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Subject: Veto - H.5011 - Local Option Tourism Tax

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Sen. Bryant,

Hope you are well. I left you a message earlier about the Governor's veto of H.5011 regarding a local option tourism tax. The House should be taking up the veto today or tomorrow and the Governor asked that I speak with you about the veto debate when it reaches the Senate. Governor Haley has been clear that such tax increases should be subject to a referendum so that the electors have a voice. We would greatly appreciate you speaking on the veto message and raising these points when Sen. Rankin requests that the Governor's veto be overridden.

We are happy to discuss this information with you in more detail. Please let me know if you need anything! Thank you for all of your help.

Thank you,
Haley

Talking Points:

- Local governments should only raise taxes on their citizens if agreed to through public referendum.
- Instead of upholding this commitment to the people, this bill would allow local taxes be re-imposed by ordinance.
- South Carolina citizens are already taxed too much. They should be allowed to decide for themselves if they want to pay to the government more out of each pay check.
- This bill would not secure that right, and therefore should be defeated.

Questions:

- How much of this penny actually goes to tax relief?
- Is it required to go to tax relief, or is that at the discretion of the county council?
 - It is at the discretion of county council.
- Is it true that if this bill passes, a local government can re-impose a tax without a public referendum?
 - Yes, that's true.
- Is it true that only up to 20% of this local tax can be used for property tax relief?
 - At the discretion of county council, only up to 20% may be used for tax relief.
- Do you agree with me that citizens should have a say on whether or not that should be taxed more?

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