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Subject: RE: Updates

Updates in red. Please let me know if you have any questions.

KV

From: Burns, James

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To: Smith, Austin; Haltiwanger, Katherine; Godfrey, Rob; Patel, Swati; Baker, Josh; Veldran, Katherine; Adams, Chaney

Subject: Updates

All,

Thanks for the input. I recognize this may seem like an elementary exercise, but it is important that we keep track of things so we can make sure things are getting done timely.

1. Rep. Putnam signing onto our tax/transportation bill
Update: Per Haley he has signed onto the bill today– this would be reflective tomorrow. **2/23 – Putnam's name is not currently listed.**
2. KV and SP to meet with the following Senators: Campbell/Cleary/Alexander/O'Dell re ethics
Update: Sen. Campbell is out this week for a personal matter. **KV- has reached out to Campbell about meeting tomorrow before session.** SP met with Sen. Cleary this afternoon. Need to discuss how to follow up with Sen. Cleary. KV and Josh are meeting with Se. Cleary next Tuesday at 10:00 am re transportation. **KV will touch base with ODell and Alexander today.**
3. Sen. Peeler speaking with Sen. Martin re ethics vote
Update: KV spoke with Sen. L. Martin regarding discussion with Sen. Peeler. Standing by for follow up.
4. Consult with Sen. Davis re amendment to ethics bill
Update: SP met with Sen. Davis today. Sen. Davis is working on an amendment to further narrow the electioneering communication definition to help the Free Speech arguments. He will share this amendment with SP as soon as it is complete. He felt confident that his amendment would help concerns raised by Sen. Bryant and Sen. Bright.
5. Follow up with **Rep. Murrell Smith re sponsoring** both transportation bills
Update: KV met with Rep. Smith. **Per Murrell - several of us want her income tax cut and Simrill's revenue component. He is hopefully they will still be able to merge the bills.**
6. Side by side chart of tax/transportation plans
Update: Josh updated the side by side chart and it is completed (albeit without the scoring information from Frank Rainwater). Sent to TP. Not ready for distribution.

7. Consult with Molly Spearman re joint letter and signed joint letter
Update: Josh called Emily Heatwell making the ask. She said she would get back to him. Josh already prepped the Joint Letter (Attached) and will socialize with Molly's office. James called Betsy Carpenter and left message as well. If we do not receive any response tomorrow, we need to kick it up chain to reach out to Molly directly.
Follow up: What is the date of the debate in the House? **2/25, Wednesday**. When do we need to have the letter upstairs? **2/24, Tuesday**.
8. Set up meeting with Gov. and Tech Presidents (Need it?) (AS)
Update: This meeting is still necessary, but the timing of the meeting should be dictated by the pace of the initiative. I recommend that we revisit this in our Senior Staff meeting next week.
9. Follow up on Yucca Mountain possible lit (SP)
Update: Continuing discussions with AG's office and nuclear energy industry.
10. Energy Solutions information for Governor

Update: Governor met with the CEO, David Lockwood, from Energy Solutions/Chem Nuclear which runs the Barnwell low-level nuclear waste disposal site, requested a meeting with you but it was passed to James and Josh. They're floating the idea of Barnwell expanding its receipt of low-level nuclear waste materials from states outside of the compact (CT, NJ) to fill a funding gap that will be coming in the next few years. We have requested more information from the company about the projected funding shortfalls and this plan. Their sole competitor for this business, a company out of Texas, has retained local lobbying representation and this meeting request was likely in response to that move. They are looking to begin the process of introducing legislation, as well as an aggressive PR campaign. Energy Solutions is not looking for NH to be out front on this issue. Josh's recommendation: I don't think that we engage on this issue at all until we are forced to. I think it's likely that this situation takes care of itself.
11. Status of Additional Ports Authority packets
Update: Austin is calling John Hassell today to inform him that he is not being re-appointed so that the composition of the Board can be more representative of the state, particularly the I-85 corridor. Austin will set a timeline to get the additional Ports Authority packets.
12. SC State Proviso Update (**KV**/JB)
Update: House proviso is in the budget; Josh recommends we reserve judgment until after the Friday meeting with SC State and have an idea of how Ways and Means funds SC State. This may be a moot point if the University has insufficient funds to operate. Copy of Proviso is attached.

New

13. Questions for EK hearing next Tuesday: KV reached out to HP re questions.
14. White transportation plan: KV to circulate documents upon receipt – **KV has not received – Haley is going to reach out to Atwater.**
15. Strategy meeting with Stringer et al – **This is on hold for 5:30pm tomorrow at the mansion- with Stringer, Bedingfield, Bingham, Collins, Nanney, and GSmith. We will keep the group updated on who is able to attend.**

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