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## House of Representatives State of South Carolina

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Dear Governor Sanford:

After much thought, consideration and discussion, the Republican Caucus of the South Carolina House of Representatives feels obligated to send you this letter requesting your resignation as the Governor of South Carolina.

We did not reach this decision hastily, nor did we take it lightly. Given the disturbing actions you revealed to the public in late June and the ensuing facts portraying possible legal and ethical violations that have continuously emerged these past few weeks, we have collectively come to the conclusion that South Carolina will not be able to move forward under your leadership.

Your decision to abandon our state for five days, with no defined order of succession and with no known way to contact you, is inexcusable. And while the unending allegations of the past few weeks have raised even more unanswered questions, the immediate result has been one of insecurity about our state's future and has served as a further distraction from the serious issues facing our state.

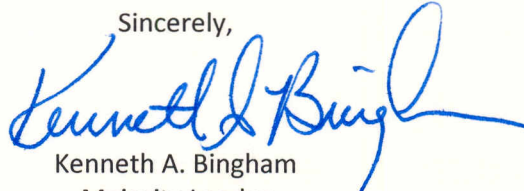
Your admitted actions and the facts surrounding the allegations against you – which are currently being investigated by the State Ethics Commission – reveal a pattern of poor decision making and questionable leadership. But perhaps even more disappointing and disturbing than the abandonment of your post and the multiple ethics allegations against you is the extreme amount of stress, uncertainty, and negative scrutiny that the citizens of South Carolina, our government and our party have had to endure due to your behavior.

Your actions have been destructive to our state's image on a worldwide stage and are harming the stability of our state on many levels. At a time when all our efforts should be dedicated to creating more higher-paying jobs and improving education, it is regrettable that we must continue to deal with the distracting consequences of this situation. Unless major changes are made, South Carolina will find itself perpetually sidetracked by the disarray that you have brought upon our state.

On Saturday, August 29, 2009, the House Republican Caucus held its annual agenda planning meeting. After an in-depth discussion about important issues facing our state this next legislative session, the topic of debate turned to the recent actions of the Governor and how this Caucus should proceed in the best interest of our state. The current gubernatorial administration, the incidents that have recently garnered so much unfavorable national attention and the negative impact suffered by our state and its citizenry were major topics of this conversation. The general sense of the Caucus is that the people of South Carolina have suffered enough as a result of your recent actions and the current allegations against you. South Carolina needs to heal and take the steps necessary for a new beginning.

For the benefit of the people of this State, its leaders and our party, The House Republican Caucus respectfully requests your resignation as Governor of South Carolina. The time, and need, has come for South Carolina to step forward, and we ask that you voluntarily step aside so that our state and its people may heal.

Sincerely,



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