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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Post and Courier: Stop undermining Haley's excellent economic performance
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...Gov. Nikki Haley has also brought new and focused attention to economic development in South Carolina — and her efforts are paying off.

Our governor is not only willing and able to sell our state, she is very, very good at it. She may be the best business recruiter in the country, and her results show it...

In spite of our recent success, many in South Carolina seem determined to drag our state down.

The recent pursuit of an ethics investigation into Gov. Haley's time as a legislator is a prime example. The minute our state is praised by the national media for our business acumen, politicians and irresponsible bloggers try to undercut the praise with petty politics.

There is no greater detriment to the future of South Carolina and our ability to bring and create jobs than the infighting that occurs in Columbia.

For the governor's part, we greatly admire her ability to focus on what really matters and staying true to her reputation as the "Jobs Governor." She has continued her relentless pursuit of recruiting businesses and if history is any judge, she will continue to do her job in spite of those who seek to hold back our state.

Many companies that we have spoken with are utterly confused by the destructive attempts to hurt the governor.

In a state that is controlled by Republicans, they don't understand why members of the same party would attack the sitting governor when so much has been accomplished. We couldn't agree more.

Now is a time when South Carolinians should be standing arm in arm with the governor to help her recruit companies to this state and continue to bring our unemployment rate down.

Our small state faces plenty of challenges without political infighting in Columbia being added to the list. We hope the people of this state can focus on what state leaders should be focusing on — making South Carolina the most business-friendly state in the America.

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