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To: Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>
CC: Mottel, Haley <HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 3/3/2014 5:57:09 PM
Subject: RE: Unions in South Carolina

FYI – I left a message on Rep. Southard’s cell. I will update you again as soon as I have spoken with him.

From: Veldran, Katherine
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 3:00 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: FW: Unions in South Carolina

From: Eddy Southard [<mailto:EddySouthard@schouse.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2014 1:12 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: Unions in South Carolina

Katherine,

I was very upset to read about the Governor’s comments she made in Greenville last week. To state that employers, ie Ford, Chrysler, General Motors would not be welcome in South Carolina because of the employees being represented by unions is irresponsible. I come from a long history of family members employed by railroads that are represented by unions. My father, his brother, my brothers, cousins, brothers-in-law were all disappointed when they read the Governor’s comments in the media.

Are you aware that the train crews for Norfolk Southern RR that transport the cars from Greer to Charleston and that are then loaded from the docks are all union employees? Did you know that SCE&G’s (SCANA), the largest corporation headquartered in South Carolina, hourly employees are unionized? The Charleston Naval Shipyard and Charleston Paper mill employees were represented by unions.

You are aware that I have always been a supporter of the Governor, but I am having a hard time defending her statement. Therefore, I would appreciate her re-evaluating her statement.

Consider the counties of Jasper, Allendale, McCormick, Clarendon, Hampton, Williamsburg, Fairfield, etc and how they felt.

With your kindness regards,

Rep. Eddy Southard
Berkeley County