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Subject: RE: Chamber of Commerce Event

Ted has had conversations with a number of folks in the business/advocacy community on this issue and can probably give her a better run-down of the recent blow-by-blow on this. Here are some general points she can take a look at in the meantime.

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Where We Stand Today:

* Those who are fighting to raise taxes and fees are trying to set Sen. Cleary's bill for special order. You oppose that bill and would veto it in its current form.

* If the special order slot is used for Cleary's bill, then it's even less likely we'll be able to get ethics done this year.

* Many of the "back-row boys" in the Senate are offering up amendments to take more recurring and/or non-recurring money in the FY 2013-14 budget and reapply it to transportation. Others are trying to adopt proposals like Sen. Grooms', to force some portion of new revenues to be directed to transportation.

Governor's Executive Budget:

* Stops diverting millions of dollars in gas taxes to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources, allowing that money to go to roads and bridges instead.

* Allocates \$10 million from the Capital Reserve Fund to bridge repair.

* Recommended that as the revenue estimate is raised, the surplus revenue should be used to improve our transportation infrastructure.

* Together, these actions would produce more than \$90 million (estimated) for transportation in FY 2013-14.

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From: LeMoine, Leigh

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Subject: Chamber of Commerce Event

N is stopping by and speak at the SC Chamber of Commerce hosted event at the Mansion tomorrow afternoon. Since I know they've been outspoken on the roads issue/budget - can you give me an update in the mrrning for where we stand or they are in the process so I can make sure she has that?

Let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,
Leigh