

Office of Nikki Haley for Governor
P.O. Box 47
Lexington, SC 29071

Representative Haley,

On behalf of the Undergraduate Student Government Associations from Clemson University, the University of South Carolina and the College of Charleston, we wish you luck in the coming weeks of the campaign. We thank you for all you do for the great state of South Carolina and for your efforts to ensure higher education is one of our states' priorities.

As you are aware, the importance of higher education in South Carolina cannot be understated. In recent weeks, there has been much talk about the future of South Carolina's higher education system, and yet there has been a noticeable lack of input from the students of South Carolina within this dialogue. While the administrations and senior leadership teams of institutions around the state have valuable insight to give regarding these issues, no insight is more important than that of the students of South Carolina.

With this letter, we are asking you to commit to coming to one of our campuses (Clemson University, the University of South Carolina-Columbia or the College of Charleston) during the first six (6) weeks of your tenure as Governor to hold an open dialogue and forum with students regarding higher education. The dialogue will allow students to ask you questions and give you input regarding the higher educational system in our state. Additionally, this letter is being sent to Senator Sheheen inviting him to such a forum should he be victorious this November.

We thank you for your time and attention in regards to this issue. Higher education is one of the most important issues in our state, and your efforts to keep higher education a priority in South Carolina are greatly appreciated. We ask that you please indicate your response to this invitation by October 26, 2010 by replying to the College of Charleston Undergraduate Student Government Association at sga@cofc.edu or by responding to the return address of this letter (66 George Street, Attn: SGA Office, Charleston, SC 29424).

Sincerely,

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