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IMPORTANT Hacking Update Keeping Your ID **Safe**

Dear Friends:

It's been nearly a year since the infamous hacking breach of SC state computers. If you were one of those who signed up for free identity protection following last year's hacking breach, you are likely receiving requests from Experian for you to pay to renew your coverage before you lose it.

Don't fall for their sales pitch!

The State is Paying for Your Continued ID Protection

Regardless of what you may hear to the contrary, the General Assembly appropriated up to \$10 million to continue to offer free Identity Theft Protection Services. We mandated those services be offered no later than October 25, 2013. That date was selected to ensure that no one who signed up for Experian's services would experience a lapse in coverage.

At a minimum, the new service going forward will provide:

- Daily monitoring of at least one credit bureau.
- Identity Theft monitoring services. Examples might include scanning black market or underground websites to detect whether personal information is being used, Social Security Number monitoring, non-credit (payday) loan monitoring, and change of address monitoring.
- Identity Theft insurance of at least \$1 million.
- Identify Theft resolution and restoration services, available on a 24/7/365 basis.

The Budget & Control Board is in the process of evaluating proposals and negotiating the terms of a new contract (Experian is not a candidate). It's anticipated a contract will be awarded within the next ten days. (I'll keep you posted.) The goal is to keep your identity safe.

Historic First Today!

For many of the two million people living in the Savannah River Basin it's easy to take our great river for granted. Despite the plentiful rain this year, the many droughts of recent years underscore the importance of the river to our entire region. We need its water to drink. Our economy (industry and jobs) depends on it flowing at reasonable levels.

The Savannah River Legislative Caucus was joined by Gov. Nikki Haley & Gov. Nathan Deal, underscoring the importance of the event. The critical mission of the bi-state alliance is to promote the effective management of the Savannah River Basin which rolls from the headwaters near NC and empties into the Port of Savannah 312 miles to the south.

Several hundred people were on hand to observe the Caucus meeting. We heard from those working to protect and improve the river. Most fascinating was the report on the [Intelligent River Project](#).

A group of Clemson professors, scientists and computer whizzes have developed an innovative way to map and manage the Savannah River. A system of sensors and micro-computers have just been deployed along the length of the river to feed the computer center a minute-by-minute update on how river flows and how reservoirs are managed. This critical information will assist policy makers and the public in protecting and improving our river.

The goal is to make the Savannah River the most studied river in the world and the smartest and best-managed river basin in America.

None too soon; the Savannah River is rated the 4th most polluted river in America.

This is truly a collaborative effort. The DNR Directors from SC & GA joined with Col. Thomas Ticker, of the U. S. Corp of Engineers, in signing a long sought agreement to conduct a comprehensive study of the Savannah River.

It was great to be part of history today. This is the start of something good between Georgia and South Carolina. It's far better to work together today than to find ourselves in court fighting over water. The livelihood of the Savannah River Basin depends on good stewardship of our natural resources. I trust today's meeting is just the beginning.

In your Service,

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Photo of the Week:

It was an honor to introduce new national GOP 'Star', Sen. Elbert Guillory, of Louisiana, during a stop in Columbia Sunday. His message was clear -- Republicans are the party to rescue of America. His YouTube Video "Why I Am a Republican" has had over 900,000 views as of today.

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