

Dear Governor,

You will go down in history as one of the best Governors this State has ever had because of your stand on the Flag, changing government and your nomination of Tim Scott to the Senate. The Republicans running for the Presidency of this Country will have you high on their Vice-President list.

There are three areas in the new house session left you I would like to see some progress made. They are as follows: First, as you know, our roads are in horrific condition. Maybe it is possible to drop the sales tax from 7 cents to 6.50 cents and increase the gas tax by 1 cent or 1.5 cents. With the agreement with Iran on their Nuclear Program, the price of Oil will probably go down under

\$0.00 dollars per barrel, which means
the price at the pump will drop below
\$1.00 per gallon. Second, we have a
large number of the working poor without
any health insurance, it would
be tremendous if the State could help these people.
This is a true story, I have a friend with
two jobs that is unable to afford health
insurance. She has to choose between
seeing a doctor or buying food for her family.
She works at Lesto in West Columbia and
does housework for Representative Joe White.
Third, our cities and towns in
the State are languishing because of
our antiquated laws. North Carolina
has relaxed antiquated laws and
ours are restricted. I am from
Spartanburg, but live in Columbia. Most
of my family live in Spartanburg.
The City of Spartanburg has lost over
8,000 people in the city and has lost
several hundred jobs because of the

Lower population's over the past 20 years. My mother still lives in the city and pays city and county property taxes on her house. I think there are several areas that could be looked at to help cities and towns around the state. Number One thing that could help is to close county holds around cities. Next, we could look at North Carolina annexation laws and adapt some of their regulations. Finally, take a city like Spartanburg, no one wants to be annexed into a city and pay more taxes. Maybe we should look at the elimination of personal property taxes (horse taxes) substitute a 10 or 15 cent sales tax. People that live outside would be inclined to join the city because they would save money if annexed into the city. They would get police protection, fire services, trash pick-up and garbage services. People

would rather pay a sell tax over
property tax at the end of the year.
Citizens would only a County property
tax and not a City property tax.

Thank you for your Leadership.

Sincerely,

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