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To the People of South Carolina,

As I promised during my campaign, and again during my first days in office, I will be releasing a legislative report card at the end of session. Also as promised, I am releasing the attached draft template to you and your legislators early so that everyone has full knowledge of what I will report. I intend for the report card to be a public document, and I hope that this tool will help me and your legislators, as elected officials, make better decisions on your behalf.

The purpose of the report card is to track the results of legislation that are important to what you elected me to accomplish. And believe me, your voice is loud and clear: you want more transparency, more accountability, more efficiency, and you want it done with less of your money.

This is not personal. This is not partisan. This is good government.

Because legislation may be introduced and amended at varying times, the attached draft template only includes legislative proposals – rather than specifically identified bills. Accordingly, I plan to add or alter the items on the report card throughout the legislative session. But, let me be clear: I will give your legislators prior notice about where I stand on legislation, as I have done throughout the year thus far, so that they will know what could be included in the report card before votes are cast.

I understand that it is difficult for all 168 members of the General Assembly and I to agree, but certainly we can be united in recognizing that we do the people's work and it's to the people that we have to answer. My hope is that you find the report card useful in helping exercise the power of your voice and instructive when you go the polls to elect your chosen leaders.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki".

Nikki R. Haley