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Ms. Haley,

I have just one thing to make crystal clear as you as you ponder future initiatives here in South Carolina. First though a little background on me:

I am a 60 year old veteran of the US Army. I have lived in South Carolina since 1968 when my family moved to Easley. I have never paid income tax to any other state and I began my working life at age 13. I have been continuously working except for a couple of extended periods of unemployment over these past 47 years. I graduated from the South Carolina Technical College system at Greenville Technical College, a degree that , by the way, carry's less physical worth than the roll of toilet paper in my bathroom. That's another story though.

Now, on to the point of this letter.

Just last week you came out in a public statement and said you were in favor of raising the gasoline tax by TEN cents to 'fix South Carolina's roads'.

Isn't that JUST like a liberal politician!!! The INSTANT you see the citizenry starting to prosper again you want your share of their hard earned funds! I had even remarked to several friends including Bob McClain at WORD Radio speculating how long it would be before the political vultures swooped in on the good fortune that lower gas prices have allowed us peons. As you can see, it didn't take long..... in fact, less than 60 days if I am not far off in my tally.

Ms. Haley, If you want to see a Democrat sitting in your current office after the next election cycle you go right on and raise the gasoline taxes but before you do let me help you understand just exactly WHY South Carolina voters are going to turn on you like rabid dogs.

We have suffered through nearly 8 years of the worst economic times in this state since you politicians pissed away our textile industry. I say you politicians because aside from the year in question, I see little difference between you and your predacessors. You ALL make sure YOU are well taken care of BEFORE your constituents are even considered, *IF* we are ever really considered at all! We have labored under an artifically inflated cost at the gas pumps due to excessive taxation but MORE because of special environmental interests that have not allowed this country to prosper from it's own natural resources.

Now that the private sector has put the fear of God in the Allah lovers in the middle east and forced them to reduce the price of oil to compete on the world market! (Yes, a comparative marketplace DOES work in the consumers best interests ALWAYS!)

Not through AND government intervention, meddling or corruptions the price pf gas is at the lowest point I can remember in the past 15 years rather through private business working under the laborious restrictions of special interest governing. We now see just how low the price of gasoline COULD have been oh these past years!

And Now that we peons out here have FINALLY gotten a break. Now that we are NOT getting screwed over by our governments AND profit greedy corporations YOU guys in office want to dip your grubby little fingers deeper into our pockets! How damned typical of you!

Here is a suggestion for you Ms Haley..... There is a budget for maintaining our roads in South Carolina. I suggest BEFORE you start demanding your fair share of OUR EARNINGS you might start fixing these roads with what you have in hand already. Then before you start demanding more of MY earnings perhaps you can figure out where all those millions of dollars we have been spending over the past 30 years have been going? Perhaps a complete and detailed audit of the DOT books.... which I believe you and several of your fellow liars have campaigned on for the past 6 or 8 years now! And while I am at it, perhaps YOU Miss Transparency could start an initiative to revamp the way we do DOT business in this state and take some of the control over the road projects OUT of the Good Old Boys Club over there in the Legislature!

In short Ms. Haley, you COULD have waited at least a few months before succumbing to your politicians greed and start clamoring for more of OUR MONEY. That would have at least been considerate of us peons!

Oh and by the way..... WHERE DID that call for more transparency in the public dealings of the legislature and into the private profiteering that is pillaging our state for the betterment of the Good Old Boys Club!!

No M'am, I will not be voting for you in the future because you have shown yourself to be just another self promoting politician more concerned with the power of the government than with the good of the peons!

Thanks for nothing!

Bruce W. Kingsbury
Pissed Off Voter!