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**To:** Haley, Nikki; Webb, Beth  
**Subject:** 1% TDF Bill Renewal and Myrtle Beach Residents' Rights Initiative

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**Dear Governor Haley,**

At MyrtleBeachSC.com, we pride ourselves in investigating and understating. As you know, we are the only locally owned news organization with a reach of 1 million weekly in the Myrtle Beach area.

On May 9th, our team noticed a "letter to the editor" in our local newspaper from an Ann Dunham. Upon reading her letter, I personally wondered if she were some lone voice or a connected, grass roots operator. As a journalist, I asked her if I could meet privately with her and her supporters. Her group is known as Residents' Rights. I met with her team for over 3 hours on May 10th to file this report for our news team: <http://www.myrtlebeachsc.com/tourism-benefit-tax/>

I am aware that you personally veto'ed the legislation that currently supports the 1% local option tax in Myrtle Beach, S.C. I am also aware that the General Assembly passed the bill by over riding that veto. After speaking with the Residents' Rights group of over 20 connected residents, and after the 4 -3 Myrtle Beach City Council vote split reaction concerning parking in Myrtle Beach yesterday, I can honestly say those were different times when Senators and Congressmen could depend on insider local media, business insiders and MBACC alliances to overcome voter objections.

The mood of our residents (even long standing residents) concerning the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber is dynamically changing. It first began to transition when some political insiders and a few local corporations in partnership with MBACC worked to introduce international investors into our county. It accelerated when the MBACC denied the truth and spent these same 1% funds defending the city in our most recent ocean water quality reporting. Locals want clean beaches for their grandchildren and they also want an honest and accountable city government. Residents did not like the way MBACC and the city paid a cheer leading local TV media with these same dollars to misrepresent our current situation. The veil was ripped and these locals now sense insider collusion.

Myrtle Beach shares the current national mood that is more anti-corporation than anti government. The sentiment is that government more and more so works for corporate insiders above and beyond the average citizen. It is a national sentiment that is reinforced by actions like the recent Attorney General issue here in S.C. All polls and voting clearly indicates this is a strong year for "outsiders".

As such, we polled now 120 local residents who do vote. We did not cherry pick. 100% of them are in favor of Mrs. Dunham's idea here: <http://www.myrtlebeachsc.com/tourism-benefit-tax/>

The Residents' Rights core group of 25 local residents and business owners informed us yesterday they are just now creating a video and do plan to put their initiative on the cell phones of every voting resident in the city limits within the next few weeks.

Even if this 1% renewal is rushed into existence, this issue will be a pink elephant in all upcoming primaries and elections for the next 18 months.

A foundational shift is occurring in Horry County. Our organization is more on top of this than any other in the state. While every major media outlet, other than ours is on the financial take with this existing 1% initiative, being paid in the millions each, voters are becoming more and more aware of that insider arrangement as well. Google the news teams of WMBFnews or WPDE and you can see the Google Reviews that are just now coming in.

This is just a heads up to you and all copied here. Proceed as you each best see fit.

Sincerely,

David Hucks



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