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Let's get this out of the way and then I suspect you will stop reading but you were always a no tax voice in our Anderson County delegation and after reading your editorial today, it appears Henry McMaster had you take one for the team. Hats off to my friends Mike Gambrell and Jay West for having the guts to stand up to the Governor and at least make a step in the direction of slowly making progress in the fight for road repair. I say slowly, not because I am disappointed in the progress, but because the gas pumps will only increase in price 2 cents a gallon in the next year. I say slowly because you and your no tax buddies would have everyone believe the per gallon tax increase of 2 cents a year is excessive. There is no doubt that during your time in Columbia, you raised prices in your Drug Store and had you and your buddies not been afraid to seek funds for road repairs during that time, the little 2 cents a year increase now might be lower.

Without a doubt, any tax increase will create a larger burden but only in a dream world do prices not increase for any and all products. Only in a dream world can any government, that depends on tax revenue to support it's mission expect for revenue to be the same or smaller than the year before. My guess is you have hopes of moving into the Governor's seat one day and I hope you will remember that in order to do so you will have to remember that seeking the greater good is job 1. If a task is never started, it will never be finished and wishing a pot hole would go away will never make it disappear unless it is in your dream world.

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