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The Honorable Sardar. Parkash Singh Badal
Chief Minister, Punjab
Chandigarh, INDIA

Dear Chief Minister Badal,

On behalf of the State of South Carolina, I send you Sat Sri Akaal and warm greetings from the Palmetto State. I write to inform you that I will be leading my state's first-ever economic development trade mission to India this November. I plan to visit Punjab from November 13-16, 2014, during which time I would be honored to have the opportunity to meet with you or one of your delegates.

South Carolina is proud to count Indian businesses among our many corporate citizens, but I know that there is always more we can do. With South Carolina's highly-skilled workforce, business-friendly climate, and unparalleled infrastructure, we have proven that we can be competitive in a global economy. I am excited about traveling to India and offer South Carolina as the perfect destination for Indian businesses looking to expand their footprint in the United States.

As the daughter of small business owners who emigrated from Punjab state to America, everything I learned about business I learned from them. I know that business is about more than transactions, it's about relationships, and I hope that my time in India will lay the foundation for lasting partnerships for generations to come.

Should you or your administration be available to meet with me, I have designated Katherine Veldran to assist your staff with scheduling. Ms. Veldran can be contacted by e-mail at katherineveldran@gov.sc.gov and by phone at 803.767.7583. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Nikki Randhawa Haley".

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