

**From:** Danny Varat <DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>  
**To:** John Durstjohn@scrila.org  
**Date:** 10/4/2017 11:00:38 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Suggestions for Comments

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Thanks very much

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**From:** John Durst  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** RE: Suggestions for Comments

Danny,

We charged \$50 per person. Although the Hyatt charged us less, its probably safer to go with the higher number.

On another note, have attached a plan which our Board's Executive Committee and then the full Board adopted unanimously last week. Senator Massey expressed an interest in the work of our Task Force in June, so have sent a copy to him also.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Always great to hear from you!

John

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**From:** Danny Varat [mailto: DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 04, 2017 9:36 AM  
**To:** John Durst  
**Subject:** Re: Suggestions for Comments

John, I hope that all is well. I think that I did not ask you for the value of this meal. We need it for our reporting. Thanks a lot,

Danny

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**From:** John Durst <[John@scrila.org](mailto:John@scrila.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** FW: Suggestions for Comments

Danny,

The bill referenced in (d) below is actually S. 114. Sorry about that!

John

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**From:** John Durst [<mailto:John@scrla.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:20 PM  
**To:** 'Danny Varat'  
**Subject:** Suggestions for Comments  
Danny,

Thanks for asking and here are some thoughts:

- . commend attendees (from across our State) for doing so very much to help make tourism a \$19 billion dollar industry
  - . congratulate those who will be receiving an award, reflective of the high standards of excellence in hospitality industry
  - . thoughts about transition from Senator to Lt. Governor
  - . recognize highlights of SCRLA's legislative priorities this Session
    - (a) Support for PRT's budget request
    - (b) Support for recurring funding to fix our roads (84% of the leisure travelers who vacation in our state each year drive here which further reinforces the fact that our roads and bridges are a major economic lifeline for our state).
    - (c) Establish an alcohol server training program
    - (d) Clarify and codify the proviso in previous budget bills related to non-profit agencies making alcoholic beverages available at certain events. (S. 275 as amended and reported out favorably by Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on 2/15/17)
    - (e) Continue support for school not to start any earlier
  - . recognize SCRLA's efforts to work with regulatory state agencies on behalf of hospitality industry and add any words of support for those efforts
  - . possible insights on the benefits of hard work, setting goals and following your passion in being successful
  - . possibly state who are your heroes and people (not necessarily living) whom you respect
  - . any closing comments about personal philosophy of public service and encourage attendees to be involved as citizens.
- Not necessary to take questions.

Hope this is helpful!

John

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**From:** Danny Varat [<mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 8:36 AM  
**To:** John Durst  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation

Please send me some thoughts on what might be good for him to speak about. What's important to the industry right now? What areas of govt/regulation need to be trimmed back? Thanks

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**From:** John Durst <[John@scrla.org](mailto:John@scrla.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2017 4:12 PM  
**To:** Danny Varat

**Subject:** RE: Invitation

Danny,

Here it is. If he is able to join us, we will gladly ensure he is on the road by 1pm.

Thank you!

John

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**From:** Danny Varat [<mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 4:12 PM

**To:** John Durst

**Subject:** Invitation

John, would you please resend that invitation here to me? I believe that Lt. Governor Bryant will be able to make it, but I need to confirm. He will need to leave absolutely no later than 1pm. Thanks

Danny