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**The Honorable Nikki Randhawa Haley**  
Governor, State of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I pray this letter finds all going well and that you are taking a little time to enjoy the spring season. As you may know, I am a native of Georgetown, South Carolina, born and reared, and I am very concerned about the economic climate in Georgetown. I have seen businesses come and businesses go. I have also seen the Port of Georgetown in strong operation. Over the last four years you and I have had several conversations regarding getting help to dredge the Port of Georgetown.

Last week it was announced that our local steel mill will close in a few months, which will result in the loss of nearly 300 jobs. Governor, you have visited Georgetown on several occasions since the fire on Front Street destroyed several buildings. Hearing about businesses locating in various areas across the state, I often send messages to you referencing them locating in Georgetown. It has been said that the state of South Carolina is well off. We have \$400 million for budgetary purposes, and I am asking you and the leadership to consider giving Georgetown \$40 million to add to what we have to get the port dredged.

Dredging the port will bring jobs to Georgetown and spin off companies, from Boeing to Volvo, will bring their business to Georgetown for shipping purposes. Last year the Port of Georgetown, in its current condition, did 300,000 tons. It is my understanding that if the port does 1,000,000 tons a year the federal government will maintain it. I am reaching out to you not only as a resident of Georgetown, but as the representative of SC House District 103. I feel it is necessary to have the port dredged as soon as possible. While I am in support of getting roads/bridges repaired and the four laning of Highway 521 all the way to I-95, I feel it is equally as important to have the Port of Georgetown dredged.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter and look forward to hearing from you soon. If you have any questions or need to discuss the matter further, please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Carl L. Anderson