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Dear Legislators,

My name is Mary Grace Wingard.

I am in third grade at Rocky Creek Elementary.

On March 30<sup>th</sup> my class went to the State House and met Governor Haley. She told us to get excited and get involved with the government so I did.

I'm writing to you because I would like for you to support my bill to make collards the state vegetable.

Our state symbols are very important.

They can tell lots of people about our state. It is also a fun way for kids to learn about their state.

I think collards should be our state vegetable. Why the collard you ask? I will tell you why....

1. S.C. is ranked #2 in the USA for collard production which is the highest ranking of any vegetable grown in S.C. Over 20% of all collards grown in the USA come from S.C.

2. They are grown year round in every county in the state.

3. Collards have been grown, eaten, and enjoyed by South Carolinians since the 1700's and are a New Years tradition.

4. Collards are packed with nutrition and have many health benefits.

I hope this letter has answered your questions. If you have any more questions please call me at

[REDACTED] I get home from school around 3:00.

Please help me make collards our state vegetable.

Your friend,  
Many Grace Wingard