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Education

"Tonight, Governor Haley continued to focus on education and I think that is important. Fixing our funding formula, providing for reading coaches, and getting the right technology to all parts of our state are goals that everyone should support and areas that South Carolina needs to work on. Now it's time for the legislature to take action on it."

"This evening, Governor Haley once again made a compelling case for her education reform package and I am glad she did because addressing the inequalities in our current system is very important. For too long level of education that our children receive has been determined by where they are born and raised – the governor's plan works to fix this and that is something we all should support."

Economy

Cutting Taxes

"For three years in a row we've provided the businesses and people of our state with tax relief and tonight the Governor pushed for a fourth year – and I support her in this effort. Tax relief means more jobs and there is no reason why we can't continue that trend on both fronts this year."

Job Growth

"With our unemployment at a five year low, it's clear that South Carolina is becoming known for creating jobs and expanding existing businesses and that couldn't have happened at a more important or critical time. This evening Governor Haley made clear that she intends to maintain her focus on economic development and I fully support her efforts."

Standing up to the Federal Government

"Standing up to the federal government is something that all states must do from time to time and Governor Haley has done it appropriately and consistently throughout her tenure. In her speech this evening, the governor pledged to continue standing up for the rights of South Carolinians and that is exactly the kind of message our constituents want to hear."

Obamacare

"If one thing has been made clear over the past several months, it's that Obamacare is preventing people from keeping the health care they have and getting the health care they deserve. The governor has been on the frontlines of the fight from the start and tonight she reconfirmed her willingness to continue that fight and push for the kinds of South Carolina-based reforms that actually work for South Carolinians."

"Preventing Obamacare from continuing to do damage to South Carolina is a major priority and Governor Haley has once again proven she is willing to take up that fight as she has done from the start – I support her in this effort."

Ethics Reform

"Our state has gone far too long without comprehensive ethics reform and tonight the governor made clear once more just how important it is to her, to the legislature, and to the people of this state. Ethics reform is about the public's trust – without it we can't do our job and the people of our state deserve more than that. It's time that they have it."

“We all know that we need real, comprehensive ethics reforms and tonight the governor made a strong and impassioned case for it. It is no secret that we need full income disclosure, we need an independent investigating body - it’s time for the legislature to take action and pass it.”

Infrastructure

“In last year’s State of the State, Governor Haley pledged to address our transportation needs without raising taxes and we in the legislature sent her a bill that did just that – that is the kind of results and teamwork our constituents want to see. Tonight the governor pledged once again to continue addressing our needs without raising taxes and that is exactly what we need to keep pursuing.”

“Fixing our roads and infrastructure without raising taxes is the goal and, with the governor’s support, we did exactly that last year. Tonight the governor called on us to do it again and I couldn’t be more supportive of that effort. The last thing that we need to do during this time of resurgence and growth is to burden our people and businesses with additional taxes.”

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