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1301 Gervais Street, Suite 710, Columbia, SC.

Dear SC Gov. Haley

The Civil War was one of the most horrific wars in U.S history as we went up against the south for freedom against slavery. However the Confederates ideas were one of the main reasons why the Civil War occurred due to slave labor in all the southern states and the idea that white supremacy was the rule of the land in the southern part of the U.S.

As you would probably know Michael Ashmore protested in front of the White House holding a Confederate Flag making ruthless remarks that were most diffidently in fact racist and disturbing about political figures like you and as well as promoting the main ideas of the Confederate to the public. This event truly refined the ideas of the Confederacy and in many cases did represent what the ideas of what the south truly was. This problem has not changed to a full extent which in some cases could be a detriment as this act of disturbance gets bigger and even more serious.

To this day in many common southern states, there are still confederate symbols being shown in the southern state flags which serve to be a big influence in the lives of southern citizens as it reminds them of what the reason the x in the flag truly means which lightens the fuse in a negative way as they want to represent white supremacy and slavery. Southerners say the Confederate Flag represents culture, heritage, and freedom however, freedom on which side... the African Americans, or the whites. I propose that in Mississippi we eliminate the symbol of the Confederate Flag that's on the top left corner of the state flag to make it represent what America truly is a free country. By doing this it'll show the change and the progress we are making in our country to slowly abolish the influence of white supremacy and slavery from the lives of the southerners as it remembered as a positive influence but not a negative. I am aware that you are the Governor of South Carolina and I'm addressing this issue towards Mississippi however I still thought you as a political figure would find this most relatable since you did many things in your state to eliminate the remarks and the Confederate Flags in the capital grounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Matthew Mendoza". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Mendoza

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