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December 12, 2014

William Small Jr., Chairman
SC State Board of Trustees
300 College Street, Northeast
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29117

Dear Chairman Small:

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I would first like to say that the opportunity to serve on South Carolina State University's Board of Trustees is an honor and a privilege. At this time; however, I must submit this letter to advise you of my immediate resignation from the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State University. I came to the board very eager to help the organization move forward; yet my dedication as a parent and to my career have not allowed me to actively participate and for that I apologize. I would also like to state that I would never intentionally not request to be excused from meetings, as I have always done in the past. I would definitely email someone to alert them of my absence. It is no excuse; however, I was recruited by a new company at the end of September and in the midst of being in training for the past 2 months and dealing with 2 of my immediate family members in the hospital I may have missed the emails pertaining to a scheduled meeting. I truly apologize and accept responsibility for that mistake, but please know it was not intentional. I honestly wish circumstances were different, but I truly want to be able to give the Board a 100% commitment and at this time I am unable to do so. I wish the Board and South Carolina State University much success now and in the future.

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Sincerely,



Erika A. Abraham
SC State Board of Trustees

cc: Governor Nikki Haley
Senator Harvey Peeler, Jr.

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