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I look forward to speaking over the phone!

Also wanted to include this question:

Lieutenant Governor was on the WRNN (99.5) yesterday morning and discussed the topic of marijuana now being laced with fentanyl and warning about the issue. Chief Hill of HCPD mentioned that he has seen some of that locally. What is your take on this issue? How do you plan to combat this?

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**From:** Danny Varat [<mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>]  
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Thanks. We'll call after session.

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Hi Danny!

It was a pleasure speaking with you over the phone. I have listed the following questions I will be asking for Lieutenant Governor Kevin Bryant below:

Horry county leads South Carolina in Opioid deaths.

One of the topics addressed at City Council meeting today -> Motion M2018-13 to allocate \$12,500 to participate in a study of the regional heroin, opioid epidemic.

- Study will be led by HGTC Professor Renee Causey.

What does this opioid and heroin crisis mean to you?

Why do you think this is becoming such a large issue and continues to grow?

What is the next step you plan to take to tackle this issue?

What do you hope this study will bring to the area of Myrtle Beach?

- How will people benefit who live here benefit in our region?

How else do you hope to fix this problem?

Please let me know if you have any questions, thank you!

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