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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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**RE: SCDOT PROPOSAL TO CLOSE OFF THE FRONTAGE ROAD AT
THE ENTRANCE TO DEERFIELD PLANTATION**

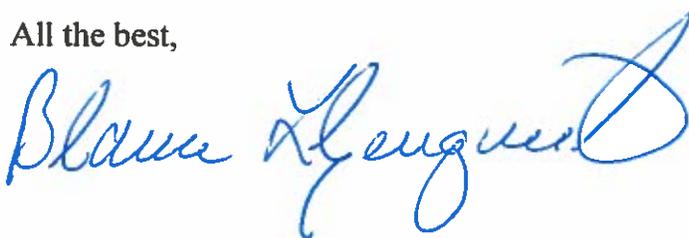
Dear Governor Haley:

I have often thought that if I came from out of state and promised the South Carolina government I would bring 297 jobs to South Carolina worth millions of dollars in salaries and hourly wages each year, would build several hundreds of condominiums, town homes, offices and recreational amenities and directly cause almost \$700,000 in county property taxes to be paid each year, *the South Carolina Government would bend over backwards to accommodate me with whatever I needed.*

However, since I was already in the state and caused all of these things to happen over the past thirty-eight years, South Carolina state government, the Horry County government and the Town of Surfside Beach government could care less about my company.

THE SCDOT proposal described in the attached letter to Leah Quattlebaum of the SCDOT would be an unmitigated disaster for Plantation Resort. Please take a few minutes and read it. Plantation Resort needs some help.

All the best,



Enclosure: Leah Quattlebaum letter

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Ms. Leah Quattlebaum, Program Manager
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*Governor Haley
FYI
Blaine Liljenquist*

**RE: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE FRONTAGE ROAD ON BUSINESS 17
AT THE ENTRANCE TO DEERFIELD PLANTATION**

Dear Ms. Quattlebaum:

The reason I am writing to you is because the SCDOT proposal to close off the Business 17 Frontage Road at the South side of the Entrance / Exit of Deerfield Plantation [actually, the North side of the Plantation Resort check-in office] and the North side of the entrance road will be absolutely devastating to Plantation Resort!

I founded the Plantation Resort companies in 1978. Plantation Resort now consists of 517 condominiums located within Deerfield Plantation one-half mile from the Business 17 entrance. There are 330 time share condominiums as well as many short term vacation rental condominiums. Several millions of dollars in recreational amenities have been constructed and millions of dollars have been spent on administrative and sales offices and other support facilities. There are currently 297 people on the Plantation Resort payroll. That number will increase by another 50 in the summer months. In 2015, the Plantation Resort companies, the Plantation Resort condominiums and I paid nearly \$700,000 in Horry County property taxes.

The check-in office for Plantation Resort is located at the above address on the Business 17 Frontage Road, immediately adjacent to the exit side of the Deerfield Plantation entrance. In 2015, TWENTY-ONE-THOUSAND-SIX HUNDRED-EIGHTY-ONE [21,681] vehicles stopped at the Plantation Resort check-in office upon arrival and the same number stopped again when the guests checked out.

When arriving, these guests usually turn south on Business 17 from Highway 544, dogleg right onto the southbound Frontage Road and then turn right into the Plantation Resort parking lot.

After checking in, they turn north on the frontage road for about one-hundred-fifty feet, make a left turn into Deerfield Plantation and travel along Platt Boulevard to the Plantation Resort vacation condominiums.

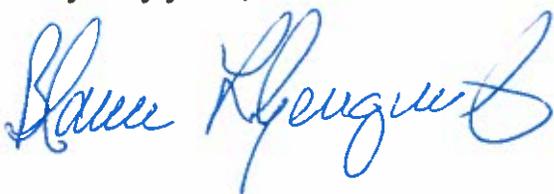
If the Frontage Road is blocked off, our vacation guests will have to travel South along Business 17 1/10th of a mile South of the Plantation Resort check-in office, make a 180 degree turn onto the Frontage Road and drive North 1/10th of a mile to the Plantation Resort check-in office.

After checking in, each driver will have to retrace this route, traveling 1/10th of a mile South on the Frontage Road, make a left turn across the southbound lane of Business 17, turn North on Business 17, travel 1/10th of a mile and then make a left turn into Deerfield Plantation at the new traffic light and continue along Platt Boulevard to the Plantation Resort vacation condominiums. Each driver will have to retrace this route when guests check out. Guests will still have to cross an uncontrolled intersection [no traffic light] on Business 17.

AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL would be to install a traffic light several hundreds of yards North of the entrance to Deerfield Plantation at 16th Street North. Then traffic from the East and the West could turn both North and South on Business 17. Traffic could also travel East directly to the beach. Traffic could also continue to flow North and South along the Frontage Road to the entrance to Deerfield Plantation and the Plantation Resort check-in office.

Now that you comprehend what a devastating impact the SCDOT proposal will have on Plantation Resort, I hope you will give favorable consideration to the ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL I have offered.

Very truly yours,



cc: Nikki Haley, Governor of South Carolina ✓
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Raymond E. Cleary, SC Senate
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Mark Lazarus, Chairman, Horry County Council
Micki Fellner, Surfside Beach Town Administrator
Bob Childs, Mayor of Surfside Beach