

Dear Nikki Haley,

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My husband and I live in Sumter S.C. We have lived there for about 11 years. We just recently found out that my husband's plant where he works is closing down, so he is going to be transferred to another plant in SC. Which of course means we have to move. We bought our house 6 years ago. It was the first house my husband and I have ever owned. We worked hard and spent years saving so that we could be homeowners. We love our house and don't want to leave it but we have to go where the job is. We have spoken to a real estate agent to find out our options. We hope we can sell our house but it doesn't look good. Most people in our neighborhood have had to end up finding their homes out. We don't want to go that route, didn't want to begin with and really don't want to. Now after we found out from the real estate agent that our taxes will triple if we have to rent it out.

I think this law is ridiculous. We are just ordinary, everyday people who are having to move due to a

job situation. we are not investors. we are not trying to make money. if we have to rent our house out we just want to get enough rent to cover our mortgage. if we could get top dollar rent, we would still be in the hole every month. and we wont be able to get top dollar because almost everyone in our neighborhood is military so of course they don't get that with this tax assessment so they can ask for a much lower rent potential otherwise don't care that we are getting hit with this tax assessment they are just going to see that we are asking for a lot higher rent than everyone else in our neighborhood, so im worried this is going to cause us to lose this house we worked so hard to get and in turn ruin our credit we worked so hard to establish our rent door neighbor, who are military, just lowered their rent to \$1400 cause they weren't able to rent their house but, we cant compete with that kind of rent. we would be in the hole almost \$500 a month, we cant afford that.

we need a minimum of \$1800 a month to cover these taxes just so we would only

be in the hole about \$80.00 a month.

I don't think that regular / hard working people like us should be penalized because we are not military and we have to move. I knew I had to speak to someone about this but I didn't know who until I read where you changed a form of this law for the people ~~who~~ who owned beach houses and want to rent them out for the season.

I am begging you to please consider changing this law for people like us. I know that there is a lot more of us out there that this law is affecting. I'm speaking for all of us.

This could have devastating results for us as I know it has for others already. A ~~was~~ home on our street was foreclosed on for the same reason. You can't sell your home and you can't afford to lose money every month to rent it out because of the higher taxes. Where does that leave us?

Please help S.C. homeowners who have to move and rent their homes out. We didn't ask for my husband's job here to end. We didn't ask for the housing market to still be down here and we don't think

we should be punished for that,
I understand that military have to move
because their job requires it but
sometimes regular citizen's jobs require
them to move too, please take this
into consideration.

Sincerely,

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