

The Honorable Henry McMaster

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Thank you for your incredible service to our great state of South Carolina over the past eighteen months of historic trials and tribulations. Without a doubt, South Carolina was one of the States (in my opinion) least affected by the turmoil that this horrible disease has brought upon us. While there was certainly many tragedies and hardships along the way, I believe our strength and quick recovery was because of strong leadership. For that sir, I thank you.

I was tasked with writing to you today for my very dear friend, Pastor John Paul Miller here in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I am sure for these types of letters you receive pages upon pages so I would like to attempt to keep this short and to the point.

It is to my understanding that Pastor John Paul Miller made (many) mistakes early on in his life, as most all of us have. Unfortunately, a few of those mistakes have continued to haunt him and restrict him in areas of his life that keep him from continuing to further serve our area, our state, our country, our world, as well as and most importantly the Kingdom of God.

When I met Pastor John Paul Miller, it was during the interview process of hiring an officiant for my wife and I's wedding approximately 10+ years ago. At the time, we had no idea that this was going to be someone that was going to have such a profound impact and lasting effect on our lives. This was not just someone who would end up simply marrying us, however years later he would become my best friend, an incredible leader, a powerful teacher and someone who would encourage us to be better than the people we used to be.

Years after being married by Pastor John Paul Miller, it was through fate and chance that he reached back out to my wife and I and encouraged us to visit his new Church at the Market Common town center here in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He said that he was starting back up teaching and preaching and would love if we just attended one service. You see, that is what he is great at, working on people, planting seeds and living an extremely unselfish life. No one selfishly becomes a preacher, the calling from God for this role is one where your selfless acts have to be entirely set aside as you end up becoming the ultimate go-giver and extraordinary sacrifices end up being made for the rest of your life as many people "take" from him rather than give and or pour into him.

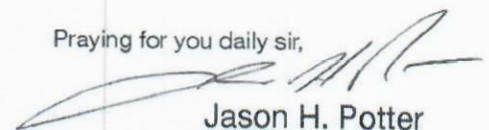
The day we visited his Church in Market Common changed my wife and I's life, relationship, and path forward forever. Since then, I have become witness and have watched Pastor John Paul grow so many people and encourage so many to become better versions of themselves. To be better Christians as well as better members of society. Creating opportunities to serve others in the community, to donate to amazing local (and world) causes. What we are doing is affecting many people right here in our area and much of this can be traced back to Pastor John Paul Miller's gift and anointing of preaching, serving and encouraging others.

Governor, if you have not watched one of his 30 minute sermons online, you are in for a treat. I myself am a Real Estate Broker/ Owner of almost 20 years and professionally speak for a living (in person and on television). I have never in my life met someone who is so anointed in the area of public speaking and public motivation. I have personally watched this church and congregation over the past four years grow from 50 people, to 100 people, to 200 people to now almost 500 people. Our growth is so encouraging that we are in the hunt for a new location around Market Common town center to build a larger church in order to accommodate even more people.

I tell you all of this because I want you to know the servant that is coming to you today asking you of this pardon. It is not one who has just simply realized that mistakes were made. It is an amazing father, friend, husband, community leader, go-giver, preacher, and servant who has spent the last 20+ years rebuilding his life and going to the one and only person who can make that change, our good Lord and Savior above. It is no secret to anyone that his good acts and deeds are being recognized as he continues to be blessed in so many areas. The Lord is opening up incredible doors for him to continue displaying his gift and anointing to grow others and change people's lives and I hope that you too feel the calling, today, to contribute to this man's incredible journey of life and allow him to be free of this sinister title of "felon" so that he can continue to build our amazing community of Myrtle Beach, our vibrant State of South Carolina, our extraordinary USA, our world and ultimately, and most importantly, the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for your consideration today and thank you for your incredible service to our State, Country and People, we are forever in your debt.

Praying for you daily sir,



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