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Fixing SC's Taxes

Dear Friends:

One thing I know - South Carolina's tax code is out-of-whack and unfair.

I came to that realization in 2009-10. Prior to being elected, as a private citizen, I attended nearly all the hearings of the TRAC (Tax Realignment Commission) created by the General Assembly. That citizen's panel was charged with assessing the state's tax structure to determine its "adequacy, fairness, and efficiency". Their report went into a file drawer and was never acted upon. In fairness, SC was just starting to emerge from the so-called 'Great Recession' and tax revenues were scarce making people jittery.

Do-Over: Fast Forward to Today

House Speaker Jay Lucas today appointed 14 members of the SC House to serve on the House Tax Policy Review Committee. I'm pleased to have been named to the committee. Our charge is to review SC's current tax code and submit suggestions for reform to the Speaker before the beginning of next legislative session in January.

In making the announcement, Speaker Lucas stated, "Our outdated tax code needs a dramatic transformation in order to promote economic competitiveness and increase the size of our citizens' paychecks. Achieving this difficult task is long overdue, but necessary to ensure our tax code is fair for our taxpayers."

Speaker Lucas added, "The bipartisan members of this ad hoc committee were individually selected because of their leadership abilities and knowledge of the tax system. I am confident that this diverse group will successfully begin laying the groundwork for significant tax reform."

Speaker Lucas made our mission clear when he said, " We want a broader and flatter tax code that will help continue to spur job growth and provide greater opportunities for South Carolina families ."

I NEED YOUR HELP!

If you agree that SC's tax code is out-of-whack and unfair, then I invite you to lend a hand. Send me your thoughtful recommendations and I'll make certain they are heard by the committee. Write

me at this email address: Bill@TaylorSCHouse.com

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If you need assistance navigating state government, or have any thoughts or concerns about what we are doing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In your Service,

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