

**From:** Walker, Madison  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>  
**Date:** 2/28/2012 10:13:55 AM  
**Subject:** RE: ACTION ALERT and Week 7 Update

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Unfortunately no, the board has been appointed.

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:12 AM  
**To:** Walker, Madison  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION ALERT and Week 7 Update

Is this a possibility?

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**From:** Michael Rose [mailto:mrose5@sc.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 1:57 PM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Cc:** mrose5@sc.rr.com  
**Subject:** FW: ACTION ALERT and Week 7 Update

Katherine,

Please see below.

For years I served on the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) before the Charleston Naval Base was closed.

Is there any possibility that a Charleston area legislator can be added to the newly Reconstituted BRAC Committee, i.e., me, Senator Rose?

If not, fine. However, I volunteer. There are military based in the Charleston area.

Thanks.

Mike Rose

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**From:** Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce [mailto:choffmann@charlestonchamber.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2012 12:14 PM  
**To:** Mike Rose  
**Subject:** ACTION ALERT and Week 7 Update

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### Save the Date

Statehouse  
Day  
February 29  
8:30 a.m.- 1  
p.m.  
\$75 for  
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Washington  
D.C. Fly-In  
April 18-20  
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## Action Alert

### Urge S.C. DOT to complete I-526

Charleston County Council voted in January 2012 for S.C. DOT to be responsible for design and construction of the project, releasing Charleston County from involvement in the project and placing it in the hands of the S.C. DOT Commissioners. The Chamber is asking you to contact the S.C. DOT Commissioners to show community support for completion of this project.

[Click here](#) to send your email of support to the S.C. DOT Commissioners.

## Lobbyist Report

### House budget complete and includes money for harbor deepening

Thursday, the Ways and Means Committee completed the House appropriations bill after many department and agency hearings, proviso meetings and amendments, the committee has completed their proposal and sent it to the printer. Included in the budget by Representative Merrill's amendment on Tuesday was a reserve fund, including \$10 million, for dredging the Charleston harbor. In a few weeks, the budget will go to the House floor. [Click here](#) to send Representative Merrill an email to thank him for his support of the Charleston harbor.

### Military Base Task Force will meet Tuesday

Under Executive Order by Governor Haley, the Military Base Task Force, a community/business committee created to preserve the viability and livelihood of South Carolina's military bases during times of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), has been reconstituted and will conduct their first meeting on Tuesday. The following individuals (or their designees) have been selected to serve on the task force:

General Bob Livingston- S.C. Adjutant General  
Bobby Hitt- SC Dept of Commerce  
Howard Metcalf- Director of Governor's Office on Veterans Affairs  
Otis Rawl- S.C. Chamber of Commerce  
Blakely Williams- Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce  
\*Bryan Derreberry- Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce  
Ike McLeese- Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce  
Grier Blackwelder- Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce  
Chairman Weston Newton- Beaufort County Council  
Chairman Daniel Davis- Berkeley County Council  
Chairman Teddy Pryor- Charleston County Council  
Chairman Paul Livingston- Richland County Council  
Chairman Gene Baten- Sumter County Council  
Mayor Billy Keyserling- City of Beaufort  
Mayor Joe Riley- City of Charleston  
Mayor Steve Benjamin- City of Columbia  
Mayor Keith Summey- City of North Charleston  
Mayor Samuel Murray- Town of Port Royal  
Mayor Joseph McElveen- City of Sumter  
Senator Tom Davis- SC Senate- Beaufort  
Representative Murrell Smith- S.C. House of Representatives- Sumter

General Richard Eckstrom- S.C. Comptroller General  
Colonel John Payne- Beaufort (Governor appointee)  
David Schimsa- Columbia (Governor appointee)  
General William Holland- Sumter (Governor appointee)  
Roy Johnson- Charleston (Governor appointee)  
\*Mary Graham will be serving as Bryan's designee

### **Charleston Metro Chamber Statehouse Day February 29**


On Wednesday, a delegation from the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce will travel to Columbia to see firsthand the procedures of the South Carolina legislature. The day will commence with a delegation breakfast and conclude with a wrap-up lunch discussion on public policy and economic development. The remaining time will be spent with House and Senate leadership, receiving updates of the status of our legislative priorities, attending subcommittee meetings, and observing floor debate from the House gallery. [Register here.](#)

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### **Get to know Senator John Matthews, Representing District 39**

Senator Matthews represents District 39 in Bamberg, Colleton, Dorchester, Hampton, and Orangeburg Counties. He resides in Bowman. Matthews is a retired Elementary School Principal and businessman, and has served in the S.C. Senate since 2011. Prior to serving in the Senate, Matthews was in the S.C. House of Representatives for nine years. Senator Matthews is a graduate of South Carolina State College, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College and the Lincoln Elec. Institute. He also holds an honorary Ph.D. from College of Charleston and S.C. State University. Currently he serves on the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, Banking and Insurance, Education



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Finance, and Rules Committees. For more information [click here](#).

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