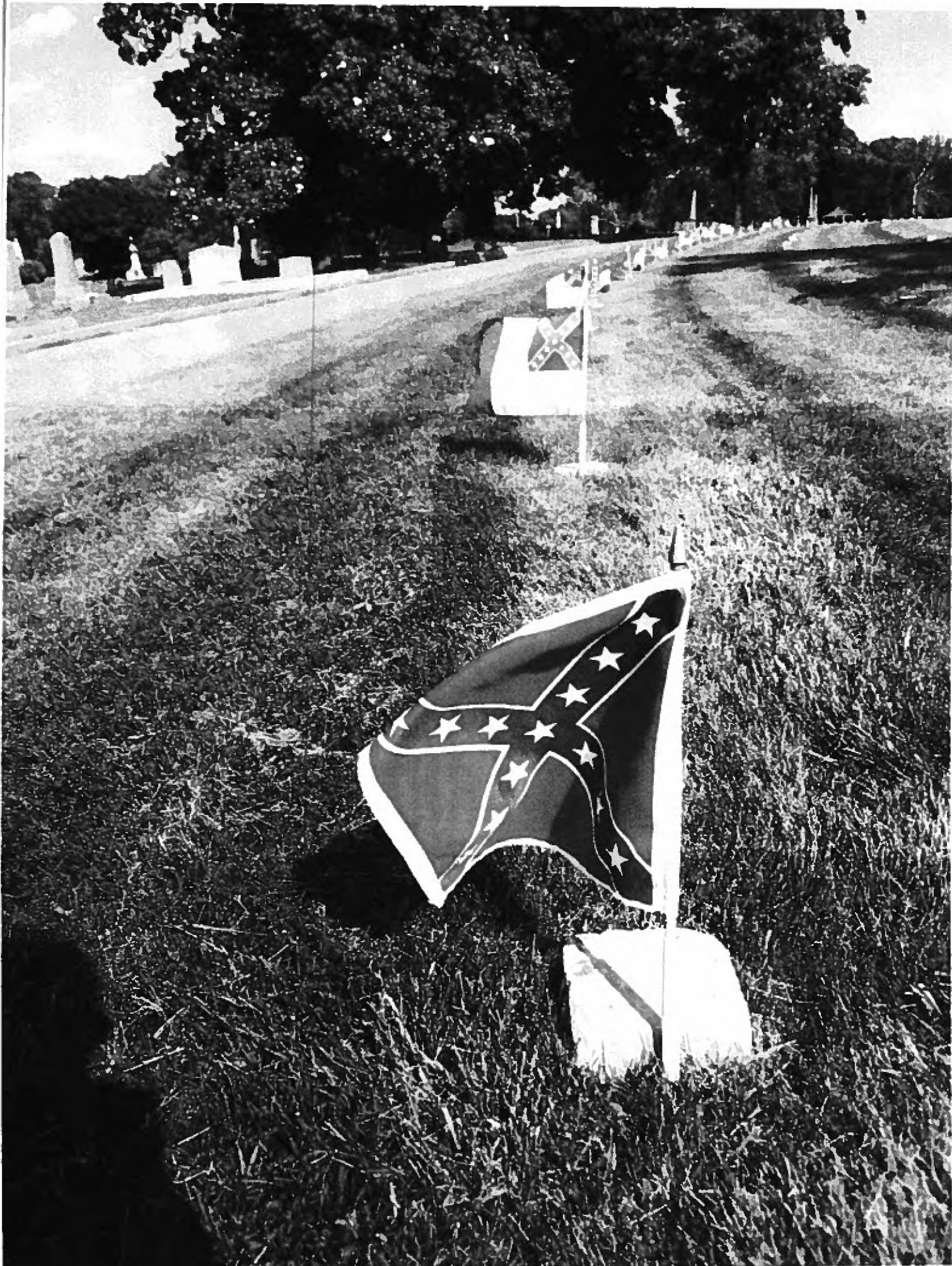
[REDACTED]  
Walter [REDACTED]  
Commander  
United States Naval Reserve Retired

cc: Mr. Todd Culbertson, Richmond Times-Dispatch



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OAKWOOD CEMETERY RICHMOND, VA 24 MAY 2015

*Framing Monet's water lily pond is a gorgeous border of yellow flag iris (I. pseudacorus) and sky blue Dutch iris (Wedgwood variety) with a carpet of blue forget me nots (Myosotis). The small green bridge seen across the pond is an architectural focal point, the only constant in the ever-changing garden. An island of yellow flag iris arrests the eye, suggesting that the pond is bigger than it really is. The graceful foliage of the weeping willows (Salix babylonica) directs the gaze back to the water garden rather than up into the sky, as most trees would.*

## *Pomegranate*

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Water lily pond, Monet's gardens at Giverny

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Friday, June 26, 2015

Dear Governor Haley,

My wife and I would like to express our deepest condolences to you and all the people of South Carolina in connection with the murders at Emmanuel AME church in Charleston a week ago last Wednesday.

We are an interracial couple and were devastated by this despicable act. However, we were as surprised as you deeply entrenched views can be

took the leadership role to remove the Confederate battle flag from flying on the State Capitol grounds. We realize that this was a courageous and solitary position that you took, and we thank you.

We are astounded <sup>by</sup> and very overjoyed by the overwhelming positive response of all concerned in this most terrible of times. You and the people of South Carolina are an inspiration to my wife and I that changed by courageous action.



Renee  
Dean

Office of the Dean  
Boston, MA 02115-5898

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You are not alone and  
neither are the positive agents  
for change in South Carolina. We  
stand with you as well.

Our Deepest Thank You,

[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

Boston, Ma.

02130-3705

Emmett A. [REDACTED]

Loveland, CO 80538

June 27, 2015

Nikki Haley,  
Governor, S.C.

Ms. Haley:

I have been following the news concerning the confederate battle flag with interest. That flag did not cause Dylann Roof to murder in cold blood the nine Christian men and women in Charleston. He, himself, said it was what he read on the website for the Conservative Citizens Council that triggered his rage. Tens of thousands of people have battle flags in their homes and vehicles and do not react to African Americans with homicidal rage.

IF the majority of people in S.C. want the flag removed, then do it. However, the soldiers who fought under that flag fought, first and foremost, to defend their families and homes from invasion by the U.S. Army. NOT slavery. The "grunts" never owned slaves, and they were the rank and file of the Confederate Army and represented the vast majority of white families in the South. They had every right under the constitution to secede. There is no clause, even now, that prohibits secession. If there had been, there would have been no United States to begin with. A clause of that nature would be like saying, "You can marry that person, but under no circumstances can you divorce them." Not a single one of the thirteen original colonies would have ratified a constitution with a "No Secede" clause. If the nation wants to condemn that heritage, so be it, but I will not be a party to its condemnation. As for the slave owning elite, if someone were going to take 3 billion dollars worth of my property without compensation, I believe I would fight.

As for the reduction of Sumter, Ft. Sumter is in the harbor of Charleston, S.C., **NOT** Boston harbor, Mass. Not a single U.S. soldier was killed in the confederate bombardment, nor was a single one interned in a POW camp. The U.S. soldiers were allowed to take their battle flags and small arms and leave. At this point in time, only seven states had seceded.

Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to **INVADE** those states and put down their attempt at independence. Four more states southern states seceded, Lincoln invaded the South, and the blood flowed in torrents. More Americans were killed in that war than in all wars fought by this country combined. Was it worth it to preserve the United States, and free the slaves at that particular time in history?

If the flag is removed, where does this proscription of Southern symbols end? Are the monuments to the Confederate dead that are found on the courthouse lawns all over the South next? Are they to be remanded to a museum, or merely pounded, and pulverized to dust and disposed of? What about the streets and schools named after

confederate generals and officials? I haven't heard "Dixie" played in years, and I even had the experience of having a U.S.Army band refuse to play it . And, last but not least, what about Ft.Benning, Ft. Gordon, Ft.Bragg, Ft.Hood, Ft. Polk, Ft. Lee, Ft. A.P.Hill? All of these are named after confederate generals. Are we on the verge of Southern Cultural Genocide? I believe we are, but I, for one, will have no part in it.

Yours truly,

Emmett [REDACTED]

Charles [REDACTED]

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e-mail: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com

June 24, 2015

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

Dear Nikki:

I am a 79-year old retired senior citizen, who has voted for you twice, in your successful run for Governor of South Carolina. I am a Southerner, who has served this country, along with my dad who was a veteran of World War I many years ago, and I am damn proud of it. My point is that the Confederate Flag, nor a firearm, killed the people in the AME Church, a crazed maniac did. Now, with your approval, every White citizen of South Carolina are racists, and certainly our parents had a lot of slaves in their past. Well, unfortunately, 99% of the Southerners had not slave one. What we did have, and always have had, was a Southern heritage. I still have it and as long as I live, I'll have it. Since I am considerably older than you, let me point out a few things about what I call our Southern heritage:

1. Love of state and country. When your name is called, you go. You don't dodge it or immigrate to Canada, you willingly go.
2. All innocent men, women, and children are sacred. They are to be treated as such and protected with whatever means at your disposal.
3. Respect for law enforcement.
4. Respect for any black, white, brown, red, or yellow man and woman who works for an honest living.
5. I want nothing that belongs to anyone else, and I will defend what little I have.
6. And, I admire and praise all of our Veterans who have fought, died, and been so horrendously treated by our Liberal citizens, media, and politicians from both parties.

I could go on, but this is the gist of what I feel and I am sure many, many other South Carolinians feel.

Strangely enough, the reason I voted for you in the first place was the working experience I had with an Indian Gentleman in the Middle East. He was from India, a Muslim, and I believe his Father was in the Indian Armed Forces. He was as fine a person as you will ever know. So, when you ran against Jake Knotts, I thought you were an honest person who could move South Carolina forward. Unfortunately, I hope that you never run for Governor again, because due to your stand you would not get my vote. You, like all of our other Republicans have swallowed the cool-ade that outside sources are handing out. This is only the start to divide the races in the South and all white men like me are going to be classed as racist. And to emphasize the hugging of Jim Clyburn did it for me. Jim has spewed racist against our state and the white people of this state for years. And, I might add that he and his family have lived a hell of a good life on the tax payer's dime.

Since you will probably never see this letter and it will be canned by one of your pretty boys or assistants, I will stop with one point. Apparently you don't really know the true Southerner, and you definitely don't give us credit for doing the right thing.

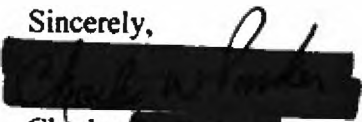

Just one other point, I didn't see you, any of your staff, any white or black ministers, politicians, or any black citizens call out the senseless crime of the gunning down by three young black gentlemen in the Hunnewell crime. Here again, an honest white person trying to support her four children gets shot multiple times for nothing. While you have sympathy and sadness for the people in Charleston, please take a few minutes to say a few words for the Hunnewell kids.

Unfortunately, the moving of the flag isn't going to be the end of this episode. Washington and the local liberals see this as a chance to take down the Southern culture and it's all politically motivated. I'm afraid you are going to see trying times as Governor and I do believe with your stand you will end up adding to the mix.

You have been a good Governor for South Carolina. Unfortunately, you along with our other wonderful politicians have placed a mark on every white man in South Carolina and we are going to pay a price. And, strangely enough, we are going to get blamed for things in the past that we are not guilty of and anything in the future that come up.

Governor, I wish you the best of luck. Just don't ask for my vote in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Charles 

CWP

June 25

Dear Governor,

I have been a supporter of you Tim Scott (vote for him when he ran for County Council) Lindsey Graham and Joe Riley.

The horrible event in the church in Charleston was shocking and so very sad. It hurt everyone - all decent people!

My purpose in writing to you is to tell you how disappointed I am in you and the other politicians. I was living in Snee Farm approximately 16 yrs ago and endured that episode with the Confederate flag. One would hope that it was a closed case after that.

We are appalled that politicians would move that controversy before the poor victims are buried. To us that is so disrespectful. You could have allowed a period of mourning for all of us. Shame on you!

No matter what happens you will have agitators, protesters



and other malcontents during  
this period, but you could  
have shown more sympathy  
for the victims before acting,  
like politicians.

sadly,

[REDACTED]

John [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Rock Hill, SC 29731

June 26, 2015

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

Re: Victims Memorial

Dear Governor Haley:

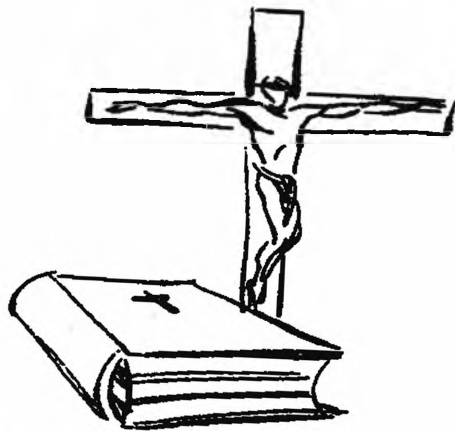
The citizens of our state and others have been violated by the horrific tragedy in Charleston. Your leadership throughout this time and resolve to remove the Confederate flag are admirable. It is absolutely the right thing to do.

Please consider converting the present Confederate memorial to a memorial honoring the AME Church victims. Let this new memorial serve as a living illustration that society is the sum of our social interdependence, that the soul has no color, and that the actions taken by our great state be a template for the world to follow.

With Support and Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

John [REDACTED]



"BEHOLD—LOOK UNTO THE FIELDS"  
JOHN 4:35

Rev Michael [REDACTED]

Bakersfield, CA 93309

[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net

06/25/15

Dear Gov. Haley

I can't believe how you're helping the scumbags & liberals in tearing the GOP apart. The battle flag had nothing to do the shooting in the church for the young man was sick & insane. We don't kill the insane. We're not under ISSI yet but it's coming. Many of us would have supported you for prez. I'm shocked by your words & actions. The GOP will pay the price & its side for me as 100% Pro-Life & who love this Nation are being let down by the leaders we elected. You really let us down.

In His Holy Service

[REDACTED]

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

I am writing this letter in response to the motion to remove the Confederate Battle Flag from the State House grounds. A little background on myself, I am a veteran of both the United States Marine Corps and the Army. I also served as an infantryman in the Provinces of Hellmund, Nimruz, and Farah, Afghanistan. I am a proud South Carolinian, and a proud Son of the South. I have family buried in the Confederate Cemetery in Charleston. The Battle Flag is a part of, not only my heritage, but that of my home state. When I heard of the tragedy in Charleston, my heart hurt for the families of those slain, and I entirely expected a repeat of Ferguson, Missouri or Baltimore, Maryland. However, that was not the case, as we both know. Communities from Clemson to Columbia all the way down to Charleston all came together in unity under peace, instead of destruction and riots. Not only were there prayer vigils held for the souls of those lost and their families, but the walk across the bridge. White, Black, Asian, Hispanic, Indian, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Atheist, Agnostic, it didn't matter, again showing the unity of OUR state. The young man that committed this horrible act, did so out of a hatred so deeply ingrained in his body, that there was no turning him back. From his own mouth he admitted he almost didn't commit this act due to the kindness that was shown to him in that historical church. I do not believe that because this young man's "manifesto" and pictures that have surfaced are grounds to disrespect and destroy the image of the Battle Flag. I have heard the town of Charleston called a "Confederate Epcot" by the comedian Jon Stewart, due to the monuments and the names of streets. I ask you this, Governor, are you going to change every street name that bears the name of a Confederate General? If the answer is yes, then I also ask that you put in to motion the removal of Martin Luther King, Jr's name from across the state or any other non-generic street name representing a person of historical relevance good, bad, or indifferent. Now, before you call me racist, I believe that Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great man, who was killed out of ignorance and, again, hatred so deeply ingrained in a person that nothing could change him. There will always be bigotry in the world. The major lines in the sand in this country are along race, creed, and religion. If we could forget about these, the line would good or bad. The removal of the Battle Flag will not change this. I know this has to go to a vote, and either way, there's really nothing I can say that will change what God wants in this matter. I just pray that, either way, the citizen's of our great state do not let this destroy the peace and unity we have shown in these troublesome times.

  
Jacob   
SGT/US Army Reserve (2012-present)  
CPL/USMC (2006-2010)

LEON J. [REDACTED]

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

U.S.A.

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June 25, 2015

Dear Governor Haley,

The outrageous recent Church shooting and ensuing Confederate flag conundrum prompted me to send this to you. Please receive the enclosed self-explanatory treatise I have been communicating with President Obama about since 2007 (before he was President).

America will eventually abolish the death penalty. If ever we needed the data to learn from about why people create these most horrendous scenarios it is now, and the murderers are the data. Science doesn't discard its data; it studies them. And it does so without emotion. Years ago people argued emotionally that the Earth is flat; whenever we execute a murder we burn a library.

You can use your time left in office to leave your most important mark on history by acting swiftly, courageously and with determination to keep our beloved Beloved world to demonstrate the zenith of civility, democracy and scientific brilliance. We will one day be doing what I have outlined in my treatise. The only question is on whose watch it will occur.

We have everything to lose by putting to death such 20-something murderers as the South Carolina shooter and the Boston Marathon bomber.  
(Over, please, Governor)

Understandable, perhaps but naïve and preposterously primitive. These youngsters have what we need to learn from. Our ancient, longstanding passion for maintaining the death penalty serves no civilized purpose. Myriad people will suffer enormous lifelong anguish and distress.

But, Governor Haley, if a truly civilized world sincerely hopes to diminish what is clearly going to be an increase in unimaginably dreadful acts (partly because of how our contemporary electronics world condenses and intensifies information — even advertising and promoting thereby, awful behaviors) there is no time to waste. We need your commanding leadership. Not your emotional response to what is a planetary-level situation. This is your chance to bequeath the greatest legacy to our world that you can imagine.

I will be pleased and honored to consult with you about any of the significant aspects of this transparently clear vision acting now is paramount. Please, Governor Haley, don't hesitate or permit anything to prevent you from fulfilling this dream.

Respectfully,

  
Clinical psychologist

[REDACTED]  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

June 23, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley:

Recent news reports state that you intend to encourage the South Carolina state legislature to remove the Confederate flag from the state capitol, if this has not happened already. Please do not give in to the political pressure surrounding the Charleston church shooting. The Confederate flag is not a symbol of slavery or racism.

As an elementary and middle school teacher, I am appalled at the way history has been rewritten, even in private curriculums. The Civil War was not fought for the abolition of slavery. Slavery was permitted in four Union states, and in all eleven Confederate states until the 13th Amendment in 1865.



According to an 1859 census (two years before the war began), nearly 75% of Southerners owned no slaves. The slave trade was outlawed in our nation in 1808. Yet no one cries that our national flag be removed from any capitol, although we allowed the trade to continue for 19 years of our history. If the flag is removed, we should remove both Presidents Washington and Jefferson from our national currency because both were slaveowners.

Both politicians and the uneducated claim that the Confederate flag is offensive. However, it is one of the most important symbols of South Carolina state history, and one of the most important and defining moments of our country's legacy. In fact, I wish one was hung from our capitol building in Santa Fe because Santa Fe was Confederate territory for one month.

If you have already removed the flag, please rescind the order. I am certain most in South Carolina and the other 49 states feel it is only appropriate



to honor the ~~over~~ 250,000 Americans  
who died for that flag.

Thank you for reading this letter.  
I would love to hear back from  
you. My work address is as follows:

Ryan [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Sincerely yours,

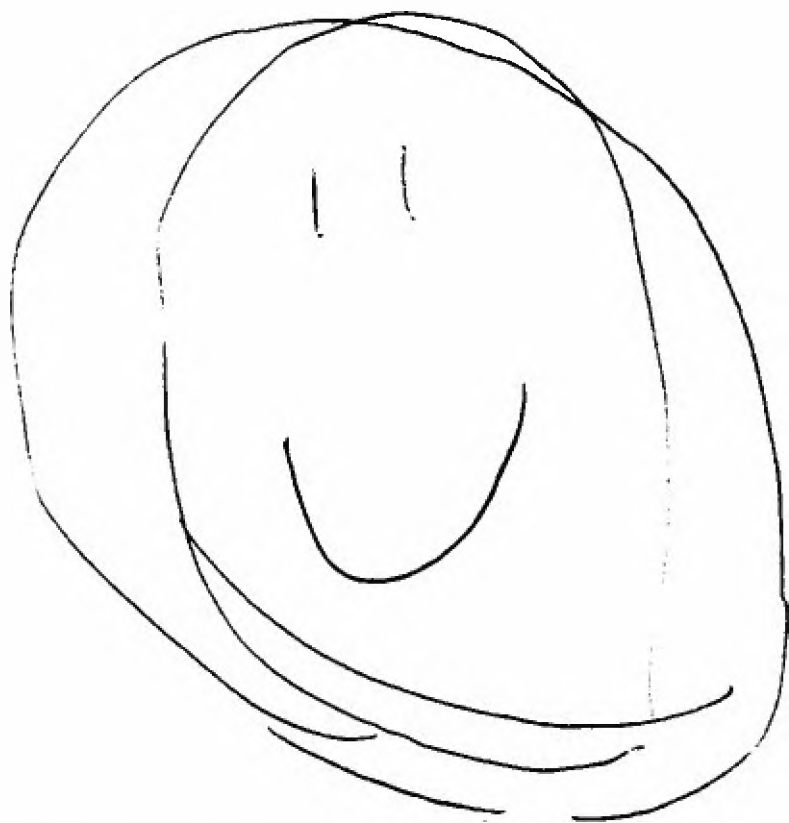
[REDACTED]  
Ryan [REDACTED]

Dear Governor Haley,  
About 2 weeks ago there was  
a shooting in Emanuel AME  
church. When I heard about  
this I was sad as can be  
to know that there are people  
out there against Black people.  
As Proverbs says: "Open  
your mouth, Judge righteously,  
defend the rights of  
the poor and needy." I  
personally think that  
the Confederate flag  
should be ban.

With lots of love from  
Armayah [REDACTED]  
age 10



Dear Governor Nikki R. Haley it made  
me feel Sad, Sared, Bad about the shooting.  
I think you should make stronger Gun  
Laws, Ban confederate Flag. Isaiah 1:17



[REDACTED]  
Rockville, Md. 20850  
June 30, 2015

Dear Governor Haley,

In view of the tragedy in the church in Charleston, I recommend reading what Sally Jenkins offers in her op-ed column in the Washington Post.

Instead of calling for the murder of another culturally formed son of the south, you should look to the use of the confederate flag that fires hatred in citizens and take steps to avoid another hate crime.

This begins with leadership from you and elected officials and a little required reading in our schools.

Thank you for your attention and God bless all who are suffering from this awful crime.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

July 1, 2015  
Simpsonville S.C.

Gov. Nikki R. Haley  
Columbia S.C.

Dear Gov. Haley,

I am writing this letter to respectfully request you not push the taking down of the Confederate flag that is on the state house grounds. You made a statement that the flag didn't stop businesses coming to South Carolina and setting up shop and providing jobs for our people, also I heard you stated that there was no bigotry shown when we elected you, someone of Indian descent, to be Governor of S.C.

I personally voted for you because you seemed to have a good head on your shoulders, you were intelligent and had good ideas for our state. I also felt a woman at the helm would be a fresh change from all the other good ole boy B.S. that we've had.

But the knee jerk solution you and other state politicians are doing about the flag isn't the answer, if we cow-tow down and remove the Confederate flag, what's next? do we take down the American flag since it was also burnt, stomped on, spit on and called a racist flag by that P.O.S. who shot and killed

those nine innocent people in God's house that day.

Did he do it out of hatred or was he put up to it by an outside force that wanted to get a race war started, most blacks and whites and other races get along well but you have good and bad in all races that want tensions to ride high and keep junk going, please don't let this happen in our state.

I hope you read this and not an aide or secretary that will give a cold response.

My name is [REDACTED] Jr. and I fly the flag but also rotate it with other flags, Old Glory, P.O.W. M.I.A. etc but I fly the Confederate flag not out of hate or racism but pride of our history and our fallen soldiers that fought for the South, black and white.  
Hope you take time to read this.

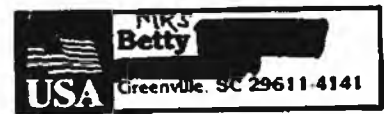
May God bless and  
keep you and yours

[REDACTED]



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please show Gov.  
Haley my letter.

6/25/15



Dear Governor Niki Haley :

While I am sorry about the 9  
Charleston, S.C. Church goers, I feel  
that at a time like this to blame  
the Confederate battle flag on guns  
& Southerners because of their History  
of Slavery and Jim Crow was the  
wrong timing to do all this.

You rushed out on Monday and linked  
the murders & murderer with the  
Confederate battle flag & the Palmetto  
State's Southern Heritage. Do you know  
the History of it all?

It's a memory of Southern Patriots.  
Why people have to be upset and can't  
get along has always amazed me.  
It was not unexpected that our  
President would use this for political  
purposes and you didn't take a  
stand. I voted for you twice and  
now am disappointed you backed  
down. I really looked up to you,  
I learned the History of the flag and  
it was so wrong to use it and  
connect it to the 9 church murders  
at a time as that. Answer soon.

People need to use common sense &  
not do things like this. People died  
for a cause also for that flag.  
Kindly — MRS. [REDACTED]

July 2 2015

Governor Nicki R. Haley,

Sorry this is late. I did not have the words. You should receive this by Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please Read:

I have supported you during, before, and even now. My problem is that I wished you would waited longer on the comment of the Removal of the Confederate flag. It would have given you more time to consider your thoughts. The funerals had not been held at this time.

I am so sorry for the nine who lost their life's. This was a tragedy, for their lives, their family and friends. It has also been a traged time for our State. This 21 yr old man, that used the flag as racism was truly wrong. This Root, betrayed South Carolina and the southern states.

I love South Carolina and support the Confederate flag. I have never viewed it as a racial symbol. I see the Confederate flag as a symbol of our History and Heritage. It honors our Confederate soldier's

I have also respected the Indian and there way of life. You have Catawba blood flowing thru you. I am sure you are proud of that.

The only true American, "The Indian"

However, I look back at history and see what the Federal government did to the Indian's, Pushed you back to take the land, Killed with bullets. Brought disease, that the Indian had there way of curing, Not Small Pox!



The Federal Government make's treaty's.  
Then breaks them. Then Reservations, most  
could not produce the crops they needed due to  
the locations they were placed.

Take Indians way of life:

Cherokee Trail Of Tears:

Take Indians tongue:

I say these words because I know what our  
Government did to the Indian nation.

I do not know the fate of the Confederate flag.  
I ask you our "Honorable NIKKI R. Haley", my  
Governor, of South Carolina. If the flag is removed  
from State House ground's. Please, do not let it come  
down with HATE.

There is so much to consider by removal of the  
flag. My concerns, I don't want to lose the South's  
History and Heritage. There is talk of removing  
others flags, and even monuments across the South.

Where will this end? The America flag, which flew  
over slavery for many moons??

Unfortunate, this happened to the Indian way of life  
let's not let this happen to our Southern way of life.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Thanks for your time. My thought's and prayers are with you.

July 3, 2015

Dear Governor Nikki Haley,

We both have voted for you twice and never have regretted it. You are a good person whom we respect. Our home has been South Carolina for generations (since the 1700's) and we agree with you completely that the Confederate flag needs to come down and be removed. We need to work together to make our state a place for all our people. There is a place for history which we need to understand and learn from it. You have our total support on this issue. We pray for you and your family always and the precious people in Charleston who taught us so much.

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

FT. Mill, South Carolina  
29715

## CONFEDERATE FLAG

At the Battle of Gettysburg, General Pickett's army charged forward at Meade's Line. Through a barrage of rifle fire, they charged. Through the roar of cannon fire, they charged. Through certain death, they charged. With undaunted courage, they fought, and they died, with honor, not fearing the odds but knowing simply what was right. This story along with countless others demonstrates the valor of the Confederate soldier. What occurred at the Emmanuel AME church could only be described as evil. But when we face evil, do we surrender who we are? Do we surrender our principles? If that flag budges an inch, the forces of evil would have won. If we are to ban this flag because of slavery, then we'd have to ban the American flag as well, because it flew off slave ships bringing slaves to the United States, and if we are going to ban it for being brandished by people such as this murderer, we would need a long list of great and sacred symbols to ban. The flag stands for something higher than violence, racism or slavery: It stands for the southern citizen soldiers who when a numerically, logistically and technologically superior army invaded, against overwhelming odds, took up arms and stood their ground, fighting at every bridge, every town, every road and every hill. With a determination and courage to fight to the end, this combined with the leadership of some of the greatest generals in history, such as Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, J.E.B. Stuart, James Longstreet, John Bell Hood, P.G.T. Beauregard, Joseph Johnston, and A.P. Hill became a disciplined, resilient and effective fighting force, a million men strong. 480,000 men didn't die so that their flag would be considered offensive. Though, we are all proud of the Union army, and we should thank them for keeping the country united and ending slavery, but the soldiers of the confederacy fought in

service and defense of their country , states and homes. So, We must always honor both sides,  
The North and the South, for fighting and dying in the name of honor , freedom and justice.

Sincerely,

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July 4, 2015

Dear Governor Haley,

I too am outraged over what the young man did to the people of the AME church, but I have to say this he admitted to what he did and why he did it, now all that should be left is for a Judge to sentence him. It is also, my opinion that he shouldn't sit in Prison for 30 or 40 years waiting on appeals he should simply be taken out and hanged by the neck till dead. If after someone has admitted what they did and why the sentence should be made why waste our tax dollars on trials, lawyers and such. It is also my opinion that if after people have been tried and found guilty of the crime they committed quit wasting our money on sitting in Prison for years punish them swiftly and surely. The Bible tells you what to do just follow it. If a man murders another then their life should be taken, if anyone harms a child take them out and do the same thing to them that they did to the child, if a man or woman steals cut off their hand, go back and start punishing the way our forefathers did and it would stop a lot of the crime that is in our country and state today. You said the whole country is watching our state and see how forgiving we are let them also see justice served as it should be,

Also, concerning the Flag, well it is not the Flag nor is it the gun that killed those people it is simply a young man who for whatever reason decided to do harm to people. May be it is because of the way he was treated at school, or just that he is plain mean and would not listen to his parents or maybe his parents were not concerned with teaching him, but I know that he knew right from wrong and he only is to blame for what he did. Not the Flag and not the Gun as neither can do any harm to anyone. It is simply a choice people make and can blame their actions on anything. I wonder had it been out US Flag that Betsy Ross sewed on his car would you and all the people be having a cow and wanting to take it down and move it to a museum. That Confederate Flag only represents as our US Flag also represents all the people who have served in all Wars our country has fought in died so that we can be free to live. Believe and serve the God we believe in. Another thing that I believe is that there is too much taxation and without representation in our state and our country, all the people who are supposed to represent us is there only to serve themselves, we don't get raises yet our taxes continue to climb, if it wasn't for the few of us who remain that grow our own food and can for the winter we would not be able to survive. If the government would quite making it so easy for all the young girls to get pregnant and have babies and make them accountable for their actions along with the boy then our state would have money for the necessary things. The only people I believe should get any assistance from our state is tenderly and the handicapped. Please open your eyes and the eyes of our Senate and Congress and see that instead of the people grieving with the families as they should have they took away from them to bring up a Political forum that never should have been started IT WASN'T a Flag that killed those people it was a YOUNG MAN WHO DID IT, now punish him and let's get on with our lives and allow the families to move on with their life.

Sincerely,



Margaret 

June 21, 2015

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

Honorable Governor Haley:

This letter is written to join your call for removal of the Confederate Flag from all public building grounds (and I add State issued License Plates) within your great state of South Carolina.

As I sat in front of my television on Thursday, June 18, 2015, frozen in the same sadness, anguish, and fear I felt the day after the 911 terror attacks, I watched you on CNN and appreciated your stand of solidarity against the unspeakable hate crimes committed by Dylann Roof, a self-proclaimed racist who hates African Americans. As you held back tears and grief, you asked a powerful question concerning what we should tell our children when they are afraid to go to church remembering what happened to whom I call the "Faithful Nine." These nine African American Christians were viciously murdered by Roof in their historic African Methodist Episcopal Church on the night of Wednesday, June 17, 2015, while doing what their religion tells them to do; love their neighbor. Every American is our neighbor.

As I sat in front of my television pondering your question, I suddenly remembered the reason for your news conference. A domestic terrorist attack had been committed against African Americans for the political purpose of inciting a race war. Then I remembered the Confederate Flag flying over the grounds of your State Capital; the flag Roof proudly holds and/or displays in several pictures. Although the Confederate Flag is a symbol of southern heritage and pride for some, it remains a symbol of slavery, racism, and hate for African Americans.

You ask what we should tell our children concerning fear of coming to church after Roof's hideous murders. May I suggest we first face the reality that Roof murdered the Faithful Nine because of a deep rooted racism which remains the greatest sin our country has ever committed; a sin that must not be allowed to continue. Let us explain to our children that the Confederate Flag, which Roof proudly displays in pictures, is a symbol of White supremacy for Roof and other racists.

Let us tell our children that **Susie Jackson** – age 87; **Reverend Daniel Simmons, Sr.** – age 74; **Ethel Lance** – age 70; **Myra Thompson** – age 59; **Cynthia Hurd** – age 54; **Reverend Depayne Middleton-Doctor** – age 49; **Sharonda Coleman-Singleton** – age 49; **Reverend Clementa Pinckney** – age 41; and **Tywanza Sanders** – age 26, died in their historic place of worship because of racism and hate. Let us further tell our children that just as the Faithful Nine transitioned from this life to an eternal life with their God, it is time to transition the Confederate

Flag from a flag pole and license plate to a museum; a place where it can be studied by all Americans.

It is my plea that Bi-Partisan members of the South Carolina General Assembly will soon show America how to continue to eradicate symbols of racism by voting to repeal all laws which authorize the placement of the Confederate Flag on any public building grounds or State issued license plates. Then, and only then, can we begin to tell our children not to be afraid because we, the adults, are working to ensure the church is a safe place for all Americans.

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Craig E [REDACTED]  
African American  
Christian  
Resident of Illinois

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## Comments:

Attached you will find a Resolution from [REDACTED] Church in relation to the upcoming House and Senate votes and the promotion of unity.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Resolution**

Whereas the [REDACTED] Church's mission is to improve the quality of life for families and communities of South Carolina by Preaching God's Word, Perfecting our Worship and Performing His Works;

Pastor  
[REDACTED]

Whereas Senator Clementa Pinckney was a tireless Preacher of the Gospel, advocate for the community and a dear friend and supporter of the improvement of the plight of all people in South Carolina, whose life was ended too soon;

Church Clerk  
Cathy [REDACTED]

Whereas symbols matter in reflecting the values, identity and sense of worth of persons, especially the economically and socially marginalized citizens of South Carolina; and

Whereas South Carolina should promote a message of opportunity for all her citizens, through public policies, investments and symbols on the grounds of the people's State House; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, the Members and the Pastor of [REDACTED] Church, on behalf of the Horry County area citizens, partners and allies encourages the South Carolina General Assembly to vote in favor of removing the Confederate Battle Flag from the grounds of the South Carolina State House, and be it further

*Resolved*, that Senator Clementa Pinckney be honored by passing other meaningful legislation that supports the poor and marginalized citizens of South Carolina.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Pastor

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Chairman, Deacon Board

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## The Civil War Is Winding Down

3-7-15

The members of the South Carolina Senate began their business on Monday morning by bowing to pray. "O God, and the pressures on this body today are considerable," the chaplain said. "Strengthen them and fill their hearts with a determination to, as the psalmist puts it, to maintain justice and to do what is right."

Next, with hands over hearts, they pledged allegiance to the flag — not that flag, but the Stars and Stripes — professing their commitment to the indivisible union, and to justice for all.

And then, after some complaining and irrelevant debate about God and marriage, and a few failed attempts to scuttle the legislation at hand, the senators voted to remove the Confederate battle flag from their Capitol's grounds. The vote was 37 to 3.

The overwhelming vote was an unambiguous declaration that would have seemed impossible a month ago. With it, the senators chose to put away old business — the Civil War, Reconstruction, jut-jawed defiance to equality for black citizens — so their state could finally take up the ever-pressing, unfinished job of reconciliation.

The Senate could hardly have done otherwise. Not when one of its own, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, pastor and Democratic senator from the 45th District, was shot down with eight other worshipers at Bible study at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston. The killer was a race-obsessed gunman who found in the battle flag a banner for his hatred.

Now it is up to the State House of Representatives to finish what the Senate and Gov. Nikki Haley have begun. There will be more debate in that Republican-controlled body, more anxious nattering about Southern culture and history, and more viciousness from the sign-wavers and Jim Crow re-enactors on the social-media sidelines, many of whom have been bitterly attacking Ms. Haley for leading the way in calling for the flag to be removed.

It has taken too long, but even an overdue miracle can be stunning to witness. Politicians in Columbia and in statehouses across the South spent much of the 20th century and a decade and a half of the 21st wrapped in a lie — that the Confederate battle flag was some harmless cultural signifier and not a living tool of violence and oppression. The debate over the fate of the flag, such as it is, pits people who know the truth against people who will not hear it. It has taken a horrifying act to shred the lies, to shame those who took pride in their unwillingness to be shamed, and — if the South Carolina House comes around — to turn the page.

It has been said that America is a country that does the right thing, after trying everything else first. The bill that passed the Senate calls for the flag to be moved to the state's Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum in downtown Columbia. That is an apt name for what should be the battle flag's resting place. It belongs there, not casting a shadow on the seat of government that should serve all South Carolinians.

July 7-2015

Governor Nikki Haley  
1205 Pendleton St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re:The Confederate flag

Our compliments on your positive and politically  
courageous action in having some action now taking  
place in the Legislature to have the flag taken down.

Enclosed is copy of an article in today's NYTimes.

I wish you could get it in front of the entire  
legislature, especially that small minority who want to  
keep the flag up, underlining the words "The debate, such as  
it is, pits people who know the truth against people who  
will not hear it."

Walt [REDACTED]

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7/7/2015

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

**The Honorable Nikki R. Haley:**

It is with great regret that I write to you to express my disappointment in your recent actions following the heinous murders in Charleston. Murders such as this can only be described as evil. I hope the perpetrator of this act is punished severely and swiftly. I also hope that this case serves as an example to others contemplating similar acts of evil.

That said, your attempts to link the symbols of the Confederacy to this evil act are inexcusable and shameful, doubly so for the representative of a Southern state. Recent polls have shown that most Americans, not just Southerners, view the flag as a symbol of Southern pride, not of racism. I am sorry to learn that you join that minority of Americans who consider it to be a symbol of racism that must be eliminated from public life.

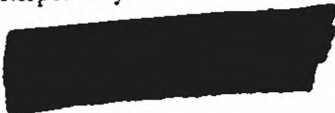
It is also disappointing that you have taken a tragic event like this and chosen to use it for political and cultural grandstanding. It is popularly known that the Democratic party has a practice of using tragedies to advance their own political and cultural agendas, to paint their opponents as racists, and generally to behave with an air of odious condescension and superiority unbecoming in public servants. It is deeply troubling that the Republican governor of South Carolina has now chosen to do the same.

Further, your actions have lent momentum to efforts to remove all Confederate monuments and symbols. Already, statues have been defaced all over the South. Demands have been made for streets to be renamed. How will you respond when the forces of extremism demand removal of all vestiges of Southern history? What happens when President George Washington is painted as a slave owning racist? Will you demand his statues be removed?

Finally, your actions may prove to be politically harmful. I suspect that most of those who revere the symbols of the Confederacy primarily vote Republican, and those who don't, vote overwhelmingly Democrat. Your actions, on a purely political basis, only served to enrage and disappoint the Republican base here in the South (in the run-up to an important presidential election no less), and I doubt whether you personally, or the Republican party nationally, will see any statistically detectable change in voting patterns from the Democratic side of the aisle based on this.

While I am just one voter among millions in this state and I can speak for no other, I wanted you to know that you have lost my support over this issue.

Respectfully,



Justin

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
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Thursday, July 9, 2015

re: South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Act, Section 40-8-10, South Carolina Code

Dear Gov. Haley:

I can say along with the rest of South Carolina that June 17, 2015 was the worst day I have had since 9/11. I prayerfully noted that the end of the Civil War's Sesquicentennial on April 9, 2015 would mark Year Zero for Confederate heritage. Sadly, I am correct. I suffer along with the Mother Emanuel AME Church, and move forward without fear in my heart. I am sad that one misguided youth chose terrorism over repentance and mental health treatment to murder our beloved nine Saints and pervert our heritage. As a Florida native, I understand well the mixed feelings of oppression and occupation that both display and removal of the Confederate flag respectively represent. That's not the only reason I am writing you.

I am the proud alumna of the sister school to Bethune Cookman College, Florida Southern College. Both are owned and operated by the Florida United Methodist Conference. Raised by Dr. Rev. and Mrs. [REDACTED] of the Florida United Methodist Conference, I survived a broken road as a child and fell off the straight and narrow path as a young adult when I married into the hate I knew as a child. I became President of the Seattle United Daughters of the Confederacy in 2008, but quit them in 2012 when they continued to refuse the application of Senator Strom Thurmond's first child, Mrs. Essie Mae Washington Williams. When I divorced and left long behind [REDACTED] of the Pacific Northwest Secession Movement and [REDACTED] of the Militia of Montana, I came home to South Carolina in 2012. I vowed to obey God's will in all things and represent Him in all my work. My repentance is an example to any white person who realizes that white supremacy is a gang mentality that leads to the nervous hospital, the prison, the eternal grave, or all three. The hate I had in my heart was only killing me. Although I had committed no crime, and am the survivor of violent crime, I know what the Apostle John meant when he said that fear hath torment. Living in fear only means that we have not been made perfect in love (1 John 4:18).

God placed upon me the desire to continue the good work I did as [REDACTED] Cemetery Commissioner in the [REDACTED] from 1999-2001. As an elected Libertarian, I am always mindful that governments are about regulation and compliance, while free markets are about economy and efficiency. I know Southerners hate to hear how it is done up North, because I have felt this myself. Still, I know that Washington State's system for maintaining small local cemeteries is a great model for South Carolina.

Thanks to several reports from WYFF-4, I have learned about the Thomson Lakeview Cemetery in Abbeville, and the Northview Cemetery in Laurens. Both are abandoned cemeteries, maintained peace meal by volunteers. I have spoken with Abbeville County Councilman, Claude Thomas. He is the lead volunteer on the Thomson Lakeview Cemetery. This is a 6.5 acre site near the Burt-Stark Mansion, where Jefferson Davis held his final Council of War after Robert E. Lee's surrender April 9, 1865. The Burt-Stark Mansion is maintained with tax dollars, while the Thomson Lakeview Cemetery is not. The Thomson Lakeview Cemetery is where over 200 souls who endured slavery and Jim Crow rest. The most notable Saint there is Mr. Alfred Ellison, who was Town Marshal during Reconstruction. He is also the grandfather to Oklahoma born Harlem Renaissance literary genius, Ralph Waldo Ellison, whose magnum opus, Invisible Man, remains an American classic. He is also on the 1897 deed to Thomson Lakeview Cemetery, which is outside our current laws to become a Perpetual Care Cemetery. Ms. Lillie Tillman also rests there, and I am still on a quest to determine any connection she might have to

Benjamin "Pitchfork" Tillman. Perhaps Tillman Hall at Clemson University should be named after her. I know little about her life except that she was born in 1920, but believe you me I will find out more.

Also outside those laws is the 2.6 acre Northview Cemetery, which was donated to the Laurens community by Roger Milliken who owned the neighborhood mill. According to Laurens City Administrator, Mr. Gary Coleman, a committee was formed in the late 1940s to oversee Northview Cemetery. The committee has died off, and no one took ownership. Based on a WYFF-4 report, a self employed landscaper, Mr. Kenny Wright drove from Oconee County to Laurens and spent his entire day, equipment and money to clean up the site where souls who endured mill life and hard times rest.

Section 40-8-10 of the South Carolina Codes, entitled, "South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Act", excludes the two aforementioned cemeteries since they are less than the 30 acres mandated by said law. This excludes resting ancestors from all races whose means were more humble than to afford such a site. I spoke with the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, and was told by Tracy, Jeannie and Wendy that "there are hundreds of cemeteries like this in South Carolina". To my way of thinking, this is all the more reason we must roll up our sleeves and improve Palmetto Pride.

Palmetto Pride is defined by our American and South Carolina flags. In Palmetto Pride there exists no separation between people and governance. Rather than caterwaul about our problems, Palmetto Pride works swiftly toward solutions. We must change the South Carolina Perpetual Cemetery Care Act to include these hundreds of abandoned cemeteries as state and municipal properties. In Washington State, local levies provided the small budgets for these cemeteries, all of whom are maintained by local volunteers and their elected cemetery commissioners. I am not asking you to create a huge gravy train. Simply put, I am asking you to change the South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Act. I will help define and catalog the hundreds of abandoned cemeteries that exist in our Great State of South Carolina. It is up to you to decide which South Carolina agency will help us in this quest.

Rev. Joseph Lowery said that "America must move from ceremony to sacrament" in the way we treat our neighbors. Removing the Confederate battle flag from public properties like the State Capitol is one sacrament, although for many Ulster Scots and others it is a very painful one. Black folks are Southerners and Americans too, and that this ensign pains them fully satisfies me that it is forever removed from public properties. Let tax dollars maintain cemeteries, not divisive ensigns. That South Carolina will balkanize as a result of this recent decision is all the more reason for us to continue moving from ceremony to sacrament. I humbly offer my volunteer services to aid in this transition.

Thank you for listening.

Best,

  
Heidi 

cc: Councilman Claude Thomas  
Senator Thomas Alexander  
Representative Mike Pitts  
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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

We, the undersigned, members and friends of the [REDACTED] in Charleston, thank you for your courageous decision to call for the removal of the Confederate battle flag at the state capitol. For many Americans, the flag, in its current context, represents hatred and racial division. For too long elected officials and leaders have ignored this reality.

The horrific event at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church, however, has made clear what so many have been saying before, that the flag is a roadblock to bringing the people of South Carolina together. Therefore, we express our gratitude to you, for taking bold and progressive action. We ask that you demonstrate continued leadership by joining the charge for renewed conversation and reform regarding the prevalent gun violence in our culture.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED SIGNATURES]

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July 3, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I decided to write you about the recent controversy over the display of the Confederate flag on the Capitol grounds. As a recent history graduate from James Madison University in Virginia, I have been living in an area where much change has occurred as to how true Civil War history is portrayed. In a progressively liberal state such as Virginia, there has been frequent push to hide any evidence of the role the state played in the Confederacy. Our politicians up here have caved in to so many demands that you can't even go to a reenactment on local battlefields and see a Confederate flag displayed as it may offend someone. As a proud conservative, I am greatly alarmed at your recent decision to call for the removal of the flag from the Capitol grounds. I hope you will allow me to make a few points as to why this is a dangerous precedent.

I would like to know what exactly you are trying to accomplish by removing the Confederate flag? Many symbols of the role Virginia played in the Confederacy have been purged up here and I can easily say that violence, drugs, mental illness, and many other social issues still pose tremendous challenges. Removing history has done nothing to solve the complex problems that we have. Secondly, I am alarmed at how quickly you defected to the liberals on an issue that hardly relates to the tragedy at the church in Charleston. As a Christian, I know that sin and evil has been behind everything that has gone wrong in this wicked world since the beginning of time. The assailant clearly had some mental health concerns, as well as being filled with sin in his heart. When did conservatives start making excuses for the real root of the problem? By demanding immediate removal of the Confederate flag, you glazed over the issues where you could have taken principled leadership. You could have proposed new ways to better mental health services in South Carolina, reasonable gun control, and measures that seek to stop events like this before they occur. Instead, you gave in to liberal demands from people who never would vote for you to look politically correct. It is ironic that if I write you I have to include the title "Honorable" in my letter. There is nothing honorable about degrading and vilifying the history and heritage of the state you serve. The flag that flies behind a war memorial represents the ancestors of the very people who gave you the privilege of leading their state. You have a moral

obligation to serve not only the people of your state now, but also to preserve the memory of those who came before us. I was honestly dismayed at how quickly you threw out any common sense solutions to embrace a liberal agenda of blaming history for evil actions. You lost all credibility with many people in your state by caving to an agenda of the people who never did, and probably never will vote for you. Lastly, I want to mention a few historical truths to consider about the South and why public memory is important.

Most Confederate soldiers never even owned a slave that fought. In addition, the truth is that slavery was dead regardless of who won the war. When General Lee called for African American troops to resupply his army during the Siege of Richmond, their status was bound to change forever. If people can fight and die for a cause, it is safe to say that they will become more than second class citizens. Also, Confederate newspapers at the close of the war proclaimed that they would renounce slavery if only to preserve independence. These are uncomfortable facts to liberals, but historically they are true. In addition, the flag that flies behind that monument honors some truly great people. Richard Rowland Kirkland was from South Carolina and became known for his compassion at the Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia. At the base of Marye's Heights, this man risked his life by jumping over a stone wall to give water to wounded Union soldiers. He could have easily been shot and wounded or perhaps killed. Instead, he allowed charity to guide his actions by comforting those who were wounded and dying. His story is only one of many that illustrate the valor of South Carolinians. Do you really want to be the person that dishonors their actions because of the actions of one sick young man with a gun? Every state should be allowed to honor their soldiers as they see fit. Take your proposal to the people of South Carolina. Allow voters to decide if that flag should fly at a war memorial. It is my belief that sanity would prevail in your state and the flag remain where it rightly belongs, honoring the memory of those brave South Carolinians who sacrificed so much for their state.

Sincerely yours,

  
Matthew 

James Madison University. History, B.A.

Governor Haley,

Just an old fashioned hand written note that I doubt will ever be in front of your eyes! It does make me feel better though.

Once again I think you have shown yourself to be unfit to govern and should resign! I have a list of reasons, but just focus on the latest.

I actually voted for you in both governor elections the second time reasoning that it was the lesser of two evils.

I feel the tragedy in Charleston should have been a response of ~~remembrance~~ remembrance of the lives of ones lost and the incredible act of faith and devotion of their families!

That conversation has been lost now, with the attention being put on re-opening old wounds with the flag debate. That's a tragedy too!

I can only conclude this is being fueled by your own political ambitions, and knee-jerk style of leadership that will not prevent such things from happening again. There are real similar motivations in these incidents, but going off in a tangent for political gain, solves nothing!! Signed: Former Saux Republican supporter

[REDACTED]  
Charleston, SC 29407  
June 30, 2015

To Whom It May Concern

The Confederate flag had nothing to do with Dylann Roof killing nine African Americans in a church. And, some church members talked about forgiving him. So, to put Dylann Roof in prison for life should be enough. But, some people want to carry it further with the Confederate flag.

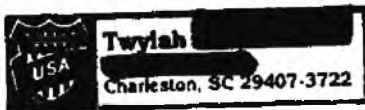
Black people shouldn't feel like white people are over-powering them. We 've had President Obama (a black Muslim) for over six years. But he and some other black people stay hung-up on the past, which is impossible to change, instead of trying to move forward. That proves their immaturity!

If the Confederate flag is put in a museum, many people should be satisfied. So then, it should be allowed to put just a symbol of the Confederate flag somewhere else.

Everyone who wrote on the John C. Calhoun and other statues should be punished in some way also. It's impossible to repair them just like it's impossible to bring nine African Americans back to life.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Twylah [REDACTED]



IF THE CONFEDERATE FLAG IS REMOVED  
FROM THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE CAPITOL  
THEN YOU ARE REMOVING A PART OF  
AMERICAN'S HISTORY AND AGAIN YOU  
ARE GIVING IN AND SURRENDERING TO  
A BUNCH OF RACIST. THAT FLAG  
REPRESENTS A PART OF AMERICA'S  
PAST.

IF THIS OCCURS THEN THAT MONUMENT OF  
THAT SO CALLED REVERED ML KING  
SHOULD BE ABOLISHED AS IT IS ALSO  
NOT A PART OF AMERICA'S HISTORY.  
WHAT THIS COUNTRY HAS DONE IS HONOR  
A REBEL BUSTER GOOD FOR NOTHING  
BLACK TROUBLEMAKER AND SHOULD  
BE ABOLISHED LIKE WHAT YOU ~~WANT~~ WANT  
TO DO TO AMERICA'S CONFEDERATE FLAG.

AMERICA IS TIRED OF GIVING IN TO THESE  
RACIST BLACKS THAT WANT THE US GOVERNMENT  
TO SUPPORT THEM BECAUSE ALL THEY DO IS  
VEIL RACISM AND WANT EVERYTHING FREE

summer vacation, for which I believe they are paid. How

icans won both houses."

## Tweet of the d@y: Pope Francis'@Pontifex · A great challenge: stop ruining the garden which God has entrusted to us so that all may enjoy it.

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DEAR GOD, Haley this article of mine gathered  
COMMENTS AND NO NEGATIVE ONES YET!! I  
Herald-Standard  
SUNDAY JULY 5, 2015  
**LETTERS** I send you

### Flag honored

Before long, the U.S. will have 20 candidates with birth certificates running for president! A lot of good-highly-qualified candidates. It's funny — yet serious how we favor or disfavor a person — sometimes it turns on one point.

The Confederate Battle Flag is a serious part of our history and already I've eliminated two candidates who are trying to be politically correct by throwing their weight behind the mob who clamors for its removal.

The history buffs in South Carolina are honored to fly it over the Civil War Memorial. This should disturb no true American who realizes the tremendous sacrifice in human life this war caused — mainly to preserve the Union as it was then. Did we learn anything from it? Yes — no war or period of history ever produced such a volume of recorded songs. Over 11,000 and many still popular to this day because they touch the souls of good, everyday people.

We also learned a great deal more that has advanced society and to remove the Confederate

Battle Flag is nothing but another push towards big government controlling all facets of our life.

Many flags have come and gone that had a message and a cause. We need to remember the awful price of the Civil War, or else what did it accomplish?

Furthermore, South Carolina should be given extra consideration for America's military actions. Also, it should be noted that South Carolina has become home to many manufacturing industries for many reasons, a plus in this world economy.

My final take on this Confederate Battle Flag, let it fly! I have ancestors that fought on both sides with equal zest — for what?

Whoever designed it had the vision of a genius, all aspects considered. It is the most recognizable flag to ever be flown and it carries with it our American colors. The fact that 11 of our states with only one-third the population of the 13 northern states should attempt to secede and provoke a war that lasted four brutal years is astonishing.

Fervent prayer vigils were solemnly held at

each day's conclusion by both sides.

When Gen. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House, VA to Gen. Grant, the honor the Union soldiers bestowed on their surrendered Confederate brothers would bring any "God" fearing person to tears.

Ed Rinkhoff  
Smock

### Rep. Warner ripped

I recently received a call from State Rep. Ryan Warner, R-Perryopolis. I was asked if I would participate in a phone town hall meeting where Warner would take questions and let the district constituents know what he has been doing and what he would like to do as a state representative.

Warner said he does not believe oil and gas companies operating in Pennsylvania should have to pay extraction fees to the state like all other states charge.

Warner went on to say the state legislature was working on a bill to reduce or eliminate all property taxes with a provision that makes it unlawful to ever again raise property taxes.

Having worked all my

life, put our kids thru school, managed to keep a car running, pay our home off, finally able to retire on a fixed income, the prospect of not having to pay property taxes sounded pretty sweet, but then I thought, if it sounds this good, there has to be a catch.

Who will pay for the things needed like education — state and local police — infrastructure maintenance and repairs — sewage and water, etc.?

The answer is obvious! State and local governments will need to raise revenue on you and me with higher income taxes, higher fees on our hunting, fishing licenses, higher water, electric and phone bills, taxes on clothing, non-RX medical needs. The list goes on and on.

When I look at it this way, I must conclude that I am not getting a tax break — I am getting a tax shift and it will cost me a lot more. So who is getting a tax break?

How about slum lords with 10 or 40 properties? How about McDonald's or Sheetz or Walmart? Large dairy farms that will be able to raise the price of milk?

I had a question concerning this proposal for Warner. The question was: If taxes are eliminated they be eliminate property owners' business and rent? Mr. Warner good job of ducking my question without giving an answer.

Warner is in Harrisburg to represent special interests, reduce special interests taxes and keep money flowing to the state. Reducing my property tax, while charging higher taxes and fees on everything else, is not in my best interest.

We pay more, the state gets richer.

James Sloan  
Hopwood

### Sen. Toomey criticized

A guest column by Sen. Pat Toomey recently appeared in the Herald-Standard. Sen. Toomey's article lauds the University of Pennsylvania Dr. Carl June for advances in treatments for pediatric leukemia.

Sen. Toomey does not seem to "get" that his



Honorable Nikki Haley  
~~Senator Harold Gandy~~

Taking down the Confederate Flag will  
not heal the problems here in the south.

Why? Because of uneducated or mis educated  
people here in the South, who were taught with  
History books written in the North

The Civil War was not fought at first  
over slavery. It was fought over the over taxation  
of the South. The South was taxed for the  
following ① things sent to the North ② things  
made in the North and purchased by the South  
③ things as cotton.

It was late in the Civil War that slavery  
was made an issue.

Do you and others understand or know  
the above, that Lincoln started the slavery  
issue? That Lincoln tried to send all the slaves  
to Haiti. The people of Haiti said No! Lincoln  
also tried to send slaves to Africa. Africa  
also said No! Those slaves who did go to  
Africa went to Liberia. They again were sold  
into slavery.

Lincoln also said he would give all  
the blacks 40 acres and one mule (each). Did  
any of them get that 40 acres. Not that I have  
found. (<sup>searching</sup> ~~searching~~ since school year 1971-72)

The blacks in this country see the flag



of the South as racist (my opinion) because of Malcom X. He went to the KKK asking them to put all the blacks in one state. Where they would be separate from others. He did not believe interracial marriage.

Do people who follow Malcom X also agree and believe that the blacks were and are superior to the whites (1962). The he derided the Civil Rights movement and rejected both intergration and racial equality.

That Malcom X also met with the KKK to discuss whether the Klan would help secure a land in the South for a separate all black state (Blogspot.com)

As for the Charleston South Carolina shooting it was not the flag that did the shooting. It was an uneducated, mis educated white boy, who also hated America. <sup>noted</sup> ~~hating~~ America. As the news does not show he also burned a flag of the U.S.A.

(WSOC-TV) Poll of Confederate ~~flag~~ flag shows the majority see the flag as a symbol of Southern Pride, not one of racism.

(YouGov.com) Only 24% see it as a symbol of Racism, 43% of Democrats as well 56% of Republicans see it as a ~~strong~~ symbol of Southern pride. Then there are the 20% who

see it as both.

In my opinion there are way to many people who just follow the crowd. Who I feel if were not mis-educated would say the flag was a symbol of pride not racism.

I say keep the confederate (the Tennessee fighting) flag flying.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
NEWARK, NJ 07102

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Email: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Deborah [REDACTED]  
Clerk of the Board

July 6, 2015

James [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Newark, NJ 07104

Resolution No's: R-2015-00563  
Meeting Date: June 24, 2015

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Enclosed please find certified a copy of the above-noted resolution which was adopted by the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on June 24, 2015.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Deborah [REDACTED]  
Clerk of the Board

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Enclosures: Cert. a Copy of Resolution

| <b>TO</b>   | <b># of Copies</b>   | <b>Res – Ord #</b> |
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| Governor Nikki Haley                                      | AS PER<br>RESOLUTION | R-2015-00563       |
| Senate President South Carolina                           | AS PER<br>RESOLUTION | R-2015-00563       |
| Speaker South Carolina House of<br>Representatives        | AS PER<br>RESOLUTION | R-2015-00563       |
| Governor Chris Christie                                   | AS PER<br>RESOLUTION | R-2015-00563       |
| Clerks of the Board of Chosen<br>Freeholders, State of NJ | AS PER<br>RESOLUTION | R-2015-00563       |



[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

State of New Jersey,}  
County of Essex } ss

I Deborah [REDACTED] Clerk of the Board of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in the State of New Jersey

Do Hereby Certify, the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted at a  
meeting of said Board on Wednesday

the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 together with the  
certification, signatures and endorsements thereon.

RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-00563

*In Testimony WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the official seal of said County at  
Newark this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July A.D. 2015*

[REDACTED]

Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 00523  
 PROPOSED BY: FREEHOLDER TIMBERLAKE  
 SUBJECT:

AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(a)  
 AUTHORITY FOR ACTION C.C.E. 3:2-29(B)

RESOLUTION

**CALLING UPON THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LEGISLATURE & ALL STATE, COUNTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES  
 IN THE SOUTH TO REMOVE THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG FROM THEIR BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, the Confederate Battle Flag is prominently displayed at *full-mast* in front of the South Carolina Statehouse in Columbia, South Carolina, flying in stark contrast to the love and compassion displayed by the residents of Charleston, South Carolina, in the aftermath of the murder of nine African-Americans while they studied the Bible at Emanuel AME Church on Wednesday, June 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, information that has emerged about the hate-filled murderer reveals him to be a racist, white supremacist, and registered owner of a website where he presented his racist "manifesto" and displayed photographs of himself wearing a jacket adorned with international symbols of white supremacy and racism such as the flags of Apartheid Era South Africa and the racist regime of Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), waving the Confederate Battle Flag, and standing in front of his car affixed with a "Confederate States of America" license plate; and

WHEREAS, the flying of the Confederate Battle Flag evokes deep-rooted and undeniably painful feelings among African-Americans, so many of whose ancestors endured the cruelty, inhumanity and exploitation of slavery suffered at the hands of slave owners whose very descendants continue to revere the flag as a commemoration of fallen Confederate soldiers who fought to preserve a way of life predicated and dependent upon the institution of slavery; and

WHEREAS, the Confederate Battle Flag was flown by the Army of Northern Virginia as it went into battle to defend the precepts of the Confederacy presented by its Vice President, Alexander H. Stephens, in his "Cornerstone Speech" on March 21, 1861, when he described the new Confederate Government: "Its foundations are laid, its cornerstone rests, upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery, subordination to the superior race, is his natural and moral condition. This, our new Government, is the first, in the history of the world, based upon this great physical, philosophical, and moral truth." And although the majority of the young men who took up arms were poor dirt farmers who did *not* own slaves, it is also true that they *aspired* to own slaves so they, too, might ride their oppression to financial success; and

WHEREAS, the Confederate Battle Flag was incorporated into the national flag of the Confederate States of America and its current defenders assert its *historical* importance, the truth is that it only emerged as a so-called *revered* symbol of the Confederacy in 1948 when white segregationists, "Dixiecrats" like then-South Carolina Governor J. Strom Thurmond, flew it as a symbol of their commitment to segregation and opposition to federal intervention into race relations; when Georgia incorporated it into its state flag in 1954 after the Supreme Court ruled in *Brown vs. Board* that segregation in education was unconstitutional; when it was proudly waved by hate groups like the Ku Klux Klan (which has been declared a domestic terrorist group by the FBI); and when it appeared above the South Carolina State House for the first time as recently as 1961 as a symbol of resistance to racial desegregation; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly disingenuous for Confederate Battle Flag defenders to assert that it is nothing more than a benign symbol of a Southern way of life defended by courageous Confederate soldiers, an assertion that is just as disingenuous as it is for neo-Nazis to characterize the swastika as a symbol of German efficiency, or for neo-Fascists to rally around Mussolini's fasces as nothing more than a fond remembrance of trains that ran on-time; and

WHEREAS, the massacre at Mother Emanuel, so near to Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor where Confederate cannons bombarded Union defenders in April of 1861 to begin the Civil War, has infused new urgency into the effort in South Carolina and beyond to remove the Confederate Battle Flag at the State House, and wherever it flies on government property across the South. The generosity, forgiveness and faith exhibited by the people of Charleston honors those who were gunned-down in a house of worship and calls out to all people of decency and understanding to reject racism and intolerance in all of its forms, whether they are acts of violence or divisive symbols; and

WHEREAS, the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders applauds South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley for her recent call to remove the Confederate Battle Flag from the grounds of the State House, and especially leaders of the African-American community and all people committed to racial equality who have advocated doing the same for many decades, and who acknowledge it as a symbol of a racist past that has no place in our nation's future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby calls upon the Honorable Members of the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives to remove the Confederate Battle Flag from the grounds of the South Carolina State House; calls upon all state, county and local governments across the South to remove it from their respective buildings and properties; and encourages them to relegate it to appropriate museums of historical artifacts, if not to the trash heap of other symbols of hate that preceded it and have, sadly, succeeded it; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Nikki Haley, the President of the South Carolina Senate, the Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, President Barack Obama, Governor Chris Christie and the Clerks of the Boards of Chosen Freeholders in the State of New Jersey.

Approved as to form and legality \_\_\_\_\_

Freeholder Counsel

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved by Freeholder \_\_\_\_\_  
Second by Freeholder \_\_\_\_\_

| Freeholder | Yes | No | N.V. | ABS | Freeholder | Yes | No | N.V. | ABS |
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It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was (X) adopted ( ) defeated ( ) tabled by roll call vote at a Regular meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on June 24 2015

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Britnee [Signature]  
President

July 7, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley,




As a conservative Republican, I am very disappointed in your decision to participate in the Leftist agenda to displace the Confederate battle flag, which represents our rich southern history.

That flag had nothing to do with the church slaughter by a deranged and sick sub-human being. He would have carried out his heinous deeds whether or not the historic southern flag was flying. If indeed the flag is removed from the capitol grounds in Columbia, what is already a slippery slope will turn into a landslide. The Left will destroy the vestiges of all of our southern American heritage, including that of South Carolina, piece by piece, grave by grave, and monument by monument.

The flag does NOT represent racism and, despite what the Left wants you to believe, we are NOT a racist nation. We are talking about our American history here! When I personally visited SC's capitol grounds and stood at that memorial, it was an enriching experience for me, because it was like a trip back in time. I have loved that about South Carolina, and I certainly hate for it to be destroyed.

Please reconsider your decision if a bill does reach your desk for signing.

Sincerely,

  
Rita   
  
Republic, MO 65738



10 July 15

Dear Governor Haley,

I want you to know I have been a big supporter of you. You received my vote! I think you have done great things for South Carolina. But now, how truly disappointed I am in you! I am so hurt that you have jumped - the band wagon of ignorance, like so many others. You should be smart enough to know the true history of the Confederate flag - and not be as stupid as these fools that see it as a racism flag. No matter how hard we try to explain the real background of this flag there are certain people that just totally refuse to hear the truth. I thought you were smarter than these people. The war of 1861 was fought over money, not slavery. Many blacks, free and of their own will joined the Confederate Army to fight for their Southern home. Now there is NO honor to these soldiers, both black and white, Orientals, Mexicans, Spanish and Native Americans. I have never once heard you or any of the other S.C. politicians try to educate the public on the truth of this flag. Instead, you all fell to their ignorance.

Additionally, this flag issue came to head over a Facebook photo of Billion Roof holding a Confederate flag. He is

a sick, demented person. His actions had nothing to do with this flag. It was all the mess in his head. Yet, there was another photo he posted with an American flag. - So, now, do we take it down too?

Governor Haley - you have truly disappointed me. This was a sad, sad day for South Carolina and how we showed the rest of the world how ignorant we are!

Let me add, I am not a racist or a prejudice person.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Columbia, SC 29202

**July 9, 2015**

**Governor Nikki Haley  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

**Dear Ms. Haley,**

**Being an old-fashioned person and still writing letters to people when n blood pressure reaches the "upset" mark, I am therefore writing you to express my American conservative mind of being VERY UPSET over i asinine LIBERAL movement concerning the CONFEDERATE FLAG.**

**Living in this God forsaken state of New York for 50 years has truly enforced my love for America, the Constitution and the fight for my fai freedom. I was born and reared in the wonderful state of North Caroli in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains of which my entire 23- membe family will be returning next year.**

**I have been a conservative Republican all my life and I have worked fo local county/town for the last 50 years trying to elect conservatives and show citizens of this area why communism/socialism/liberalism does no work. Hence, I fell on my face when I saw YOU bowing to these disgus politicians and falling in line with their disgusting tear down of what m ancestors fought for many years ago. I therefore would like for you to that people – like me – who still love America – who still can recite the Gettysburg address – parts of the Constitution – the Preamble - all lear back in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade when we studied HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES and when the word A-M-E-R-I-C-A meant something. I watc your election with delight and I listened to your acceptance speech. Nov will not trust anything that you say in the future because the Confedera Flag will continue to fly everywhere from places that love America but communist/liberals will slowly fade when Americans realize that Democ want nothing but to have everyone drink the Washington cool aid like y have done!!!**

**Grandmother of 12,**

**Judy**

**Rochester, NY 14626**

7-10-19

You are about the sonniest excuse for  
a Governor I've ever seen. You showed no spine  
in dealing with the flag issue and let an  
mob push you around. This is what we get for  
being a semi-foreigner like you with virtual  
ties to this state or its history. The people  
you tried to appease didn't vote for you and  
never would you gained nothing there. I'm  
sorry I even vote for you.

MARK [REDACTED]  
LYNN

July 10, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley:

I am a white Republican from the State Florida. I want to thank you for taking the battle flag of the Confederacy down. It should be in a museum as part of South Carolina's history. You are right it should not be on the grounds of the government of South Carolina.

I was especially proud of the comments you made on the Today Show. You are correct in saying that no person in South Carolina should be faced with a symbol of hatred when they approach the state's government.

I thank everyone in the House and Senate of South Carolina that voted to uphold your view.

Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Alberta [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Clermont, FL 34711



From the desk of

Dr. Katherine [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

PARKERSBURG, WV  
26104

July 7, 2015

Dear Governor Haley:

I used to think perhaps you were genuine. "Perhaps," because judgment is always reserved in this ever worsening world.

That you caved, and quite easily I might add, to the RIDICULOUS notion that the so called Confederate Flag has anything whatsoever to do with a racist nut case gunning down nine blacks in Charleston tells me all I need to know about you. I'm sure you support the even more ridiculous "Get Rid of Bibles of Hazard" movement.

In this "Twilight Zone" of contemporary society, I find myself constantly appalled at what passes for reason today. I've given up on character and spine. A leader (President, governor, senator) and I see none today has intrinsic values which steer him. Common sense is not a distant memory.

- over

I'm sorry to say, you are no leader,  
Governor Haley. In this day, that seems  
to be the norm, perhaps a plus, but  
without real leaders who look to what's  
right, not what's politically correct, we  
are doomed.

I never thought I'd live to see the  
America I see today and I am sorry  
to know you are a part of the problem.

Sincerely,

A thick black horizontal bar used to redact the signature of the letter.

Mrs. Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201



Mrs. Haley:

My Father lies next to his Father near his Grandfather in a country churchyard outside Lancaster, SC. They are surrounded by the graves of many of their kin - quite a few who fought for the Confederacy. The first shot of the War Between the States was fired at Fort Sumter. The Confederate Battle Flag does not stand for "racism". That allegation is advanced by those who hate the United States and wish, as the current First Lady said, "Barack knows that we are going to have to make sacrifices; we are going to have to change our conversation; we're going to have to change our traditions, our history; we're going to have to move into a different place as a nation." (<http://www.foxnews.com/story/2009/12/16/rewriting-our-history-changing-our-traditions.html>) Got that? Change our traditions and our history? Why should we change our traditions to placate a pack of America-haters? We cannot 'change' history. What is done is done. We can revise it, but that would make us liars. Revisionist history is what drives those who wish to ban this Battle Flag. The men who fought the Civil War, for the most part, believed they were defending their states from a Washington tyranny. Not much different from that we face today. And this is why they wish to revise our proud Southern Heritage, not just this flag, but each and every Southern relic of that bloody era. This could inevitably, if you give them this inch, lead to even the removal of the very tombstones marking where these bold warriors and their families lie buried in the red clay that holds my Dad. That's how progressives advance their socialist agenda.

I note from your Wikipedia biography that you are a first generation American. Not opposed to that. My Mother-in-law is also a first generation American. However, your roots are not very deep in Southern Soil. Possibly why you are so eager to capitulate to the enemies of our traditions and our history. My Father left South Carolina in 1938 to serve our Country. He trekked behind Patton in opposition to Tyranny across North Africa, then Sicily. While Patton was reassigned, Dad battled up the Italian boot in opposition to Tyranny. At some point he was reunited with his favorite General and wound up at Buchenwald where he witnessed the fruits of Tyranny in person, a sight that brought tears to his eyes 20 years later. And here you are capitulating to the tyranny of the left for a few sound bites on a liberal media that will abandon you at a word from party central the moment you encounter another of their conjured up 'issues' or attempt higher office simply because you are a Republican.

Make no mistake. This is the same socialist tyranny that gave us the horrors of the Nazi death camps.

Dad loved South Carolina and planned to retire there. The Grim Reaper had other plans and snatched him from us while he was visiting kin in Rock Hill. Many of his relations, like Dad, have deep roots in the Piedmont which were growing before the American Revolution and continued growing through The War Between the States, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and now the Middle East. By what right, do you, who has no natural born American ancestors, stand before these American-born heroes, telling them that you are intent on changing their history and traditions? Maybe you should read this (<http://rulen.com/myths/>) and choose truth, not tyranny.

If you sign this bill into law instead of taking a Fort Sumter stand against Tyranny, while I will not boycott your state, I will only visit the minimum needed to pray by Dad's grave. Else - nothing.

The only correct answer to Tyranny is not "No", but "HELL NO!!" Try it. You might enjoy a breath of liberty.

With diminishing respect,  
George [REDACTED] July 7, 2015  
[REDACTED]  
Arnold, MO 63010  
[REDACTED]@gmail.com

[REDACTED]



To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed a letter my husband wrote to the editor of our local newspaper. To say that it is disturbing that we will let one crazed, evil, ignorant person dictate the removal of our Southern heritage emblems is a gross understatement. He misused the Confederate battle flag as hate groups have in the past. The flag was NEVER about race; we have learned from our ignorance of our history and one minority group continually change our history to the point no one will know the truth. Of course, that is politically expedient for you who so desperately want the adulation of the masses. Shame on you for being ashamed of our Southern heritage.

May God have mercy on this nation. We are certainly in need.

Regards,

Jean [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Ruston, Louisiana 71270

Jacob [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 30546  
Hiawassee G.A

Dear, Governor Nikki R. Haley

Why have you dishonored my Confederate Ancestors? You've taken down a flag that means so much to Southern people. Why do you think it's all about race?

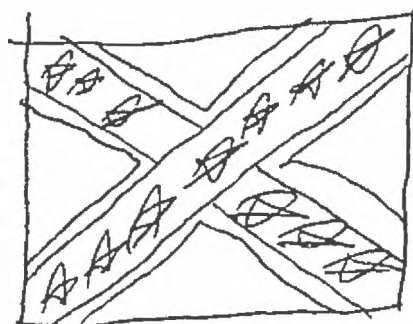
The Confederate flag is a symbol of heritage and honor. Don't you know that a quarter of the men of South Carolina died protecting that flag and their constitutional rights? You just slapped hundreds and thousands of soldiers in the face and dishonored them all!!!

What you have done was beyond disrespect. You have violated our First Amendment right to carry our Confederate Flag. And because of this ignorant act, you are destroying history. And thousands and more people love that flag because we are proud of our ancestors, our heritage, and where we come from. You dishonor my family and the Great State of South Carolina, and thousands more! With your lack of education, you are doing more harm than good.

It seems like a leader, like you would have more intelligence than this. But did you know men Black and White fought for the South? Black men died under that flag as a free man to protect their God given land. And The Confederate Army was the first military to welcome black soldiers. While the ones up North owned more slaves than the South, and there was also Black men that owned slaves. So don't blame my flag as racist for your lack of knowledge. You have disgraced Thousands!!

P.S Those men that gave their lives in the past, Deserve to be honored as well as the ones that fought today. Erasing history is unAmerican and so are you.

Political correctness is unAmerican! Shame on you!



Sincerely

[Redacted signature]

Sarah [Redacted]

**July 9, 2015**

**The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201**

**RE: Signing Bill -- Take Down Confederate Flag From Grounds Of the Capital**

**Dear Governor Haley:**

**THANK YOU - THANK YOU for signing Bill to take down the Confederate Flag from the Grounds of the Capitol.**

**I am a 73 yr old life time Southerner from North Carolina, and I APPAULD YOU FOR YOUR BRAVE, PROGRESSIVE ACTION TO REMOVE THE CONFEDERATE FLAG.**

**I have great-grandfather and great-uncles who fought and died as they represented the South during the War Between The States – the US Civil War.**

**THAT IS THE PAST. THAT IS HISTORY.**

**We, as educated, contributing citizens of our communities in the South and the Southern State(s) we love and live in..... WE MUST MOVE ON BEYOND 1862 – 1865!!!**

**Best Regards,**

**Brenda L. [redacted]  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

**CC: Senate Jennie Horne  
State of South Carolina**

**July 10, 2015**

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

**Dear Governor Nikki Haley,**

**Sad day in history, America and Our Great Nation to remove the Confederate Flag from the South Carolina Statehouse. The flag is not a sign of hate but history. The Confederate Flag did not kill anyone or was a symbol of any hate crime. I cannot believe you would say "No one should ever drive by the Statehouse and feel pain. No one should ever drive by the Statehouse and feel like they don't belong."**

**What happens when there are those who drive by the Statehouse and hate the American Flag or the Flag of The United States of America? Does that mean we take down the American Flag? You know there are those individuals out there who hate America living here or abroad.**

**We are a great nation under God but when we take down a flag which represents history, take Christianity out of the schools and "IN GOD WE TRUST" off the coin is incomprehensible in my view and many others too. Next thing is the history textbooks will be rewritten and so on. Where does it stop?**

**What is unbelievable is the focus our nation and South Carolina has put on a flag! All the issues this country should be focusing on and we are wasting time with a flag!! Do you think bringing down the Confederate Flag will stop racism in this country? Unfortunately NO!**

**All I have to say is you are a leader and you need to stand up for what is right! Maybe in your heart you wanted the flag to come down but that is not the answer to support the minority wanting the flag removed.**

**I needed to vent my concerns over the decisions our country's leadership is making. I am a hard working individual who is a Christian and a True American with solid values writing this letter. I believe in equality and justice for all. I have never considered buying a Confederate Flag like many others but now I may go out and buy one because I can!**

**Sincerely,**

  
**Rollin** 

THE HONORABLE

7-10-2015

NIKKI HALEY

FIRST ITEM: THIS WAS A VERY TRAGIC EVENT. NINE WONDERFULLY BEAUTIFUL LIVES WERE TAKEN BY A SOCIOPATH. HE DOES NOT REPRESENT WHAT THE SOUTH STANDS FOR. THE CONFEDERATE FLAG AND THE WAR WAS PRIMARY ABOUT STATES RIGHTS. PRESIDENT<sup>S</sup> LINCOLN'S OWN WORDS WILL SUPPORT THIS. IT SEEMS THAT EVERY TIME SOME SORT OF TRAGEDY OCCURS, THE POLITICIANS JUMP ON A BAND WAGON DEMANDING THAT SOMETHING BE DONE EVEN, IF IT ~~DOES~~ <sup>DOES</sup> NOT PERTAIN TO THE ACTUAL EVENT. WE CONSERVATIVES EXPECT MUCH MORE. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS FAILED IN ALL RESPECTS. DUE TO THE COMPLETE FAILURE OF THE PARTY I WILL NO LONGER SUPPORT ANY MAIN STREAM CANDIDATES. I AM NOW AN INDEPENDENT VOTER.

P.S. I VOTED FOR REPUBLICANS FOR 36 YEARS



July 2015

South Carolina Government  
Governor, Senate, House Officials  
Columbia, S. C. 29201

Confederate Flag and my History

Ladies and Gentlemen,

You can take my Flag, you can destroy my Statues, but you can not steal my heart and soul.

Why is my history being trampled, why are not my rights being upheld, why is 150 years of history being sweep under the rug? I am a minority, I am white and pay more than my share of taxes for those minority-majorities who have become in fashion with you politically correct government people. It is unfortunate that society today is run by those that whine the most, give back the least and take the most. Common sense and rationality has become a foreign word, a language (Latin) forgotten .

FYI – I am proud of being White, but where is my White Power, White Entertainment TV Station, White History Week, my White Heritage? Even though the black population is far from the majority it sure seems they have more say than a “Democratic” system would allow by majority rule. Definitely the tail wagging the dog.

Down South in Florida



7/16/2015

Dear Gov. Haley -

The unexpected emotion I experienced during the General and retirement of the Confederate flag was a beautiful moment.

Today, I am proud American and provide to witness the Leadership of our Statesmen. It's a rare occurrence but I pray it opens the eyes of our Nation. State and local Leaders.

Your courageous leadership is worthy of praise!  
Thank you!

Donna [redacted]  
Washington, DC



The Prince

of

Statesmanship



7-10-15

GOV. NIKKI HALEY

What you have done  
removing the Confederate  
FLAG - ??

You have taken a  
part of history out of  
this country that does not  
belong to you -

those soldiers that have  
died for this country deserve  
better -

Hope in the next elections  
you are out of office -

You shame this country  
with your actions -

2015

Midland, TX  
July 10th, 2015

Madame Covenor:

Hello! As I watched the confederate  
come down; I could not help but  
not feel bittersweet. It kinda a  
half empty half full. By no means  
am I a supporter! am on 57 yrs  
~~African American~~ African American Male

Its bittersweet because of the blood  
of the "Charleston Emanuel 9" Its  
bittersweet because there was not  
the first blood shed. It was shed  
100+ years ago. The shame of it  
is. It took 100+ years for us to  
realize it.

July 10th, 2015 is the first fiber of  
thread sewn in the tapestry of  
a new ~~beginning~~ beginning for all  
humanity. South Carolina Thank  
you for taking the lead!

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For you Madam Governor, I was so moved and proud, grateful and humbled by your leadership, your strength, compassion. Your tears. Commitment of resolve. You showed not only to your state, your family you showed the Planet Earth in which we all inhabit what a "true leader is!"

I learned things from this on a personal level. I learned the power of forgiveness. Those family members in their dark gut wrenching grief forgave. The people of South Carolina reinforcing my belief in the "True Unconditional Human spirit"

In closing God Bless you and yours, those families of the "Charleston Emanuel 9." And the State of South Carolina. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature]

James [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Bandera, Texas

10 July 2015

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

Madam,

You may have been born in South Carolina, but your behavior in the past month shows you do not know the history of America!! What you have done is empower the minority to tear down this Nation's history, good and bad!! The Communists/socialists have taken steps to destroy this country and you, I am sorry to say are assisting.

While you have no ancestors of American origin, you must refer back to India's socialist doctrine for guidance. The Blacks would have no history in this country if not for the Civil War. You are helping all to degrade the old Southern leaders of the past. The Northern States have never ceased their mean spirited reconstruction of the South. Many Northern States threatened to secede from the Union Many times, but the Southern States Compromised. The Southern States had that right. It was the North who invaded the south.

I hope the South Carolinians vote you out. You are unworthy of their trust. I also doubt that you or any of your minions will have the courtesy to answer me. Most POLITICIANS HAVE NO ENTEGRITY OR MORALS.

[REDACTED]  
James [REDACTED]

Glenda [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Middletown, CT 06457  
864- [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@ [REDACTED].com

July 10, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley,

Congratulations of this wonderful historic day for South Carolina! I watched the lowering of the Confederate Battle Flag via live streaming from my office in Newington, CT. My heart was filled with gratitude and pride for the state that I have come to claim as my own.

We lived in South Carolina for 20 years. Our 5 adult children still live there. Among them there are 3 teachers, 1 state trooper, and a logistics coordinator. All of them benefit from the growth in business and opportunity enjoyed by South Carolinians. Even though work has taken us away, we follow the wonderful progress you have helped bring to the state. Thank you for working so hard to bring opportunities to my family and the entire state.

South Carolina has been in the national news a lot lately. Each time, you have provided clear and positive leadership. The entire nation is seeing how good leadership responds to tragedy and adversity. Thank you for restoring a little hope in government leadership! It has to be hard to do what is right and yet be harshly criticized for it. Please know that you are in my prayers daily. Continue to stand strong! If there is any way I could be of service to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Glenda [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Port Orchard, WA 98367

July 10, 2015

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

Governor Haley,

Let me open by telling you that I do not reside in South Carolina. Additionally, you and I would probably find little common ground politically. However, the intent of this letter is not to discuss those points.

I wish to instead tell you how much I admire your courage and fortitude in dealing with the tragic event in Charleston and the ensuing political maneuvering surrounding removing the Confederate battle flag from the state grounds.

As a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, my connection to Southern history and tradition was tangential until I married my wife, a native of Mississippi. I was raised by parents who instilled in their children the value of accepting all people. However, I gained further insight and knowledge into the richness of the southern culture after hearing of my wife's experiences with the integration of the schools and changes in the traditions of the south that occurred in the 1960s.

My wife and I are educators, and as such understand the value and importance of respecting individuals and their back stories. I believe that your intentions were motivated in a like manner, moving beyond the realm of politics.

Again, I applaud your courage. I believe you have set an example and demonstrated that there are issues that transcend political parties.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Michael [REDACTED]

July 7-15

Hello Governor Haley,

It has sadden me to see that you people in the great state of South Carolina, are being forced to turn your backs on a part of your history. Sad to me to see once again that the majority no longer rules.

What I see wrong is that you don't fly the "Confederate Flag", beneath the American Flag.

I had never knew anything about the south untill being in the Army, during basic training, at Fort Bliss, Texas. Which is next door to El Paso, Texas. We had a few "loud mouth's", who on occasin (spelling badangmore) would shout; Hang on to your "Confederate Money", for the South will rise again! Being born and raised in Southern California, I had no idea why they did that. I do now, they were just braggarts.

Best of luck to you and your state.

Sincerely



10th Infantry  
Division

**Marvin Reed**

Palomino Valley, NV 89510

10th Infantry  
Division



125th Tank  
Battalion



July 09, 2015

Honorable Nimrata Nikki Randhawa Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
The Great State of South Carolina  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I am an attorney who practices law in the Commonwealth of Virginia. I am a well educated man and I love my country and would gladly give my life to protect and preserve her. There is only one flag that I personally exhibit and have given allegiance to as an American citizen and that is Old Glory! There is none other.

My family has its roots in the great State of South Carolina. My Great Grandfather was from Henderson, South Carolina and fought for the Confederacy. Based on my own personal research, he never owned slaves and fought for the South to preserve his homeland and protect his women. How do I know this to be true? I have read some of the letters that he wrote my Great Grandmother, his wife, when he was a soldier. These letters will eventually be given to the Confederate Museum, in Richmond, VA, as historical artifacts.

I, personally, would never display or fly the Confederate Flag in my home or on my property. This is a personal decision I have made and no person, group or government entity has forced me to do this. When I see the Stars and Bars, it reminds me of our national history, my own personal heritage and, yes, the mean, hateful inhuman things that were done to our fellow Brothers and Sisters, Black People. It is our history and there is nothing we can do to change the past; however, we can embrace the future and never let such things happen again as national events.

I have never seen, in the last twenty years, the level of ignorance that seems to permeate every aspect of our national fabric and being. It is so sad when our leaders, both State and national, embrace one group's stand, or position, at the expense of another's. Does anyone remember the American Constitution and the First Amendment when such events are on the forefront of our national conscience? Based on what I am seeing, the answer to this question is no. How sad!

When you gave your policy statement to the viewing public, you were all for removing the Confederate Flag from the Capital Grounds even though you mentioned the other side's position. I know the Black Community does not like, feels offended and views this as a symbol of hate. What happens? Everyone starts hollering tear it down, burn it or put it in the museum to hide it. I, personally, find this un-American and unconstitutional. My question to you is did anyone think about the rights of those Americans, South Carolinians, who embrace and cherish this as their history and

heritage. I think we know the answer to this question. No! They have rights, they are Americans, they have spilled their blood, given their lives for this great nation and they pay taxes like everyone else. They are Americans and they are the majority.

We, as a nation, have done everything not to offend anyone. Every time a minority hollers discrimination, or they are offended, we go to great lengths to address the issue. Over the years, it has taken the form of Political Correctness. We, as a nation, have gone as far as implementing policies that takes from one group and gives it to another. The minorities, who benefit from these policies, never complain because it is to their advantage. The people, who are the majority and pay the taxes, accept it because it is mandated by the government as policy. If they were to protest, the government, and the News Media, would shut them down by castigating, rebuking and making them look like foolish racists, xenophobes, homophobes and every vile name in the book.

Governor Haley, I think you did the people of South Carolina a disservice by supporting the removal of the Confederate Flag from the Capital Grounds. You should have taken the position that the Capital Grounds belongs to all the people who live in South Carolina and not just to a particular minority. I have seen art, plays and other events that were offensive to me as an American and a Christian. Some of these events were paid for by taxpayer's money. The people who were hollering about the Confederate Flag were some of the same people who participated in some of these events. I remember one being Piss Christ where a cross was put in a jar of urine and called art. I remember another display where an American Flag was put on the floor and people wiped their feet on our national emblem as a form of protest. The name of the display was called The True America. It was a protest against the Gulf War in 1991. I have witnessed Muslims burning the American Flag in Washington, D. C. as a protest to reveal their displeasure with American policies in the Middle East. I personally found these actions offensive, but I support their right to do it because it is protected by the First Amendment of our Constitution. If you can take away one person's right to protest something they don't like, there will be a time when someone will be able to take away your right to protest a policy you find objectionable as an American. I think I have said enough. Governor Haley you dropped the ball on this issue.

Governor Haley, I would like to say to you, to every American politician, and to every American that this is America and her citizens are Americans. We live under the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, Declaration of Independence, Rule of Law, the American Flag and I, hope and pray, Almighty God. America is for every American, belongs to every American and we are all equal under the law as Americans.

Sincerely yours,

Michael A. [REDACTED]



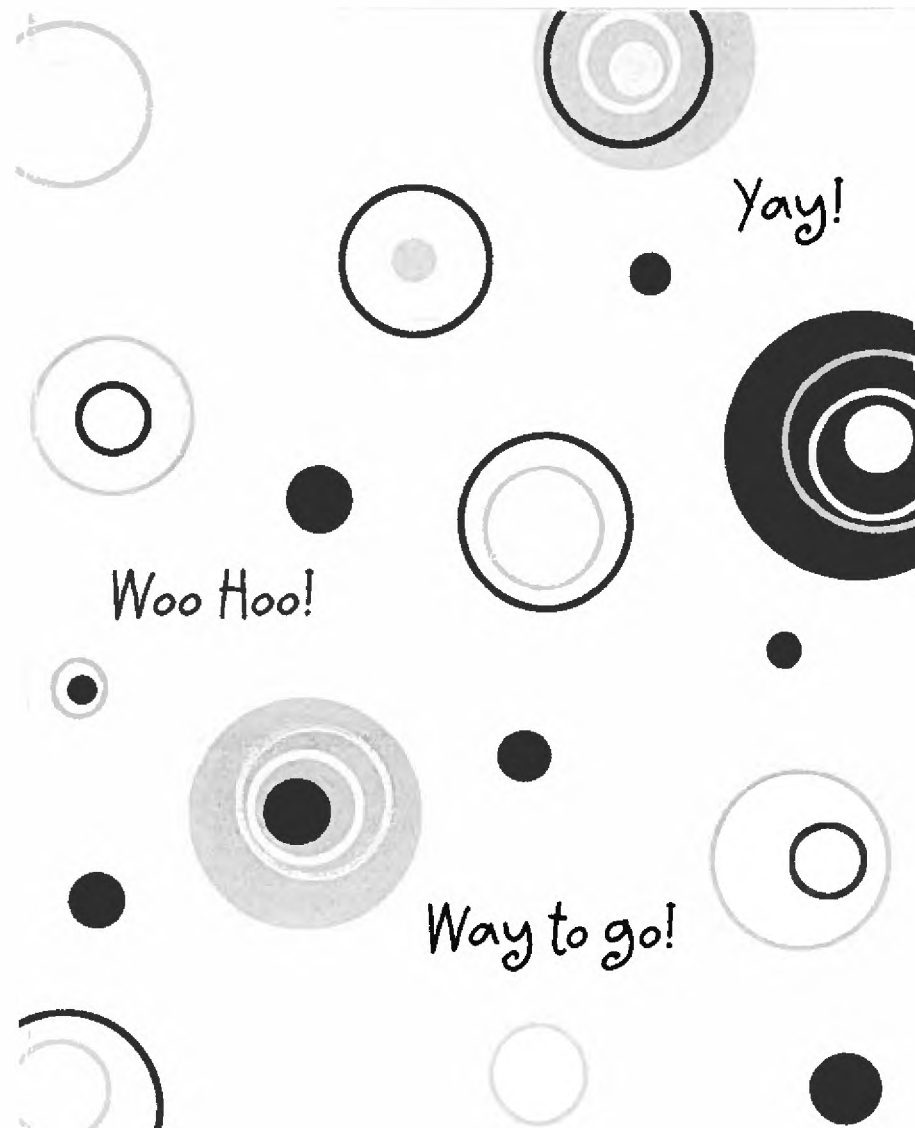
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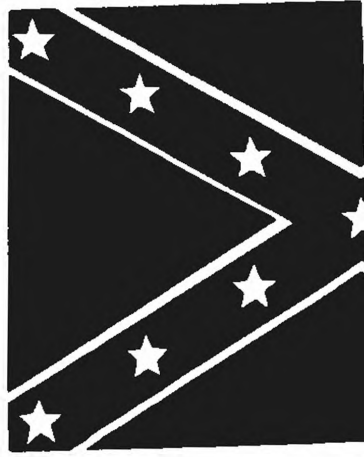
THANKS FOR STARTING THE  
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FLAG AT THE STATE HOUSE FOR 9 KILLED  
IN THE CHURCH. IT IS A GREAT TROUBLE  
FOR THE 9.

You did it!

THANKS FOR SIGNING THE BILL,  
YOU CAN DO A LOT FOR THE  
STATE AND THE COUNTRY  
BY WORKING TOGETHER TO  
HEAL NOT ONLY CHARLESTON  
BUT EVERYWHERE IN THE U.S.

THANKS AGAIN,

[REDACTED]



DANN YOU! I'VE BEEN A  
SUPPORTER OF YOURS FOR  
YEARS. YOU'VE DISAPPOINTED ME!



LOUIS [REDACTED]

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Gov. Haley,

I know this is a very sensitive subject. The Rebel Flag that is currently flying in front of the statehouse means a lot of different things to a lot of different people. If it was just about me, it would suit me fine to see it on top of the statehouse because it makes me think about my southern heritage and my family members who fought for states rights. But... it's not just about me. I'm not the only person who lives in this state. That flag means bad things to a good many of my fellow South Carolinians. And I care about them and how they feel. It's time to put it in a museum and move on. Thanks for doing the "right thing"!

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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**JULY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**

**NIKKI R. HALEY  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
1205 PENDELTON STREET  
COLUMBIA, S.C. 29201**

**RE- YOUR RE-QUEST TO TAKE DOWN AND RE-MOVE THE  
CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG LOCATED AT THE CONFEDERATE  
MONUMENT IN COLUMBIA, S.C.**

**GOVERNOR NIKKI R. HALEY, YOU NEED TO STAND DOWN & LEAVE  
THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG WHERE IT IS.**

**IT SHOULD BE UP TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA OF  
WHETHER OR NOT IT STAYS OR GOES. (LET THE PEOPLE VOTE ON IT)**

**IN THE YEAR 2000 AFTER A LONG DEBATE THIS FLAG WAS TAKEN  
FROM THE TOP OF THE CAPITAL BUILDING AND MOVED TO THE  
CONFEDERATE MONUMENT, AND THAT IS WHERE IT NEEDS TO  
REMAIN.**

**SINCERELY**

**THE**

**[REDACTED]  
CHESTERFIELD, S.C.**

**THE LOCATION OF THE FIRST SECESSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 1860**



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Page 1 of 1

To: Governor Nikki R. Haley

Phone: 803.734.2100

Fax: 803.734.5167

July 9, 2015 Re.: Our Confederate Flag

Governor, please do not move nor take down our flag.

I have relative who fought for the South from SC and from GA.

**PLEASE DON'T DO IT**

Thank you

[REDACTED]  
Registered Voter

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To: Nikki Haley 7-8-15

Re: Confederate Flag Issue

This is a request to respectfully ask that you not approach our Legislators in any manner to sway their vote on the flag issue. I understand it is important to you to project your image as "one who was first to the table" to ask for the flag to be taken down, done so as to enhance your possible chance to run as a Vice Presidential running mate. We see through that. But please put your personal aspirations aside and listen to the people of your State. Study the history of our State. It is a slippery slope you are going down which will result in many more rights being taken away. And it will lay at your feet.

Thank you ~

Patricia

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7/7/2015

Dear Gov. Haley,

Thank you for doing what you can to get the Confederate FLAG off the State House.

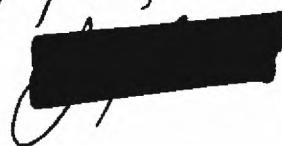
Children are not allowed to wear it on T-shirts to school because it is known as offensive. Yet we fly it on our Statehouse grounds... at least maybe something good will come from the sad, sad deaths of those in Charleston.

I have enclosed a clipping concerning Larry Martin. Several years ago he made sure that the 7th at large School Board member seat was abolished. His support or at least the vote of the Senate this year is critical for Pickens County school system. It is a "good ol' boy regime." Thank you for All you have done for →

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All of us in South Carolina.  
You have been a tremendous leader  
and I wish you the best, always.

Sincerely yours,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of the sender.

Governor,

Thanks for helping take down the flag  
Perhaps folks that want to remember the Civil  
War should be reminded to look at the Cannon  
Stikes in the Capital building. Two flags should  
fly here. The US & SC. Those are flags we live under.

With the greatest respects,

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Flag

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Copperhill, TN 37317

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Michael W. [REDACTED]

Manassas, VA 20111

July 3, 2015

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

Re: Removal of the Confederate Battle Flag

Dear Governor Haley,

I am not yet a resident of the great state of South Carolina but hope to be in the next few years. I have admired how you have managed your state, especially when compared to the dismal job being done by Governor Terry McAuliffe here in Virginia.

My family has made it a point to vacation in South Carolina over the course of the past 15 years and my wife and I have decided your state is where we want to retire. There are many reasons for this decision, including the friendliness of the people, the beauty of the state, and traditional, conservative values which seem to be the backbone of the government.

However, in my humble opinion, your decision to call for the removal of the battle flag from the Columbia State House is not an act of bravery but a sign of cowardice and a knee jerk reaction to what the leftist/progressive media, leftist/progressive groups weak-kneed RNC officials have demanded in light of the murder of nine people in Charleston. The comments made by the progressive mayor of Charleston in response to the tragedy, including removal of the flag as well as additional gun control, speak volumes about what is going on in South Carolina as well as nationwide.

Your bowing to political pressure to remove the flag has resulted in a nationwide call from leftist groups for removal of monuments, graves, and name changes to buildings and streets. Essentially you have emboldened people who would not vote for you or any other conservative politician. Since it was not a flag which killed those people but a demented and racist individual with a firearm, will you also roll over to calls for additional gun control? If I become a South Carolina resident, will my Second Amendment rights be put in jeopardy? Similarly, if South Carolina passes legislation which may anger an emboldened gay rights lobby, will you also acquiesce to their demands? Personally, I do not want to see South Carolina become another Virginia or any of the other northeastern states.

All your action has done is to deflect attention from the real problems and causes of violence in our country, including the high murder rate in our cities. Those murders as I assume you know are mostly due to black Americans killing black Americans. These murders as well as other urban problems are the result of Democrat implemented policies foisted on our country over the course of the past 50+ years.

One of the reasons I have heard for your decision to remove the flag is to bring more business to South Carolina and to show how "diverse" your state has become. I really do not believe this in light of the success of having Boeing and more recently Volvo coming to your state. Boeing and Volvo evidently had no problem coming to South Carolina with the flag flying there. An educated person would realize there are much more important factors in a company deciding where to locate.

I also believe Mr. Obama has shown his contempt with our nation's heritage by illuminating the White House last Friday with the rainbow colors of the gay movement. Do you not see the hypocrisy? I would imagine there are more people offended by this action than the Confederate flag flying in Columbia. I feel the mad rush to erase all signs of Southern heritage of the Civil War has emboldened the anti-traditional values crowd.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I would appreciate a response. I realize I am not a resident of South Carolina and I should not expect a response.

You can contact me via e-mail at [REDACTED]@verizon.net or via my home phone at (703) [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Michael [REDACTED]

Govern,

I think your Confederate Flag should still fly. That flag did not tell that 21 year old clown to go to that church and shoot them people that he shot. His father should be held responsible for his action not the flag. Back years ago they fought for that flag because it stood for the south and northern they battle one another the south deserves that flag and they should be able to fly it and I will tell you one thing if I lived there I would fly her and be proud and you people should do the same.

God Bless You all  
and My wife and I  
Love You all.  
Rev. [REDACTED]



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Gov Haley,

You will never get  
my vote again.

I will vote for Donald  
Trump before I vote for  
you again. I voted for  
you both times you ran  
for governor and you have  
betrayed those who put  
you in office. Leave the  
flag alone!

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Charleston, SC

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DEAR Ms HALEY

LEAVE OUR FLAG  
OF THE CONFEDERACY ALONE.

THANKS

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Please leave the Confederate  
Flag where it is!  
Do not use our heritage as a  
scapegoat for the Charleston  
tragedy!

Bill [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

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**FAX COVER SHEET**

TO: Governor Haley, South Carolina Governor

FROM: Kenneth F [REDACTED], Retired Law Officer

DATE: July 7, 2015

SUBJECT: Confederate Flag Ordeal in Your STATE

FAX NO: 803-[REDACTED]

Governor, to me, I think your government is tearing down the history of our Southern States, which a lot of people died in that Civil War. The Civil War is part of the Black's history in their lives also.

That Confederate flag did not pull the trigger on the gun that killed those people, which I feel sorry for the family's of each one loss. That person pulled the trigger of hate is what killed the people, not the Confederate flag. The gun used in the killing did not kill those people, that person who does not understand history of our country is who did the killing. And to me, that person should get the same treatment he gave to those nice people who were worshipping God. Killing a person anywhere is sick, but to me, killing a person in God's house is very sick-minded person without respect for God.

Maybe your General Assembly members should leave the pole there and design a state flag and put it on the pole. How about this "Liberty & Justice for All" seal with the American flag in a circle with the Liberty Bell inside too. I have this seal on my Security Officer shoulder patch. It is pretty. You can look in the police uniform catalog and see a picture of it. That is where I got the idea for my shoulder patches, which the state purchased for me. If you want to, I will mail you a picture of it and I will be glad to send you a copy of it. Then have a pretty background color on the cloth.

This flag made this way, I am of the feeling all of your state citizens will appreciate the caring words the flag would be giving them. It shows the State of South Carolina cares about its citizens. Now, no one can go against the words "LIBERTY & JUSTICE FOR ALL". Then at the top of the flag could be the writing, South Carolina across the cloth or State of South Carolina.

I think this would bring your community together in caring for everyone in the state.

Governor Haley, I send my deep regret of lost to each of those individuals that sick individual who did not understand what history of a country is, and pray your state can come to a pleasing ending for all involved. Thank you for your time in reading this.

June 24, 2015

Dearest Honorable State  
Legislature & Senate / House?

This letter is in support  
of moving the flag of sym-  
bolism to a museum where  
it should have been all  
along. if it should be  
around at all. With  
time should come positive  
Change-not Change which  
is no change at all but  
is like a dog 'chasing  
his tail".

Is the go to site of  
South Car his the

Only one flying the  
flag that is supposed  
to represent the war  
of Slavery + economics  
between its own citizens?  
If indeed South Carolina  
is the only state flying  
it & there are many  
southern states not flying  
it, should not that  
tell our state some-  
thing? I realize that  
some people have a  
faulty logic attached  
to the flag. They

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think it is a reminder  
of what WAS. But if  
what was, was so  
right & great & that  
flag represents it, then  
why do our children  
suffer so and destroy  
others as well as  
themselves when they  
see & wear the flag?  
South Carolina, my  
home state, is a beautiful  
and great state; but  
it is & has always  
been a 'Rebel without  
a Cause'. Think about



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it. The state was the first to secede from union, had most slaves, has high unemployment because it chooses to linger in the past. The past is gone. What happened happened. It's the present now. Move forward with the love, peace, and honor of great South Carolinians both of the past & future. I know we all think we're right all the



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time, but sometimes we  
are so, so wrong. Maybe  
more jobs will come to  
SC if it moves into  
2015 instead of 1815. If  
I were companies, I  
wouldn't want to move  
here with all this old-  
fashioned, fear contr led  
hate, and poor self-  
image. If South Carolinians  
loved themselves, others  
and their children as  
much as they seem to  
love an old-time red/blue  
emblem of no love and peace

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that would be very  
nice & positive and  
they'd really be  
free and true lovers  
of God's Glory. Not  
many others spend more  
time in church than  
South Carolinians &  
Aurthurians. Yet, they  
worship an idol War  
Flag. Do we not see  
the insanity in that.  
We don't want our  
children in jail for  
killing each other and  
Americans they think won't.

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worthy. We are all  
worthy in His eyes. The  
older people (40 & up)  
they teach the young  
to hate, to lie, to murder,  
to crave, to destroy, to be  
jealous, to think winning  
is everything. My parent  
and teachers taught  
me that "One doesn't  
have to be the best, one  
just has to do one's best".  
Shouldn't we be teaching  
our children to love  
themselves so they can  
love All others. We are

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all of one race - God's children. If we want our children to be here for a future to enjoy the pie (of which there is enough for us all - if some aren't too greedy), we had better teach them to love themselves. As a voter, I know how important education and voting is, but does everyone know the value of voting and education? That's what we should be focusing on Love, Peace + education.

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As in the words of  
a once good president  
(whether you like him or  
his politics), Ronald  
Reagan. "Mr. G., Tear  
that WALL down." A  
WALL that separates  
your people. Why do  
we in S.C. and USA  
want to separate our  
people when our own  
one time president told  
another country to tear  
it down. So take down  
that Confederate flag  
& Put up a banner of



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Love. We will all  
be better for it. Of  
course, some will be  
upset, but many times  
we are upset of what  
is right and peaceful.  
No one is better than  
anyone else - just different.  
We are all different from  
one another as we are  
the same. That's why we  
all have different DNA  
pattern & fingerprints.  
I PRAY & HOPE we will  
do what is positive for  
our children and teach.

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Self-love and people love  
philus - If other states  
have this flag up, they  
to should remove it,  
Our founding fathers  
wrote 'all men are  
created equal'. Let's  
move to peace in a  
loving, calm way instead  
of a hateful, war monger  
way. People, citizens,  
visitors please watch  
your children. Get them  
mental help if they need  
it. TALK to them. Hug them.  
Don't just give them things

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to keep them occupied.

Give them love! Your  
time. Teach them

respect for themselves,

others, and work. Most

Importantly, teach them  
to believe in a higher good.

Thank you men and

women of the legislature

for your time. Sincerely,

a Voter and Citizen and  
Native South Carolinian.



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GOV. NIKKI HALEY  
STATEHOUSE  
COLUMBIA, SC 29203



NIKKI BABY, FLAGS KILL NIGGER 7-6-15  
IN THE LAST 160 DAYS 161 NIGGERS  
WERE KILLED BY GANGSTA NIGGERS  
ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO, IL.  
WHERE IS YOUR OUTRAGE? WHAT  
FLAG IS KILLING ALL OUR NIGGERS  
IN CHICAGO? HAVE YOU, BY SOUTH-  
ERN ASSIMILATION, NEEDLESSLY CAUS-  
ED THE DEATH OF ALL THESE WELFARE  
SUCKING NIGGERS BY THEIR BROTHER  
NIGGERS? GANGSTA THUG NIGGERS  
LOVE KILLING OTHER THUG NIGGERS  
FOR THE "SPORT" OF IT. BIG BROTHER  
PROGRAMS FAIL WITH BLOODTHIRSTY NIGGERS.

June 28, 2015

Governor Nikki Haley  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing you today to address a potential heartbreaking event that is about to unfold in the great State of South Carolina. As a lifelong citizen of this state, a graduate of the Citadel (Class of 1994), a straight ticket Republican (for now) and a Christian, I am requesting that you please take a few minutes and read my enclosed address to you, President Obama, and the General Assembly of South Carolina on the Confederate Battle flag and Confederate memorials that occupy the people's grounds at our State Capital. I am so saddened by the events that have taken place in our state, but what you are doing is wrong by wanting its removal or wanting it negotiated for removal and is outlined as attached in "limited" detail.

Please understand in reading this attached letter, that if the flag is removed and the other issues as indicated are not, it would mean that the State of South Carolina as well as the Federal Government are discriminating against myself as well as many of our beloved taxpaying voters. A compromise is a compromise, let's move on. Please understand that I am for equality and that equality is for all, not just for one group of people every time they want something, they decide they want to start trouble or make new deals on old settlements.

I hope this letter finds you well, please read my opinion letter enclosed and I am thankful that you are giving the taxpaying citizens a chance to speak through me. The people of this great state who are not politically attached on a daily basis or outside interest groups, people who love this state with all their hearts as well as this nation, the people who love their heritage. If you would like to further discuss this issue, I am available anytime, except mid August as my wife is having twins. Have a wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July and may God bless our veterans and may he continue to protect and look over those who serve.

Sincerely,

Richard [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Reevesville, SC 29471

[REDACTED]@yahoo.com

(843) [REDACTED]

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June 28, 2015

Dear President Obama, Governor Haley, and members of the SC General Assembly,

In Greek Mythology we read from the works of the great poet Hesiod a tale of Zeus, the God of the sky, who gave a newly married couple a gift in the form of a simple box or a "pithos". This gifted box or "pithos" came with one request, never to open. On June 17, 2015, Satan himself entered a House of God in Charleston and brutally murdered 9 innocent Christians. Though this was a horrible act, his work did not end there. He took form, when he left the church, and entered the lives of a few other individuals, determined to destroy everything in this world that is right and cause more hatred and confusion among the good citizens of South Carolina and this great nation.

Within hours of the shooting, a few militant members of the NAACP and the liberal left, determined to destroy this great country, presented you, our elected officials, with a box. This box was given to you in the form of an ultimatum. As many here believe, the situation unfolded as such. With the deaths of the 9 individual in the church, the left turned this tragic event into a negotiable opportunity to complete one of the numbered tasks on their political agenda. They met, as told, with elected officials, behind closed doors, and gave them/you options in the form of a one sided compromise. This ultimatum was simple, but also complex. You and the elected officials, as assumed, were asked if you wanted the City of Charleston and towns across this state to be burned by lawless thugs, many imported from other areas of the country. You and the other elected officials, rumored, said no. In return for calling off these masses, you were presented a bail out or sell out as we call it, and asked to remove the Confederate Flag from the State House grounds. What has happened to justice in this country? Is this going to start a pattern of things to come? What has happened to our values and our morals?

You, along with the liberal militants have now joined forces and the magic show has started and below described will show one of two ways how it will end. You have completely taken all blame for the event off of a deranged racist lunatic, doing satins work, and applied all that is wrong in this country and state to the Confederate flag. Shame on you! Shame on you! Being good citizens, we should all be focusing on how to deter this type of crime and bringing harsher punishments on those who commit hate crimes and burn our great cities, as we all know the only way to prevent crime is to deter crime.

Though 9 Christians were killed at Mother Emanuel, over 20,000 of South Carolinas finest young men, black and white, Jew and Gentile, men of all races, creeds and religions, died in this States service under that flag, the soldier's flag. When asked by the State of South Carolina to do their duty to defend this state, they stepped up to the call and sacrificed their every tomorrow in her defense and you and the legislature are considering selling them out, they did not sell us out as they fought to the bitter end. With their life's blood running from their bodies on the field of battle I assure you, they were thinking only about South Carolina, being back here, in this great state with their family and their friends. Many widows were left alone in this state and many children fatherless, forever. Many were never seen again or even given a Christian burial. Left on the field of battle to rot and be eaten by the vultures of the air and the beast of the fields.

The Confederate Flag which flies on the grounds is an actual battle flag, a soldier's flag. This flag was adopted by the Army of Northern Virginia, Lee's Army. As you all know, Robert E. Lee was an abolitionist, he hated slavery and wanted it to end. Lee thought it, the institute of slavery, was an evil, he fought for his state, not for slavery, just like many of these men honored on our state grounds. That flag also has local ties; the designer of that flag was from here in South Carolina and grew up in Walterboro. His name was William Porcher Miles, served as mayor of Charleston, in the House of Representatives and after the war, President of the University of South Carolina. It is a Christian flag and represents by its symbols the Cross of Saint Andrew.

Governor Haley and elected officials of South Carolina, Pandora's Box has unfortunately been placed in your lap. You have a big decision to make. This decision could be complex or it could be easy. I and many other voters and tax payers in this state would take the easy route. This being said, a compromise was made in 2000 that would place the Soldiers flag next to the monument in Columbia the Soldiers War Memorial. Many think this memorial has no place on state grounds, but I differ with that opinion, as these men served the State of South Carolina, died for the state of South Carolina, they have every right to be memorialized, with their beloved banner on property owned by the State of South Carolina!

This decision of continuing the compromise is the easy route. If peace and love truly prevail in this state as reported, if this state is now bonded in love and unity and we are coming together to finally understand and respect each other, we can move on with the flag in place. Put Pandora's Box back on the shelf, lock the door and bury the key for good as well as this discussion. Let us not be like the Federal Government in its practices with the Native Americans, we southerners honor our agreements and contract. Leave the flag in its compromised position, where it should be, honoring these men who died for this state.

The other option is for you and the state legislator to actually open this gifted box. As you know from reading the story of Pandora what followed. With this situation, this is what will take place which in the long run, will destroy not only the State of South Carolina, but our Nation as a whole. It will result in a never ending plague. A plague that will continue to result in more hatred and racism. A plague that will destroy the very fiber of our being and result in the total demise of our beloved Republic.

Once the flag is removed from its compromised honored position next to the Confederate Memorial we the people will have no choice but to remove all of the monuments and symbols of this state and nation. As Mrs. Haley said, the flag does not represent all of the people of South Carolina and has no place on state grounds, the people's grounds. It has also been said by a few that the South, the Confederacy, and its monuments represent slavery, oppression, treason, and racism. I do not agree with that at all, but since we are on that subject, let's you and I take a walking tour of the State House grounds and the surrounding area as well as our Nation's Capital.

To begin with, directly between the Confederate Memorial and the state house, you will see a statue, one of six ever made, of our "first" President George Washington. Yes he was a great man and revered to by many, but his statue must be removed as he was a slave owner. At the time of his death, he owned 317 slaves. As for our Confederate soldiers, black and white, only 3% of them owned slaves. George has to go.

Looking up at the Capital we see at the top of the Dome the American Flag. Yes, you are correct; this will have to be removed and replaced with a new flag. It represents oppression, racism, and slavery. Our country was founded in 1776 as we declared our Independence from England. Slavery was here before our move to independence and it remained legal under Federal law until the war ended and the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment was passed in 1865. An attempt was even made by our **Federal Government** In 1861 to forever allow slavery in the states that desired it in the form of an amendment to the Constitution. This was not only proposed, it was acted on, and Lincoln himself supported it as well as President Buchanan. It passed both the US House and Senate by a wide majority vote and was sent out to the states to be ratified, three of them, two northern, did so, it was called the Corwin act. This flag also represents racism in many forms. Take the KKK, a worthless organization within itself, they use the Confederate flag in their ceremonies, but they also use the American Flag and the Christian flag. We as sons of the south are as upset about the misuse of our flags by these groups as you. If we are taking down the soldiers flag because it is used by the KKK, the US flag has to go as well.

Also, what in the world did we do to our Native people under this, the American flag? If you are not sure, ask a Native American how he or she feels about it and the social genocide committed upon their people under it. Actually, in writing this letter to you marks the anniversary of Custer's death at the Battle of Greasy Grass near the Little Big Horn River in Montana as he attempted to murder the brave men, woman and children of the Lakota Sioux.

Below the US flag you will see our current state flag. It is a Confederate Flag. It was adopted by the Republic of South Carolina on January 28, 1861 and served as its National Flag for a short period. This flag was changed by the secession government of this state on that date to show the Palmetto tree in its current form. Upon entering the Confederacy, that flag also went into battle with 3% of our slave owning troops. It must go!

The beautiful Capital building itself adorned with all of its ornate features are revered by all as one of the most beautiful of state houses. Its magnificent Corinthian Columns are among the largest in the world measuring 43 feet in height, cut and wrought from a single stone. Sad, but this building must be removed as this represents not only the heart of Secession; it was built by a Major in the Confederate Army. After his death, the work was continued by his son, who also served in the Confederate Army.

On the other side of the state house, we find many statues. Most notable, is the one of Strom Thurmond. This statue must be removed. Even his son Paul said last week, he was ashamed of his ancestors. This would include his father who was a segregationist. He really made a show of himself in opposing the Civil rights act where he not only opposed it, but delivered the longest filibuster in this nation's history. It has to go. Way to go Paul!

We then see the statue of Ben Tillman. Need I say more, but I will. Look at the history of this guy. He hated blacks! Let's look at actions in the massacre of blacks in Hamburg in 1876. As Tillman arrived in Hamburg, a little late for the slaughter, he was upset that he missed the fight, two of his men brought two black men before him, who were there to investigate the slaughter. One of them was Senator Simon Coker. He, Tillman, had them kneel and pray to God for their lives, during the prayer they were shot and killed. Look at the Lynching laws of this state. His statue must go.

The Statue of Wade Hampton has to be removed as well. Known, not only as a famed General in the Confederate Army, he is looked upon today by the liberal world as a "white

terrorist". Though he opposed separation from the Union, he fought for his State. After the war, as the occupying Union forces denied human civility to our states people, he and others grew tired of the radicals and took back our state. Being a Confederate General, it has to be removed.

How about the Statue of Calhoun, the father of States' Rights and in a lot of the historic circles of this county, the father of old honest Abe himself. His statue must go. The African monument must be removed as well. It shows men from the 1<sup>st</sup> South Carolina Colored Troops on it. Men, like many of these represented, participated in the burning of our towns, the theft of our ancestors personal property and the rape of our woman and young girls, both black and white. This marker must go.

This list can go on and on. We have not even touch the interior of the State House; we have not discussed the Governor's Mansion itself and its history of racial hatred and oppression as it served as home of the Arsenal Cadets, who would serve the Confederacy. Speaking of that, how about the Citadel, both the Arsenal and the Citadel were formed around 1842 to assist in repulsing slave revolts and guard munitions at the states arsenals. The Citadel fired the 1<sup>st</sup> shot of the war and the last shot east of the Mississippi, losing 243 of the schools finest men, honored by our monument in Columbia. They still wear Confederate era uniforms and their beloved "band of gold" reflects its Confederate service.

Let us briefly make our way next to our nation's capital. The District of Columbia will have to be renamed; the memorials of Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln (racist, read his work) will have to be moved. Due to the fact that the Vietnam War was controversial, that memorial must go as well. Even the State of Washington must be changed. I cannot believe we would name a state in this Union after a slave owner.

Governor Haley, in speaking to the press, said that the State House was a building that represented all the people of South Carolina. Basically, that being said nothing deemed offensive to a group should be placed on its grounds or within its walls. Christmas time, I do not want to see a Christmas tree anywhere on State or Federal property. Everyone in South Carolina is not a Christian. It does not represent all the people. We have here in this state and in this nation a melting pot of many different people. Jews, Christians, Muslims, Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses and non believers. A Christmas tree does not represent all the people. Men and woman are being butchered daily in the Middle East over these religious items, watch the news. Let us not offend anyone.

This is just the tip of the iceberg, the list goes on and on and when will it end? If you, the General Assembly open Pandora's Box and remove our soldiers' flag from the soldiers' monument or any of our Confederate monuments located on State or Federal property, all other monuments listed must go, everything listed here within this letter and the list will continue to grow. From our Nations currency to our Pledge of Allegiance, even to the Black Caucus (we do not have a white caucus in name) as prescribed into law in our State House. If you remove the flag and/or our monuments and do not remove any of the other listed items, this is and will be considered discrimination and suits will follow.

Let us not even touch on paying reparations to our Native Americans. As you know, we stole the very land from them that we live on today. How about reparations from the Government to the slaves and the slave families? How about 40 acres and a mule that was promised? How about payment to the southern people, whites and black, slave and non slave,

who lost personal property? The Yankees stole everything they could get their hands on, even dug up our dead and then burned the rest. Where was our Marshall plan?

The solution is simple; LEAVE THE FLAG, PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THE BOX! Prosecute those who misuse this great flag and leave satin and the devil standing alone in shame. Punish those who commit crimes in the name of hate to the upmost realms of the law. These soldiers did nothing to deserve this fate; the flag had no part in this crime or any other crime. If you are going to remove it because the KKK uses it, let's ban the sale of white bed sheets as they, the KKK, run around in them at night committing these hate crimes. Let's also ban the sale of products made of cotton, since that is what this entire nation, North and South, in the time of slavery prospered on.

In closing, do what is right, leave the flag and let's move on to bigger issues. Let us work together to end hate crimes. Removing this flag without removing all other controversial items listed and those to be listed is discrimination in the 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Many of you are attorneys; you do the math, and add up what will follow with voting to discriminate as well as removing this one flag. This issue will not rest in its removal; it will only open a new chapter of not only discrimination, but question the very sole of our Republic and will end in breaking the strong foundation of this Nation. We study history to learn from the past so we may not repeat errors once made by those who went before us.

As Lincoln said, we are a "Government of the People, by the People and for the People"; please vote for the people, as we, the people of South Carolina, will be voting for you. These liberals from outside of this state do not have votes in our state and local elections. Please do not waste anymore of our tax money on this issue, it was settled in 2000 and settled it should stay, put Pandora's Box away. Let the news media move on somewhere else to find another item for their reality TV show. WAKE UP AMERICA.

May God continue to bless you and may God continue to be with the people of the Great state of South Carolina and this Great Nation.

I am

An American,

Richard

Reevesville, SC 29471

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Thursday, July 9, 2015

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

**CONFEDERATE FLAG REMOVAL FROM CAPITOL GROUNDS**

Dear Governor Haley:

My wife and I admired very much, the job you were doing as Governor of the great State of South Carolina until you caved in to the "Knee Jerk" resolution to remove the Confederate flag from State grounds. There is no disagreement as to the heinous, diabolic and malevolent nature of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church murders in downtown *Charleston, South Carolina*. The perpetrator, a white, mentally deranged and totally screwed up young man, clearly had an agenda that 99.999999 percent of other white people in the U.S. do not have.

Having said the above, my point is, why did you remove an historic symbol of our history, namely the Confederate Flag? If in some challenged minds, that flag still represents an infatuation with the Civil War and the carnage brought about by both sides, it is truly pathetic. Years ago, when I frequently traveled to or worked in the South, I used to say that, "They are still fighting the Civil War." I don't believe that now. I believe my Southern brethren have gotten over it and have moved on. I am however, not naive enough to know that there are still a few.....very few who are still running off at the mouth about it, but I don't think you should have rolled over to "Knee Jerk" PC'ers that are trying to ignore history.

And while speaking of flags.....have you looked at your own South Carolina State flag lately? The one that depicts a Crescent Moon and a Palm Tree? How about looking at the Flags of; Turkey, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and Pakistan? Your South Carolina State Flag bears an awfully close resemblance to those Islamic Country's flags. Why don't you lobby for changing your state flag? Just a suggestion.

Sincerely,

Ron [REDACTED]



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

Dear Governor Haley:

There is no mystery about the cause of the recent murders at the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC. The confessed suspect has admitted his hateful, racist views that motivated his murderous act.

The Confederate battle flag that flies on the grounds of the South Carolina State House is a flagrant symbol of hate and racism that symbolizes the official views of the state of South Carolina. If you, as Governor of South Carolina, truly wish to address racism in your state you will vigorously lead the fight to remove the Confederate battle flag from all state property.

Until that flag is removed, I, as an African-American, will not spend a dime of my own money in your state and will urge organizations to which I belong to boycott your state until the flag is gone.

Show your leadership and your own belief in doing the right thing and get rid of that terrible symbol of hate and racism.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.

John  MD

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July 2, 2015

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

Dear Governor Haley:

As a native South Carolinian, please accept my heartiest congratulations on the tremendous courage and leadership you have shown on behalf of our beloved state.

With your incredulous success in economic development (Boeing, Volvo and many others), you could have taken the easy road and simply conducted a few public press conferences. However, you have done something that few, true leaders and politicians can bear in difficult times, the "Right Thing". You have given your heart and shown the heart of the state. That is true leadership! For this, you should be commended.

My father, Dr. Maurice [REDACTED] of whom a recent Opinion article was written earlier this week by Sherry Beasley in the Columbia State Paper, fervently believed in education and hard work as key pathways to success.

"Race, he would say was not really about color but who could run, prepare and work the hardest to help their fellow man". In his role as a United Methodist Layperson, he believed in the American dream. He taught us to do the same.

Many years ago, I was blessed to serve as President of Allen University. Senator Clementa Pinckney was our Student Government President and a favorite son of the university.

I knew him well and know that he would be so appreciative of your leadership during this period. On behalf of the citizenry, thank you for the powerful, classy and beautiful way you placed him and the other members of the Emmanuel Nine (9) to rest.

You have a big task ahead. Stay the course and remember, God is with you! Once the flag is down, you may need a plan to activate a "Race and Reconciliation" Commission of pastors, key persons like Mayor Riley, minorities and "Heritage Activists" throughout all 46 counties to heal our beautiful state.

Remember, if our economic progress is to continue, we must forge ahead. May God be with you!

Please give Lt. Governor McMaster my highest regards.

[REDACTED]  
Dr. John [REDACTED]  
Hampton University, VA  
(803) [REDACTED]

June 29, 2015

Hon. Nikki Haley, Gov.  
Office of the Governor  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear. Governor Haley:

A caveat:

My family has members who have fought in all our major wars from the American Revolution, the Civil War (Union Army) and myself in WWII.

Hardly a Southern background.

All the furor about the Confederate Battle Flag because one person with a twisted mind glorified it in his diatribe against African-Americans is, in my mind, ridiculous.

I have nothing but the greatest empathy for the victims, their families and the survivors of Emanuel AME Church. I admire their spirit and forgiveness shown.

What I don't understand is why there is such a hue ad cry to eliminate that Flag from U. S. history. The Confederacy is a part of that history and you don't eliminate history.

The same is true of the statues of Confederate notables; they too are part of our history. To put all this in a closet and hope it goes away is nonsense. We should respect our history without glorifying it the wrong way.

What do most caring people feel about ISIS destroying centuries old relics, statues and buildings of previous civilizations? Every country has history, both good and bad. We should cherish that history not discard it.

Another example of the "cause du jour"?

I feel that given reasonable time and proper reflection a different decision might be considered.

Sincerely,

Richard

Wooster, OH 44691

Richard

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# The Conquered Banner

This poem, written by Chaplain (Major, CSA)  
Abram J. Ryan in June of 1865, seems most  
appropriate today.

The words were never more true:

Furl that Banner, for 'tis weary

And this from a Virginian whose family gave it all  
up for The Lost Cause.

[REDACTED]

Arthur B. [REDACTED]  
LTC, USA (Ret)

**FURL that Banner, for 't is weary;  
Round its staff 't is drooping dreary:**

**Furl it, fold it,— it is best;  
For there 's not a man to wave it,  
And there 's not a sword to save it,  
And there 's not one left to lave it  
In the blood which heroes gave it,  
And its foes now scorn and brave it:  
Furl it, hide it,— let it rest!**

**Take that Banner down! 't is tattered;  
Broken is its staff and shattered;  
And the valiant hosts are scattered,  
Over whom it floated high.  
Oh, 't is hard for us to fold it,  
Hard to think there 's none to hold it,  
Hard that those who once unrolled it  
Now must furl it with a sigh!**

**Furl that Banner— furl it sadly!  
Once ten thousands hailed it gladly,  
And ten thousands wildly, madly,  
Swore it should forever wave;  
Swore that foeman's sword should never  
Hearts like theirs entwined dis sever,  
Till that flag should float forever  
O'er their freedom or their grave!**

Furl it! for the hands that grasped it,  
And the hearts that fondly clasped it,  
Cold and dead are lying low;  
And that Banner—it is trailing,  
While around it sounds the wailing  
Of its people in their woe.

For, though conquered, they adore it,—  
Love the cold, dead hands that bore it,  
Weep for those who fell before it,  
Pardon those who trailed and tore it;  
And oh, wildly they deplore it,  
Now to furl and fold it so!

Furl that Banner! True, 't is gory,  
Yet 't is wreathed around with glory,  
And 't will live in song and story  
Though its folds are in the dust!  
For its fame on brightest pages,  
Penned by poets and by sages,  
Shall go sounding down the ages—  
Furl its folds though now we must.

Furl that Banner, softly, slowly!  
Treat it gently—it is holy,  
For it droops above the dead.  
Touch it not—unfold it never,  
Let it droop there, furled forever,—  
For its people's hopes are fled!

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I will look for a good day with the  
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Governor Haley,

We are writing in reference to your (Now successful) push to have The Confederate Flag removed from the state capitol grounds

We have vacationed in South Carolina in the past – but no longer. Myrtle Beach is a convenient location to go to a beach but that will no longer be a factor in our decision making. I have a family member who is a long haul truck driver and that person will no longer make stops of any type in SC.

The citizens of SC voted to put that flag there and neither you nor the state legislature had any right to remove it. Your citizens should have been allowed to vote since they put it there but it would seem that you and your legislature have taken the notion that other states have on various issues – that no matter the vote or what the people say, we know best.

This was a cowardly act to give into the demands of a handful of activists. That flag never shot anyone – when are you politicians going to realize that people kill people - not guns nor any type of weapon that might be used.

That flag is part of our heritage but you and yours would wipe it out as though our heritage never existed.

We used to respect you and your administration and believe you have done much for your state but you blew it this time and this one decision is bad enough to wipe out the good you have done. If you were doing it for political reasons – i.e. for a White House run in the future – this household will not vote for you since you apparently cannot stand your ground on important issues and flip-flop too easily.

Steve and Sherry [REDACTED]

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Honorable, Nikki Haley  
Governor, South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201  
U.S.A.

Rep [REDACTED], Organic Produce Farmer  
[REDACTED]  
Ruston, Louisiana 71273

June 24, 2015

Dear Nikki Haley,

Hi. Congratulations on your being elected Governor of South Carolina. I especially like your methods of balancing the state budget and cutting costs for South Carolina. I feel if our Governor of Louisiana balanced the budget better, we would have less potholes on our state highways.

If I thanked you a million times it would be for the millions of people including myself for requesting the Confederate flag be removed from the South Carolina State Capitol. My heart goes out to the nine innocent people's families that were unfortunately devastated by the hate-mongering individual.

My Condolences also go out  
to the families, their lives are forever changed,  
Holidays, family gatherings will never be the same.

I sympathize with victims of  
gun violence and bullying because my parents and  
myself have been threatened with gun violence.  
I am certain individuals that brandish the  
Confederate Flag, here in Arcadia, Louisiana! In  
1983 my parents and I moved to Arcadia,  
Louisiana, to my father's homoplace small  
farm for them to retire after we sold our home  
in Georgia. We thought it would be peaceful here  
in this rural community, unfortunately it  
isn't peaceful here at all anymore.

A month after we moved here,  
a white male stopped on our road, he pointed an  
assault rifle towards all of us! After that  
three white males in a brown Jeep G55  
stopped in front of our home, all three got out of  
their Jeep, one pointed a lever action rifle towards  
the bottom of our porch and discharged approximately  
15-16 shots consecutively under our porch! After  
he one finished shooting, they all yelled out  
"Furbrys" then casually left.

Since 1993 until now, we have  
been harassed by shooting, threats, from violence (verbal &  
physical) I am hate mongering biased groups, they have yelled

homophobic slanders at us (we are not gay), used motor oil dumped in our driveway, our mailbox destroyed, mail stolen (we witnessed them in the process) from boxes that reside at the R.V. park 1000 feet away, bear bittles (bears) dumped in or driving, our small motor home shot at,

When the hating club opened just after we moved here in 1993, bullets were discharged over our heads, consecutively and intentionally! Gunfire occurred day and night, sometimes we would hear assault weapons discharged at 2 am and 4 am causing loss of sleep and stress. At times we would (know small) all stay in party tent to avoid being the gunfire motivation) and the stench of gunfire fumes that entered our home. All of the hating club members had a Confederate flag on the front bumper of their pickup trucks!

For the past 11 years we have been forced to put up with "Confederate Bikers", as they refer to themselves causing us loss of sleep because of their mindless motorcades and loud raucous concerts with yelling and screaming day and night for a part 4 to 6 days when they arrive on next door. Our Quality of Life severely diminished because of their low moral and lack of respect for other people.

I have witnessed the Confederate Bikers when they walk through Wal-Mart, they

are very antisocial, withdrawn, and if they see you looking at them, they give a cold hard stare like they are trying to start something.

My father died January 2011, my mother died April 2014, I was their caregiver and quit my job to care for them because some of the nursing homes here in Louisiana are known to not care for the elderly and steal from them, their medicine, and neglect their patients.

On February 14, 2015, I was in my home checking the weather forecast in order to decide whether to plant my seedlings due to unexpected freezing temperatures. At 3:20 PM, an explosion frightened me, it shook the walls and floor of my home, I immediately ran outside calling 911, I thought an airplane had crashed, I was shaking and very scared because this explosion was over 160-200 decibels. The dispatcher told me the Sons of Confederate Veterans were conducting a Civil War Reenactment next door, I contacted the A.T.F. and F.B.I., they took my statement. I was sick for three days when the above incident occurred, I filed a police report, the deputy told me, "I heard that explosion too, and I'm 3 miles from there." I could not sleep for three days nor three nights, and when I finally fell asleep and woke up after an hour, blood stained my pillow.



To this day I still fear walking  
outside to my greenhouse or front pasture  
thinking they will set off those explosions  
again. I researched the internet and learned  
about the propane cannons, which uses  
propane explosions and results in infrasound  
which at certain levels can affect a person. A  
depth change in war time would equal the noise  
level and status of my home.

When I travel to Ruston, Louisiana,  
I am witnessing more of those Confederate flags  
on Hwy 80 which is predominately African-  
American communities and has been for many years.  
At the end of our road, near Ruston Club road,  
Dixie Ruston Club, it has a Confederate flag posted  
on a plywood billboard at the entrance of the  
Ruston club.

I am very, very happy to learn  
the Confederate flag will not be on South  
Carolina State House in the future and we must  
has stopped selling the Confederate flag merchandise!  
My friends suggest that I now I'm here  
because of all of the hate and violence  
that surrounds me, however, I tell them, this is my  
home. My Grandfather served in WW I, my  
Father served in WW II in Normandy, my Uncle  
served in Korea, my other Uncle served in Vietnam  
for our freedom to live in peace and the  
pursuit of happiness! I will not allow

any hate-mongering bikers  
gang nor hate mongers in general to take  
my happiness away from me! According to  
Title 18, U.S.C., Section 241 Conspiracy  
Against Rights This is secured by the  
Constitution or the laws of the United  
States.

Again, Thank you for your  
efforts to remove the Confederate Flag from  
the South Carolina Statehouse and listening  
to my unfortunate experiences with hate  
mongers in Louisiana.

Wishing you and yours the  
Very Best and supporting your views.

Very Cordially Yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Vegetarian

Organic Produce Farmer

Author, Blogger

Choctaw- Irish Descent

318. [Redacted]

P.S. I apologize for my handwriting, my eyesight  
isn't what it used to be, I will be buying a  
computer soon so wife be the better. Rep  
[LowerTheBoom.org/Free/Intelligence.htm](http://LowerTheBoom.org/Free/Intelligence.htm)

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[ADL.org/bigot\\_bikers](http://ADL.org/bigot_bikers)

[Confederates.741.com](http://Confederates.741.com) (Confederate Bikers)

Dear Nikki Haley I think  
we should put cameras  
in schools, church's and outside  
and I'm telling you how you  
fill I'm scared and I'm sad  
that it might happen to my  
church and security outside  
the church and school's  
so it can keep us safe.



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This is not far



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