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"When I'm back home, I hear my constituents talking about many of the things Governor Haley talked about tonight, and that's a good thing. Whether it's investing in education, delivering ethics reform, restructuring DOT or paving the way for our next economic development success, I look forward to working with the governor on the priorities she outlined tonight." Senator Harvey Peeler, Senate Majority Leader

"I am very pleased with Governor Nikki Haley's vision and willingness to work with educators, business leaders and legislators to lift up our students and strengthen our schools. I look forward to partnering with the governor - for the third year in a row - on investing in our students, and that means focusing on what she focused on tonight - teachers for our rural districts, facilities improvements where they're needed most and giving future governors the ability to appoint the state superintendent." Chairman John Courson, Senate Education Committee

As Senate Transportation Committee Chairman, I am glad to be working with Governor Haley on reforming the structure of DOT because doing so is a critical part of a long term investment in our infrastructure. The current system puts too many political interests ahead of the best interests of taxpayers, and it's time for us to change that." Chairman Larry Grooms, Senate Transportation Committee

"When we invest in our students, we invest in our future. Tonight we heard from a governor who understands that. Working together, for the third year in a row, Governor Haley and House members are ready to keep the momentum going on education reform in our state. With Speaker Lucas's Education Reform Task Force as a blueprint, we're going to recruit the best and brightest teachers to our rural districts, and keep them there, and we're going to make sure we're educating our children in classrooms that are modern and safe. Our families deserve nothing less." Chairwoman Rita Allison, House Education Committee