

14 January 2016

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

Subject: The response to the State of the Union Speech

Dear Governor Haley;

*"Today, we live in a time of threats like few others in recent memory. During anxious times, it can be tempting to follow the siren call of the angriest voices. We must resist that temptation."*

I cannot tell you just how out of touch you and the rest of the establishment Republicans seem to be with the Conservative base. Yes, we are angry.

We are angry that we keep giving the Republicans victory and yet they keep on siding with the Democrats in far too many ways. Why do we still have Obamacare? Oh yeah, we love having had our premiums jacked way up, our co-pays doubled, our deductibles stretched to an incredible size and our coverages reduced.

It is quite insulting and saddening to me that you do not see people like me as representative of the Republican Party. Perhaps I won't be much longer, for I shall quit.

You and the establishment Republicans want us to tone it down and go along with the Party's plans. It appears the Party wants us to remain silent and trust them. That trust has not worked out well, and it is insulting to many who support Donald Trump that the Party is trying to submarine the man. While I am not a backer of Donald Trump, I will vote for him if he is our nominee. And count me as one of the angry base who is sick and tired of seeing our country go downhill, our culture and traditions being destroyed, illegal aliens being embraced, islam being treated as a special child, our borders ignored, our military hamstrung, our space program turned into a fraudulent climate change and muslim outreach program, government spending just spiral out of control including taxpayer money being spent on killing the unborn, and throwing away for political gain wars that were won.

"American is a nation of laws" has to be the worst statement of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It appears the laws ONLY apply to the law abiding and are ignored by government officials, elected and unelected, knowing there is no punishment for their illegal and often traitorous actions. To make matters worse, the fact that a Democratic candidate who is running for president and arguably a felon who will likely never have to face her crimes is insulting beyond measure.

I am tired of the worn out old mantra that "we are a nation of immigrants". We are supposed to be a nation of LEGAL immigrants, immigrants who come here to be Americans and assimilate into our

culture, not to come here and recreate their own little world that they supposedly left behind. The illegal aliens don't care a whit about our laws or the taxpayers being forced to support them. They don't care about becoming Americans or accepting traditional American culture. And just why are we funding in so many ways legal immigrants and illegal aliens? It most surely seems that the ruling class in Washington doesn't care about our laws, the taxpayer, and traditional American culture either.

What happened to our Constitution? It is the most important document that I can think of to run our country, yet we have an entire ruling class that seems to not know the first thing about it or chooses to deliberately lie about it or misinterpret it.

As far as I am concerned, the Republican Party, and you as its apparent mouthpiece, have chosen to go along and get along with the Progressives and continue the slow slide into ruin for this once great land. I refuse to go along with that, and I will be as noisy as I wish in my attempts to regain true Constitutional Law in this country and the freedom that we are losing to an oppressive and overbearing government.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Edwards', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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