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Dear Governor Haley,

My name is Cole Meredith and I am a 5th grade student at A.D. Henderson School in Boca Raton, Florida. One of my assignments was to choose a state and do research on it and its governor. My choice for this project was South Carolina. Although I lived in South Carolina for a few years when I was young there are so very many new and interesting things I did not know. I enjoyed learning more about your state.

Some facts I found interesting were the state's size and population. I didn't realize that South Carolina is 32,020 square miles, about half the size of Florida. Its population at 4.77 million is only a fraction of the population of Florida at about 19 million. South Carolina has also played an important part in country's history. I would love to visit Fort Sumpter to learn more about its part in Civil War. Charleston has quite unique architecture and a beautiful harbor. I have traveled over the Ravenel Bridge many times to visit Charleston. My parents took me on a carriage tour to visit Charleston's historic sites. There is so much to learn, see, and do in your state.

As I continued my research, I began to learn more about your journey to becoming governor. I have heard

Clemson University is a wonderful university and I read that you earned your degree there. May I ask you when you decided to enter politics? Has it been difficult being the first female governor of South Carolina? I am impressed by all your accomplishments at such a young age. You must have worked very hard to earn your position. What goals do you have for South Carolina's future? What improvements would I see if I came back to visit?

In closing, I would like to thank for taking time to read my letter. If it would be possible to send an autographed photo of yourself to share with my class, I would really appreciate it. If there is printed material or any other recommendations you could make to learn more about your state I would appreciate that also. I wish you great success in the rest of your governorship.

Most sincerely,

Cole S. Meredith