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Mr. James Wofford
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Dear Mr. Wofford,

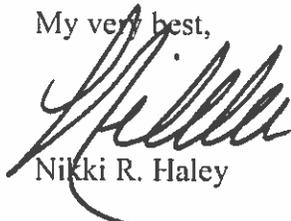
Thank you for your correspondence regarding illegal immigration. As the daughter of immigrants who came to this country legally, I value the opportunity to work as hard as you can, create success, and fulfill the promise of a better life for your family.

Although we are a nation of immigrants, we are also a nation of laws. Illegal immigration has a negative impact on wages and employment, economic development, social service programs, and state budgets. As Governor, I will not let Washington, D.C.'s failures prevent me from finding solutions to South Carolina's illegal immigration problem. I will continue to ensure that we enforce our state's immigration laws while promoting new ones that protect the best interests of all South Carolinians.

In 2011, I signed into law Senate Bill 20, an immigration reform bill that discourages illegal entry into our state and stops businesses from illegally employing undocumented migrant workers. I also successfully pressured the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to restore South Carolina's access to the E-Verify system. This allows the state to enforce employment laws in an efficient and cost-effective manner. By addressing this issue head-on, we will reverse the tide of illegal immigrants flowing into South Carolina and make better use of our state's resources.

Again, thank you for your correspondence. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance on this or any other issue. God bless.

My very best,


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