May 6, 2013

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Palmetto AgriBusiness Council would like to make you aware that we oppose any SNAP waiver request limiting accessibility to certain foods. Current rules allow all foods produced in South Carolina to be purchased. Any change would be discriminatory to locally produced food items.

For rural South Carolina to survive and thrive, there has to be businesses and employment opportunities in rural areas. If we can sustain our agribusinesses by capturing more of the value of agricultural products, we can increase jobs in rural counties, add to the tax base and aid in raising per capita income. Discriminating against certain foods will only diminish our agribusiness presence.

Thank you for taking our views into consideration. I am available if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jack W. Shuler
President

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