

January 2, 2016

Governor Haley,

As the session of the General Assembly approaches, I believe the following should be given serious consideration. I have contacted my legislators concerning these matters. But as a fellow South Carolinian, I ask you, in your capacity as the Governor and Chief Magistrate of the State, to encourage and recommend these issues to the General Assembly.

- *Replace the State's statues within the National Statuary Hall Collection.* I commend having the Confederate flag removed from the Statehouse grounds. But we all know that that will not end the divisive feelings of the Confederacy and South Carolina's involvement. Wade Hampton and John C. Calhoun were both avid supporters of slavery and their recognition within the US Capitol perpetuates South Carolina's tarnished history and is an insult to the victims of the Charleston shootings. I strongly urge letting the people submit their suggestions for replacements of these statues. What about Althea Gibson or Robert Smalls?
- *Rename certain Counties; consolidate Counties.*
 - (1) The Counties of Bamberg, Calhoun, Hampton, and Lee are all named after men who owned slaves and/or fought for the Confederacy. Given the current feelings and situation concerning slavery and the Civil War, I adamantly feel these Counties should be renamed.
 - (2) I adamantly, wholeheartedly believe consolidating certain Counties can save millions of dollars in providing the people necessary services. I propose merging and consolidating the following Counties:
 - (a) Dillon, Marion, and Marlboro
 - (b) Chester and Fairfield
 - (c) Edgefield and McCormick
 - (d) Allendale, Hampton, and Jasper
 - (e) Clarendon and Williamsburg
 - (f) Newberry and Saluda
 - (g) Bamberg and Barnwell
 - (h) Lee and Sumter
 - (i) Kershaw and Lancaster
 - (j) Chesterfield and Darlington

- *Toll roads; Highway repairs.* I am not a fan of toll roads. However, given the General Assembly's persistent failure to provide the necessary funds to repair our highways, desperate measures are called for. I believe only certain areas should be converted into toll roads and the tolls should ONLY stay in place until the costs of repairing and constructing the highways are met. I believe North Carolina's Turnpike Authority and its Triangle Expressway are an excellent example of toll roads and State-supervision. All the tolls are collected electronically via video cameras. I feel these certain areas and roads should be tolled until the State has the necessary funds to repair our highways:
 - (a) The Lake Marion crossing of I-95
 - (b) I-385
 - (c) I-526
 - (d) SC-31
 - (e) I-520
 - (f) The Mark Clark Expressway

I thank you, Governor, for your time in reading this letter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evan Millett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

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