

Dear Governor,

I know you have a full plate and must be sick and tired of hearing about our roads, but I am very concerned about the I-26 widening project from exit 116 to 125. This is the most horrible looking paving job I have ever seen. I talked with one of the vendors who is supplying some of the materials for this job, and he described it as very SHODDY. Personally, that is not the adjective I would have used to describe it, but anyway you look at it this is a terrible paving job. There are significant ridges where the lanes overlap as well as depressed areas which will hold water and severely increase the chances of hydro-planing. There are areas that seem very porous, and are already showing signs of stress. This is probably the result of the asphalt being too cool, too thin, inferior materials, or just trying to stretch it a little too far. I would be scared to death to ride a motorcycle through this mess. I have talked to many neighbors that travel this road everyday and they all feel that it is simply terrible. I have seen one pothole that has been repaired twice, and can show you holes that are a couple of inches deep, and this is new construction that hasn't even been finished. What will it be like a year from now? The sad thing is the only way to fix this is to repave it all. You can't put a band-aid on 9 miles of highway. You being the highest ranking official in the state, I can only hope and pray that you will immediately look into this matter, and stop any further payments to this contractor. If you allow this project to be deemed acceptable, you will need to supply the taxpayers, and citizens of South Carolina with some sort of birth control, as we are certainly being screwed. If you think I might have some concerns that some of our inspectors might be bought, that would be a BIG FAT YES. It would be much more cost effective for a contractor to buy someone a ocean front house at Kiawah than to do a quality job they were hired to do. Have you ever wondered why you can turn on the morning news, and there is always a wreck on I-77 between Bluff and Shop roads? The word

on the street, is that the amount of curve per foot doesn't meet federal requirements for interstate highways. How could that possibly have slipped through the cracks? My schedule is just as busy as yours, but I would be more than happy to take 20 minutes out of my life to show you what I am talking about. Something needs to be done to ensure we get a quality job for our money, and not some inferior workmanship that already needs repairing. The ball is in your court now, and as a tax payer that helped put you in office, I hope you will address this matter. I am enclosing a SASE, and only ask that it be dropped in the mail, to let me know that you or somebody did read this. Anything you can do concerning this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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