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Like you, I am well aware of the recent decision by the South Carolina Supreme Court that struck a proviso the Court interpreted to not reasonably and inherently relate to the raising and spending of revenue. During my Administration, each of my Executive Budgets have recommended that dozens of provisos become permanent law, and even the Rules of the Senate require that a proviso codification bill precede the budget. While these efforts have borne little fruit over the years, I look forward to working with the General Assembly to comprehensively rectify any potential issues that might be contained in provisos for the next budget cycle beginning later this year.

Accordingly, due to the lack of sufficient notice to apply the Court's ruling to the FY1617 Appropriations Act, I find it unreasonable for the General Assembly or myself to hastily conduct a thorough analysis of every proviso at this late stage of the budget process, which is ultimately the culmination of X months of work between our two branches. More importantly, I find it harmful to the people of this state and reckless to the effective administration of government to disrupt, at the eleventh hour, matters provided by proviso, which could potentially undermine the stability of operations reasonably relied upon by so many of our state's agencies.