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**DEW Executive Director Cheryl Stanton's Statement**  
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“South Carolina’s economy is growing and prospering as a record number of people are working now than at any time in our state’s history. The state’s unemployment rate continues to fall, but we know we still have work to do finding jobs for the more than 108,000 unemployed,” said Cheryl Stanton, executive director for the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce. “Recently, we announced cutting the 2017 unemployment tax rate for the third consecutive year. By reducing the tax burden on businesses, they are able to reinvest in their companies and provide more opportunities for South Carolinians.”

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***About DEW***

*The S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) is putting South Carolinians to work. The agency invests in building a pipeline of quality workers, matches workers with jobs, and is a bridge for individuals who find themselves out of work for no fault of their own. This promotes financial stability and economic prosperity for employers, individuals and communities. DEW is dedicated to advancing South Carolina through services that meet the needs of the state’s businesses, jobseekers and those looking to advance their careers.*