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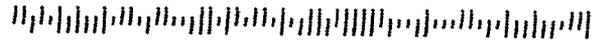
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Dear Governor Haley:

As a resident of South Carolina, I am concerned about the issues listed below and wish to make you and the Legislature aware of my opinions.

Gas Tax Increase: Some lawmakers are considering a 12 cent gas tax increase in order to help fund road and bridge repairs around the state. Those for the increase say it would help to raise an additional \$800 million for the long needed repairs. Sen. Nikki Setzler said, "The people that call me, they call and say 'Fix our roads'." They also argue this will help to ensure cuts are not made elsewhere for the repairs. Those against the increase say this takes away from the real problem, reforming the Department of Transportation. They argue that lesser used roads need to be turned over to the counties to take care of in order to save money. **Are you in favor of increasing the gas tax?**

YES NO UNDECIDED

My Comments: It makes no sense to set money aside in a budget to build new large highways example (GVL) when we can use that money for repairs.

Pain Capable Unborn Child Act: Some are urging lawmakers to pass legislation that would ban abortions at 20 weeks post-fertilization unless, in the physician's reasonable medical judgment, an abortion is necessary to avert the woman's death or a serious risk of substantial and irreversible physical impairment. Those in favor argue that the state has a compelling interest in protecting the lives of unborn children from 20 weeks on, where it is determined they can feel pain. Those against say this is a severe infringement on a woman's right to choose what happens to her body and that should not be taken away. **Are you in favor of passing this act?**

YES NO UNDECIDED

My Comments: Mixed emotions here.

Medical Marijuana: Lawmakers are considering legislation that would legalize medical marijuana for patients suffering from a list of ailments and with a doctor's prescription. The bill would have the state Department of Health and Environmental Control license marijuana growers, processors, and dispensaries. Those in favor say there's a long list of illnesses and conditions for which marijuana provides relief, and lawmakers shouldn't block a doctor from prescribing something that will help a patient. Those against fear a rise in traffic accidents from being high and children getting ahold of and ingesting edible forms. **Are you in favor of this measure?**

YES NO UNDECIDED

My Comments: Medicinal purposes only with driving + operating equipment restrictions

Standardized Testing: Some are urging lawmakers to pass legislation that would allow parents to excuse their children from standardized tests without repercussions to the parents or students. Those in favor say parents have the fundamental right to control the education of their children. They also argue that it puts too much pressure on students to perform a certain way. Those against argue that it is important for students to participate in the tests in order to help prepare them for their future. They also argue it is an important part of evaluating the schools. **Are you in favor of students being able to opt out of standardized testing?**

YES NO UNDECIDED

My Comments: Not all children test well but are still smart. They have anxiety attacks at testing.

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