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Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2015 9:17 AM
To: Haley, Nikki
Cc: Breland, Phil
Subject: Speed Trap- 3rd message

Good morning,

I would be very happy if I could get some sort of response or acknowledgement.

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From: Breland, Phil
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 3:29 PM
To: 'nrh@gov.sc.gov'
Cc: Breland, Phil
Subject: Speed Trap

Good afternoon Governor Haley,

First let me say I am writing you because I hear so many great things about what you are doing for South Carolina. I was raised in the great state of SC but after several domestic and international moves now live in lovely Georgia. Recently I was on a personal business trip in South Carolina performing due diligence on a few business opportunities that allowed me to drive through several towns. What a beautiful drive!!! However, it was not pleasant.

I saw a person get pulled over by a police officer in the small town of Erhardt. Funny as it was at the moment, I noticed that this person was not even close to town, in fact it was still farm land and timber stands. I wondered why the speed limit reduced so rapidly outside any site of life, houses or business. Later I saw the same thing happen again in Branchville this time the situation was ever worse. The speed limit went from 55 to 45 and then 30 in a hundred yards or so and again the person was pulled far from the site of life. Thankfully I was traveling behind this person so they actually saved me a ticket!! So I decided to stop and talk to them when the officer was finished. Charged with a 45 mph speed in a 30 zone!! After a few minutes of cursing and venting this person began telling me how this was how all these small towns generated revenue. I agreed that if they were speeding in town or thru town they deserved the ticket but certainly not while traveling by pine saplings and corn rows. I inquired if this was just in these 2 towns..."oh no, there are traps in several small towns and everybody knows it. Santee, Elloree, Erhardt, Branchville, Ridgeland" and oh geez could not keep up as he screamed onward listing town after town.

Later I stopped in Santee for a snack and inquired about the trap and I was told I better not go 1 mph over the speed limit going down the hill on my way out of town. Really??

My question is to you, is that true Governor? Does everyone know that these are speed traps and do nothing about it? Then why does the speed limit change 1 mile outside a very small town? In Branchville go from 55-45-30 in a hundred yards? Todd Ellis could throw a ball that far. Why the threats in Santee? Is this even legal?

With the current society pressures on police officers and how they treat others, is this really what you want for your state? I know you are busy but this is bad publicity for your state and I don't think what anyone wants. Maybe a great job for an intern to investigate for you. I certainly hope something gets done to protect the public against unjustified and unnecessary policing.

With very much respect,

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