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

Dear Governor Nikki Haley:

My name is Kimberly Bing. I am a sophomore, early childhood major at The Illustrious South Carolina State University. I am writing this letter about the proposal to close this university. I have strong feelings about my place of education. The great people from this university and many others support this notion. The legacy will continue to move forward and do everything necessary to keep this institution of higher education open.

Many people along with me feel as though the university should remain open. Closing the university for one fiscal year would damage South Carolina State University tremendously. This would put the wrong people in a hard and difficult place. I am only a sophomore and even though I am just half way through, I have many worries. If the university closes, will my credits transfer? The thought of having to start my college experience completely over is excessive. Personally, I love my HBCU and closing it would break my heart. Being here has taught me so much. It brought me out of my comfort zone and that made a stronger person and student. I have the confidence to do what I need because this university pushed me to see what I am really capable of. I would love to see my university prosper in the future but I am afraid the name of South Carolina State University has been slandered and forever damaged. I hope we can overcome this soon and I know our university will.

South Carolina State University will overcome this adversity. The people who make this university what it is today will remain loyal sons and daughters and we will proudly own the name we bear. Doing what is necessary to make this university better will be effective but closing South Carolina State University would do damage to the wrong people. As always we will defend, honor, love and cherish the university I call home at South Carolina State University. To whom this may concern thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Bing". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

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