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Dr. Prakash Nagarkatti
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Dear Dr. Nagarkatti,

It is my pleasure to congratulate you as the winner of the 2025 Governor's Award for Excellence in Scientific Awareness. This is a well-deserved honor for your efforts to promote science education and research in South Carolina.

I especially commend you for your support of scientific research in South Carolina, standing up for states like ours that receive a disproportionate share of federal research funding, helping to educate the public during the COVID-19 pandemic, and playing a role in working with our universities and Battelle to secure a contract from the Department of Energy to oversee and manage the Savannah River National Lab. Your work has had an impact on South Carolina and beyond.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry D. McMaster".

Henry Dargan McMaster

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