

**INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE\***

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

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**PPP:**

Constituents of Sen. Nikki Setzler recently contacted our office and Sen. Setzler requesting a meeting with the Governor regarding their recent experience with the Parole Board. They felt that the Board, especially the Chair, failed to give their testimony adequate consideration in strictly adhering to short time limits. They were extremely upset, so Director Adger was asked to directly respond to their concerns. They met with him at his office and detailed each of their concerns. Yesterday, he received this response:

*Mr. Adger, we want to thank you for your time and your help with our concerns with the Parole Board. Your professionalism was quite obvious, and we appreciate the humanity you exhibited toward us. It was our pleasure to meet you. If for any reason we can be of help to you, we hope you will ask.*

*Sincerely,  
Wayne and Brenda Smith*

**Other:**

Today, Becca met with Radha and seven other 12<sup>th</sup> graders from River Bluff on their senior class project to make an argument to lower the drinking age. We discussed federal and state law and other socioeconomic factors. Afterwards, the Statehouse Tour Office gave them a special tour.

**Representative Gilliard Letter:**

Representative Gilliard sent the attached letter requesting that the Governor declare a State of Emergency regarding homelessness. Los Angeles declared a state of emergency on homelessness last week. He is holding a meeting at 10:00 a.m. this Thursday, October 1, 2015 at the Charleston Delegation office, and all delegation members are invited. The group will hear from the Director of the South Carolina Coalition for the Homeless to discuss suggestions, possible legislation, and budget requests to address homelessness. We have scheduled a call with him after the meeting on Thursday as a follow up.

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## Representative Wendell G. Gilliard

House of Representatives  
State of South Carolina  
District No. 111- Charleston County  
Committee: Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

September 25, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I would like you to consider declaring South Carolina in a state of emergency regarding homelessness. Los Angeles is appropriating \$100 million toward combatting the plight of those without permanent residency. I am encouraging you to take preventative steps through funding and self-help programs to combat homelessness in our state.

Please call for an emergency meeting to discuss this matter with all of the interested parties. Homelessness is clear and present in all the counties throughout the state of South Carolina. We work to get emergency food and shelter, but there is not enough reasonably priced housing to get the homeless off the streets. There is a dire need for additional affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration of declaring South Carolina a state of emergency for homelessness.

Sincerely,

*Wendell G. Gilliard*

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