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What a great morning at USC! It was perfect State of the University weather, the "Mighty Sound of the Southeast" Carolina Marching Band was rocking and the Carolina community gathered in droves on the Horseshoe to hear our plan for the future of Carolina. I wish all of you could have been with us.

I'm pleased to provide you with [text](#) and [video highlights](#) of my comments. Today, I called for a new compact between public higher education and the State of South Carolina. This is the year for us to stop pointing fingers and work together to rein in rising tuitions. USC is willing to take the lead in calling for a Fair Funding strategy: new money to fund higher education and an end to unfunded state mandates and, in exchange, USC will propose a three year moratorium on tuition increases and earmark requests. Working together, we can develop a funding model that measures and rewards performance and requires accountability for South Carolina's public colleges and universities.

Today marks the beginning of what promises to be a long and productive conversation. I hope you will join with us in recognizing that the status quo is unsustainable and South Carolina's families can no longer afford to bear the brunt of rising costs that must be covered.

USC is a vital part of South Carolina's economic and overall wellbeing, and I look forward to working with you in the year ahead as we work to make South Carolina into a higher education state that can stand as a model for the nation.

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Link to text: [http://www.sc.edu/about/our\\_leadership/president/speeches/state\\_of\\_the\\_university\\_2013.php](http://www.sc.edu/about/our_leadership/president/speeches/state_of_the_university_2013.php)

Link to video highlight on Fair Funding: <http://youtu.be/1EpzElcCmTA>

Link to video highlights from the morning: <http://youtu.be/GwJD1oLyIWc>