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

Dear Governor Haley,

I am sure you will find this a most unusual letter. I discovered that your home outside of the Governor's Mansion is in Governor's Grant in Lexington, SC. Governor's Grant was at one time the home of my third great grandparents, John Fox and Eliza Ann Poindexter. The site was their plantation home, Fox's Hill, and the Fox House which now houses the Lexington County Museum, was their city home. Both homes were ransacked by the Union Army during the Civil War.

Every Christmas my brother and I, like generations before me, trudged through the woods searching for the perfect cedar Christmas tree. The land originally belonged to the Poindexter family, immigrants from Jersey Isle, Channel Islands. In the woods we would always find several tombstones belonging to members of the Poindexter family. A short distance from those tombstones were the grave markers of several slaves.

About two years ago while visiting my family in Lexington, I asked if we could go to Fox's Hill. To say I was shocked is a gross understatement. We rode down a few streets looking for the gravestones. I finally asked a woman who was working in her yard if she knew where some gravestones were. She directed me down the street and under some shrubbery where I found the stones weathered and fallen over. Across the street and down a path I found some smaller stones and a newer obelisk.

I am sure the history of Fox's Hill is remembered by few. I am writing to ask if you, as a state official and as a homeowner in Governor's Grant, have any thoughts as to how to preserve and protect the graves, tombstones, and part of our history? I am available to help in any way to accomplish this. Thanking you, I am.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia K. Boyer", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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