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Abby,

Lmk if you need anything else.

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Dear Boys and Girls,

Thank you for your questions and your interest in South Carolina! Every day in South Carolina is a great one, and we want every South Carolinian to feel just as excited and proud of our states' great potential as we do.

At a young age, my parents taught my brothers, sister and I an important lesson that guides the way our administration governs South Carolina today-- never complain about the challenges that face you, rather, to do something about them.

When we took office our state's unemployment rate was high and many of our families were hurting. That's why one of our top priorities has been bringing jobs to the state. In South Carolina, we know that when you give someone a job you take care of an entire family. Today—after lots of hard work—we are proud to say our unemployment rate is at a fifteen year low, more South Carolinians are working than ever before, and we have announced over 80,000 jobs across every county in our state.

We also knew that we had to restore South Carolinians' faith in the people they elected- that meant building a government that works for the people, not the other way around. To do that we knew transparency was key, and it's why we were proud to lead the fight calling for on the record votes in our legislature. Now, for the first time in state history citizens can see exactly how legislators vote and how they are spending their tax dollars.

Most recently, one of the most important reforms we have worked on affects some of our most important citizens, students like you! We were excited to work with Republicans and Democrats, teachers, parents and business leaders – to pass smart education reforms to make our schools better, without raising taxes: making school funding more equal for students in our poorest districts, ensuring all of our students are reading by the third grade, and updating all of our schools with the latest technology like tablets for students.

While being governor is an important job, my most challenging and rewarding job is as a Mom. My husband, Michael, a captain in the Army National guard, and I have two children, Rena (18) and Nalin (15). We live in the state's capital city Columbia, where we have one dog, two frogs and a goldfish.

Keep up the hard work, and remember to always believe in the power of your voice! God bless.

My very best,

