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Attachments: Becker's interview (Lupica) Hometown Healthcare Isn't Dead .pdf
Is Bigger Healthcare Better- HealthLeaders column.pdf

Katherine:

So nice to meet you and Governor Haley at the Hickory last Friday before my niece's wedding. I appreciated the Governor's insights on, and her passion for, addressing the healthcare gaps being torn in the fabric of rural South Carolina. She recognizes the struggles of the hospitals trying to mend those gaps – like the little hospital I tried to save in her hometown, but understands that the solution might go beyond funding the status quo to finding alternate modalities offering essential services to rural people.

Thank you for handing me your card and expressing interest in further discussion. I would be delighted to share any insights into rural health that might assist your policy development in that space. I have written and lectured on the topic and think you and I could have a productive conversation. (Attached are a couple of interviews that touch on the subject.)

I would offer my time as a courtesy to rural South Carolina. It would surely be a labor of love.

Accordingly, I'd like to schedule time for a conversation with you. I'll be deep into travel responsibilities until mid-August, so I'll ask my assistant, Patti Buhler, to find a mutually convenient time.

Please give my best to the Governor of your splendid State.

--Joe

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