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Josh, you will have to ignore the references to the attachments as my staff is still pulling them together.

I know then Governor doesn't like public-private partnerships like this, but she did not veto this last year, and SCDHHS gave us a new contract this year without any negative or critical comment. Tony also wrote a positive letter about this to US DHHS last year.

The state has a significant investment in this project such that it would be a huge waste not to finish it. Every other state is trying to do this so it is hardly a "special interest" appropriation.

One reason we are doing the project is that SCDHHS does not have the field presence to do it or anyone willing to do it at this price.

My suggestion is that she let this line item stand for one more year and assign a larger team of overseers to monitor the project beginning July 1. I assure you this is something she will want to brag about in the future.

Steve

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