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Subject: Spartanburg Rotary Club
Location: The Piedmont Club, 361 East Main Street, Spartanburg, S.C.
When: 2/17/2015 12:30:00 PM - 1:30:00 PM

EVENT: Spartanburg Rotary Club

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2015

TIME: 12:30 PM

LOCATION: The Piedmont Club, 361 East Main Street, Spartanburg, S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP:

There is an elevated rectangular podium table on the north wall of the room. There are 4 seats at this podium table, two to the right of the podium and two to the left. Looking at the podium from the audience, the two right hand seats are for our club president, Hank Steinberg, and also for one of our club members who will be introducing guests. The two left hand seats are for Gov. Haley and her assistant, Ashton Lee. The podium has a microphone.

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PURPOSE: Governor Haley will address the Spartanburg Rotary Club regarding the legislative session.

PRESS: Yes.

PUBLIC: Yes.

INVITED BY: N/A

INTRODUCED BY: Molly Metz, Spartanburg Rotary member

LENGTH OF SPEAKING: 10-12 minutes and 8-10 mins Q&A

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

12:35 - 12:37PM	Patriotic song
12:37 - 12:39 PM	Pledge of Allegiance
12:39-12:40 PM	Prayer
12:40 - 12:45 PM	Club President announcement
12:45 - 12:50 PM	Guests are introduced
12:50 - 12:55 PM	Health and Happiness report
12:55 - 12:58 PM	Other announcements (if any)
12:58 - 1:00 PM	Introduce Gov. Haley
1:00 - 1:25 PM	Gov. Haley
1:25 - 1:30 PM	Gov. Haley Q & A

ATTENDEES: Expecting 100-120 in attendance.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:

ANSWERS TO RECENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON TAX REFORM PLAN:

- What this tax plan means is an average of \$689 dollars a year back in the pockets of taxpayers – about two weeks take home pay for someone making \$30,000 per year.
- In terms of what this means for our families, 50 gallons of gas to drive from Greenville to the beach, get around town and drive home will have a \$5 impact on your wallet. Our tax cut means \$689 back in your pocket, which pays for that entire trip.
- Ten cents for roads means we start turning our highway system around next year. It means \$394 million a year to roads that meets the \$208 million we need to stop the decline of our pavements and bridges and adds over \$180 million per year to actually start improving our highway system.
- Our priorities are clear – with a Secretary accountable to your governor, we’re going to focus on the roads our people rely on to get to work, the roads our businesses need to move their goods, and the roads our visitors need to enjoy our state from the mountains to the sea.
- No more commissioners fighting over roads money for their districts and their contractors. Instead we’ll have a Secretary that fights for the entire state; a secretary with one boss and one goal – rebuilding our highways.
- There is talk out there that this tax cut will hurt programs, hurt schools. That’s just not true. Our long-range projections would put our state’s General Fund at over \$10 billion dollars – more than \$3 billion dollars larger than it is today – without this \$1.7 billion annual tax cut. What we’re saying is, invest in schools, preserve our roads, help out law enforcement, but slow the growth of government when it comes to things we don’t need. We can do both – it really is a win-win.

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:

Economy/Economic Development

- South Carolina is clearly moving in the right direction.
- We have over 2 million people working – more than at any other time in our state’s history.
- Our statewide unemployment rate has dropped considerably since January 2011 to 6.5% in December of 2014.
- We’ve announced over 60,000 jobs and nearly \$15 billion in capital investment statewide.
- Here in Spartanburg County, the unemployment rate has declined by 5.6% since January 2011 –

- from 11.1% to 5.5% and more than 14,000 people are employed.
- We've announced 4,469 jobs and \$3.38 billion in capital investment, including major expansions at BMW and new projects like Toray Carbon Fibers.
- Though we've made great progress, there's still more to do.

Tax Cut/Transportation Plan

- We are currently competing for jobs and investment with states around the country, specifically our neighbors in North Carolina and Georgia. But we're also competing internationally - with countries all over the world. So it's imperative that we do everything we can to continue to attract companies and create the most business-friendly environment we can.
- Tennessee, Florida and Texas have no income tax at all. Georgia's income tax is a full percent lower than ours, and North Carolina just recently cut their income taxes by 2 full percentage points.
- At the same time, everyone acknowledges we have to improve our transportation system.
- That's why I announced a bold plan to revitalize our transportation system and make the state more competitive last week in my State of the State Address – a plan that calls for the largest tax cut in South Carolina history and the largest single investment in our roads system we have ever seen.
- By cutting the income tax rate from 7% to 5% incrementally over the next decade, we would improve our tax competitiveness from 38th nationally to 13th.
- By doing this, our income rates would be lower than North Carolina and Georgia and anybody you ask will tell you that this would be a major draw for jobs and capital investment.
- Likewise, it will put money back in the pockets of South Carolina's citizens where it belongs and not into the hands of tax and spend politicians.
- We also have to restructure the transportation commission. The condition of South Carolina's roads is driven by parochial politics and horse trading. We can no longer have a system where individuals are only representing the best interest of specific parts of the state. How and where money is spent at DOT should be based on the needs of the state in its entirety, making sure that everybody is represented equally. That's why I have called for the elimination of the commission.
- Finally, we suggested an increase to the gas tax by 10 cents over 3 years, dedicating all additional revenue to improving our roads.
- By increasing the gas tax by 10 cents, it will keep our gasoline tax below both Georgia and North Carolina's.
- There are some who want to just raise the gas tax without cutting the income tax. It's true we have the 3rd lowest gas tax in the country. But as I've said multiple times – I will veto any straight up gas tax increase.
- If all we do is increase gas taxes, it will put the brakes on the positive momentum we are seeing in the economy.
- As I made clear in the State of the State – this package is a 3 part deal. We need to cut taxes, restructure the transportation commission, and increase the gas tax.
- And like I said before, if the legislature gets on board with this plan and passes it, it will result in the largest tax cut in South Carolina's history.
- If we take these 3 steps, we'll improve our transportation system and build on the competitive advantages that we've seen result in so much economic growth.

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION:

Legislators who have co-sponsored the Governor's plan in the House (Rep. Stringer, H.3580) are highlighted.

SENATE - Spartanburg County	
R	Lee Bright
R	Tom Corbin
R	Shane Martin
R	Harvey Peeler
D	Glenn Reese

HOUSE - Spartanburg County	
R	Rita Allison
R	Doug Brannon
R	Bill Chumley
R	J. Derham Cole
R	Mike Forrester
R	Donna C. Hicks
D	Harold Mitchell, Jr.
R	Eddie Tallon

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION:

Spartanburg County: 4,469 jobs announced; \$3.38 billion capital investment announced

Announced Date	Company Name	Objective	Product or Service	Announced Investment	Announced Jobs
2015-02-03	Polydeck Screen Corporation	Expansion	Polyurethane Screen Panels and Rubber Screen Panels	\$12,000,000	40
2015-01-28	Rite Aid Corporation	New	Distribution Center	\$90,000,000	600
2015-01-09	Schaeffler Group USA Inc. - Spartanburg	Expansion	Bearings manufacturing	\$1,400,000	
2015-01-08	Kobelco Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.	New	Construction and transportation machinery	\$41,000,000	131
2015-01-07	PecTec Corporation	New	Tamping, rolling, shaping and embossing sheets of metal	\$2,000,000	15
2014-10-28	F3 Engineering	New	Precision Aerospace Manufacturing	\$3,900,000	53
2014-08-05	Bosch Security Systems, Inc.	New	Corp. Security Systems		50

2014-07-17	Aladdin Manufacturing (Mohawk Industries)	Expansion	High End Carpet / Aviation, Commercial	\$10,000,000	20
2014-05-06	Trelleborg Wheel Systems Americas Inc.	New	Engineered polymer solutions	\$50,000,000	150
2014-04-01	Copac Inc.	Expansion	Manufactures labels, tags & cartons	\$14,800,000	32
2014-03-28	BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC	Expansion	Automotive	\$1,000,000,000	800
2014-02-18	Toray Carbon Fibers America, Inc. (CFA)	New	Carbon Fiber	\$1,000,000,000	500
2013-09-24	Laserflex	Expansion	Precision Metal Fabrication	\$4,000,000	20
2013-08-16	Heiche US Surface Technology LP	New	Surface Treatment of Metal Parts	\$4,000,000	38
2013-08-14	Edgewater Automation LLC	New	Custom machines	\$3,000,000	53
2013-06-19	Lindörfer + Steiner GmbH	New	Customized packaging materials	\$400,000	32
2013-05-29	Steward Plastics, Inc. dba Smooth-Bor Plastics	New	Flexible plastic corrugated hose and tubing	\$1,000,000	22
2013-05-09	Contec, Inc.	Expansion	Cleaning Chemicals, Equipment, and Supplies	\$6,250,000	60
2013-04-23	A.L. Industries, Inc.	New	Filters	\$3,600,000	80
2012-10-17	AFL Telecommunications, LLC (America Fujikura)	Expansion	Fiber Optic Cable Products	\$8,600,000	95
2012-08-21	Polydeck Screen Corporation	Expansion	Polyurethane Screen Panels and Rubber Screen Panels	\$7,000,000	32
2012-05-31	SEW-Eurodrive, Inc.	Expansion	Drive motors	\$20,000,000	40
2012-02-02	Highland Baking Company, Inc.	New	Bread	\$9,480,000	196
2012-02-01	Pratt Industries	Expansion	Recyclable Materials	\$3,500,000	30
2012-01-23	Amazon.com, Inc.	New	Distribution Center	\$50,000,000	
2012-01-12	BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC	Expansion	Automotive	\$900,000,000	1000
2011-08-02	Fehrer Automotive North America, LLC	Expansion	Car seats	\$14,000,000	130
2011-06-22	Draexlmaier Automotive of America LLC	Expansion	Automobile components	\$22,350,000	150
2011-03-08	BMW Manufacturing Co., LLC	Expansion	Automotive	\$100,000,000	100

Between January 2011 and December 2014, the unemployment rate in Spartanburg County has

decreased by 5.6 percentage points from 11.1 percent to 5.5 percent. There are now 14,382 more people employed in the county and 6,989 fewer people unemployed.