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Governor Niki Haley
The State of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Thank you for the fine leadership you are providing our state.

When I was in your office some months ago we discussed my interest and belief that economic development through tourism is possible for Bamberg County. You agreed and offered assistance for tourism economic development projects with which I am involved. You further directed me to Ms. Leigh Lemoine as the contact person who would put my correspondence directly in your hands. I thank you for that consideration.

However, I did have a request which I submitted through Ms. Lemoine which resulted in a brief message left to me from Mr. Barber. He stated that you did not write letters of support for such request. After our discussion I find that hard to believe, and I feel that perhaps you did not receive my letter. If in fact it is your policy then I must accept that, however this is a second attempt to make certain you understood what I was requesting.

I have a very good project, The Denmark Coca-Cola Sign Project, which is being discussed and considered by The Coca-Cola Company. The project has economic development at the forefront through tourism, and I believe it can be a strong positive situation for our rural area. As you may know I have a long term connection to the Coca-Cola Company and as such have good relations and contacts with in the company. I am enclosing a brief vision statement for your review, and I feel confident that we have a very good chance to make it happen. I have some strong letters of support, but I do know that a sentence or two from the Governor will add significant strength to my effort. Be assured I am not asking for financial support rather just a comment or two either supporting or praising the effort. I will appreciate your considering this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Harrison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" being more prominent and stylized than the last name "Harrison".

Jim Harrison