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Hi Katherine,

It was nice to meet you this evening, albeit briefly. Please thank the Governor for coming to Pickens - I know it was in support of an ally, but it's still nice to see the Governor out locally.

In addition to my tech job (I work in the office of CTO for Citrix Systems) I own a couple of small concerns in Pickens County - one of those being a small firearms company. The entire industry converges every January at the SHOT Show (Shooting, Hunting, Outdoor Trade Show) in Las Vegas. It's in Vegas every year because it's massive - Javitz and Moscone might be able to handle the size of the show, but they aren't in very gun-friendly states, so it remains in Vegas every year. Most of the firearms industry converges there, everything from small startups like Rugged Suppressors (from Travelers Rest, SC) to the largest companies like FN and Colt. My specific concern is that I see a number of states with a very pronounced presence at the event. Georgia has the biggest presence - with both an expo booth and prime listing as a sponsor of the event. Several other states have a booth presence at the event, but South Carolina seemed to be noticeably absent.

It could be that folks from Commerce or elsewhere are coming as attendees, but generally attendance is limited to those in the business. (I even have to justify each of my companies attendees as to why they need to attend) I think the other states are getting around that requirement by having a booth presence, but it did give me pause. This event is coming up quickly, so it may be too late to do anything for this years event, but I think SC is an excellent home for folks in the industry, and I'd far rather they come to SC than Georgia, Idaho, or Montana.

Thanks again,

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