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Please pass this information on to the Governor. I am trying, but I need her help to try and steer incoming companies to look this way and incentive them to set up shop here. 10% unemployment is a Great Depression type figure. It is getting bad. I can't tell you how much money I personally donate, for example, to make sure kids have back to school supplies or people can have a great Thanksgiving. I believe it's going to take a concerted effort from her office, state economic development initiatives, Senator Hutto and myself to fix this. I will also be pushing to get the state to offer even greater incentive packages to employers willing to locate to the Tier IV counties, especially #46 of 46.

"Bamberg County's unemployment rate for June was 9.9 percent, up from 8.3 percent in May, according to numbers released on Friday. It had the state's highest unemployment rate."

Source: The Times & Democrat  
Jobless rate up in region  
[http://thetandd.com/news/local/article\\_1bbadfa1-3226-5871-9357-431154745df8.html](http://thetandd.com/news/local/article_1bbadfa1-3226-5871-9357-431154745df8.html)

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> On Jul 7, 2016, at 1:10 PM, Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov> wrote:  
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> Justin,  
> Below are the contacts we discussed. Please let us know if you need anything else.  
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