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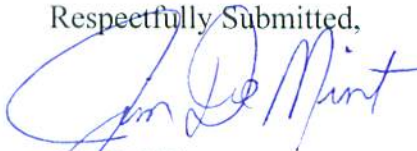
December 20, 2012

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

Dear Madam Governor:

I hereby give notice of my retirement from the Office of United States Senator from the State of South Carolina. Therefore, I tender my resignation effective at 11:59 p.m., January 1, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jim DeMint  
United States Senate

cc: The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, President pro tempore, U.S. Senate  
The Honorable Harry Reid, Senate Majority Leader  
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader  
The Honorable Nancy Erickson, Secretary of the Senate