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Hi Christian. I talk to you last week but you were out of the office. Tried again today but you were still busy so I thought maybe I would just send you some comments on the proposed executive order. 1. It is not clear from reading the order that the tech schools are excluded. I know this was part of the original agreement but the order should make that clear (they can be rolled in at a later date). 2. The task force composition does not have the USC four year campuses in Aiken, Upstate and Beaufort. By Law they are always at the table for CHE issues. 3. The order does not make clear how the USC two year campuses are addressed or handled. Are they excluded like tech schools or included. I would include them and let USC Columbia represent them. I believe they have a Dean for the two year campuses. 4. The time frame for the task force report of Dec is awfully quick and unless there is some pressing political issue about the date, CHE would opt for more time if at all possible. 5. CHE will probably need to bring in some consultants and certainly some folks from other states that have done some successful implementation of this. CHE will need some added funding to help with issue (not a huge amount but some). 6. Task force might look at lottery scholarship money and how that is tied to outcomes and graduation rather than qualifications to get into school. 7. You reference whereas the General Assembly has embraced the principles by overwhelming passing joint resolutions endorsing these priorities. Since this has happened in each house but nothing has yet passed both houses and been put into law, this might antagonize some of the General Assembly. Do you want to do that in an elections year? Rick Sutton and I will be glad to come over and discuss this more in detail at your convenience. One other thing. I think I could contribute as a member of the state military task force on base closures. If there is no prohibition from being on that task force and serving as CHE Chair, I would be interested in having the Governor putting me on that commission or task force. Thanks.