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Hold here.

What is his deadline.

Chaney - have you talked to him about this story?

Rob Godfrey  
Office of Gov. Nikki Haley

On Oct 20, 2016, at 12:35 PM, Clark, Alex <[aclark@sccommerce.com](mailto:aclark@sccommerce.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon all –

Below is the draft statement from Secretary Hitt, in response to Jeff Wilkinson's request.

There are numerous factors that impact the global business environment. And, from a business perspective, South Carolina remains committed to ensuring that we maintain a business-friendly climate – one that provides our companies with the resources they need to succeed in marketplaces around the world.

Thanks –  
Alex

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From: Wilkinson, Jeff [<mailto:jwilkinson@thestate.com>]  
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Jeff Wilkinson with The State

Working on a story for this weekend on how Clinton's and Trump's economic plan would affect SC.

I was wondering if I could get Bobby on the horn to talk about how Clinton and Trump's positions on foreign trade would help/hurt SC manufacturing. If he wanted to weigh in on immigration and taxes that would be great too.

Thanks  
Jeff  
771-8495

Here is my framework for the story:

“The battle of economic agendas between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump is a showdown of wonk versus CEO” - Politifact

I'm doing a story on how the Trump and Clinton economic plans would affect South Carolina

Here is the frame work I'm mulling. Any thoughts, additions are welcome. It's for Sunday:

#### FOREIGN TRADE

How would their plans affect manufacturing and export/import in SC? We're manufacturing heavy and export dependent.

- + Trump would potentially place large tariffs on goods from China and Mexico
- + Trump opposes the TPP and would repeal NAFTA if, he says, other countries aren't playing fair.
- + Clinton seems to not know where she stands on TPP and prefers small tweaks to the status quo in terms of foreign trade.

#### IMMIGRATION

How would that affect the very important sectors of tourism, construction and agriculture in SC?

- + Trump wants to build a wall to prevent illegal immigration, close the borders and has even suggested millions of illegals be deported.
- + Clinton wants immigration reform which conceivably would make it easier for workers to come in legally and those already here to become legal.
- + Trump opposes any pathway to legal status for those now here illegally, and has called for an end to “birth right citizenship” presently granted to anyone born in the United States.

#### TAXES

How would the candidates' tax plans affect South Carolinian's pocket books?

- + Trump wants to lower taxes across the board, especially for the rich and drop significantly taxes on corporate America. Would lower revenues over 10 years to \$9.6 trillion, according to the Tax Policy Center's study.
  - + Clinton would leave the middle class about the same and raise dramatically the taxes on the top 1 percent. Her plan increases revenues by \$1.1 trillion a year.
  - + Clinton would raise from 40 percent to 45 percent the estate taxes on individuals who receive more than \$3.5 million and couple who receive more than \$7 million. Trump would eliminate the so called “death tax.” The present levels are \$5.45 million for an individual and \$10.9 million for a couple.
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