

Dear South Carolina Governor,

My family and I recently traveled through your state on Friday, June 24, 2016 on our way to Florida for a family vacation. I was pulling our camper from Maryland, using Interstate 95. I notice that the section of 95 through South Carolina was pretty rough, uneven pavement, pot holes, and very difficult to travel.

We had traveled about 150 of the 200 miles through S.C. when I heard a bang. I immediately looked into my side view mirrors, and saw smoke coming from the right side of my camper. The rough road had taken it's toll on my trailer. I quickly and safely moved to the shoulder. Indeed, the front tire of my tandem axle trailer had come apart. I changed the tire, made some quick repairs to the sheet metal and moved to the nearest exit ramp. At this time, I pulled over to perform a more thorough inspection our rig to, ensure it was safe to continue on.

Upon my inspection I noticed the right rear tire was damaged as well. It was damaged by the front tire when it came apart. The tires on this trailer were 2 years old with approximately 1200 miles on them. I gently pulled to the top of the ramp to look for a safer place to park, and use my cell phone to search for a tire shop. Thankfully there was a shopping center nearby. We pulled into the parking lot and began searching for tire shops. After contacting several tire shops, I spoke to a shop that said they could handle my 38 ft. trailer and had tires in stock, and they were located 20 minutes away.

We arrived at the tire shop, unfortunately they did not have the exact size tires I needed but he did locate a set of tires that would work. He suggested I replace all 4 tires plus the spare so that all the tires matched. He acknowledged that several operators of car hauling trailers have had this similar tire issues and that these tires have worked well for them and assured me that they would work well on this trailer. After sitting at the tire shop for 3 hours and \$800 later, we were back on our way towards our vacation.

I decided to share my story with you, because I thought you might be able to use it the next time you go to the table to request funding for road repairs. I may be wrong, but since 95 is an interstate, perhaps the congress would be more willing to see that your state received adequate funding.

I hope you find this helpful,

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Bair". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small mark at the end.

Mark A. Bair