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My dear Governor Haley,

I am sending you designs for what might be considered for a new South Carolina flag. The present one seems a bit plain. One person said it depicts a Middle Eastern nation.

The focus of the proposed designs is "Sovereignty Within Unity" to stress that states maintain their local rights while remaining within a national union. This is illustrated by a red star inside a white star surrounded by the words in the top left blue field.

Below that is the current flag design with the addition of the state motto beneath.

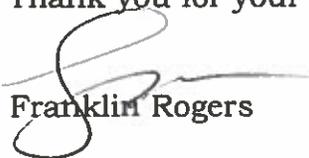
The ten red and white stripes symbolize the Tenth Amendment guarantee that final sovereignty rests with states.

The large white star amid the thirteen stars of different sizes in the center blue field symbolizes the state's prominence among the original thirteen states, large and small.

The large star is centered in either a cluster or flare display. Depending on the viewer, the flare design might bring to mind in some, "Stars Without Bars." If so, the cluster design might be preferred.

There was a suggestion to put "Don't Tread On Me" centered on the bottommost white stripe to illustrate resistance to outside rule as was the case in the British colonies, but some thought this a "bit much."

Thank you for your attention.


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