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Subject: Re: School Funding

On 11/29/2014 10:02 AM, Patricia Milley wrote:

Lottery Scholarships, Property Taxes, and Old Age

How dare Cassie Cope of the State Newspaper say that the Lottery Scholarships cost taxpayers \$80 million dollars! The people of SC decided to allow a lottery to steal money from the poor for the soul purpose of funding higher education scholarships so all the children of SC would get a boost toward college funding. Now Cassie Cope has the nerve to say that the money belongs to the general state fund. How dare she? If all the money that has been voted for education since 1954 were paid for education the schools would have all they needed and solid gold toilets for looks. In 1954, we voted for the first sales tax of 4 % to all be spent for education. Where is it? Every tax since has been for education except for Ride I and Ride II.

We now want our children to go from diapers to the work force. Our early childhood education is developmentally inappropriate and needs to be corrected.

Our Schools along Highway 95 are inadequate and need to be funded. Property tax increases is not the way to go. As I age, I would like to be able to stay in my home. I think that a sales tax increase is the better way to go since I can have some control over what I spend. I have no control over property taxes. I can buy oatmeal and dry beans to eat rather than fresh fruits, vegetables, beef, and fish. That I can control! Inflation is a way the government has of stealing from its people as they age. I live comfortably

now but in 10 years if my money has only half of its buying power, I will be living on oatmeal and beans. I would rather do that than lose my home. We need to keep taxes increases off of our homes so that we at least have a bed.

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I misread Cassie Cope's article in the Sun News and reacted too fast. I am truly sorry and apologize to you and to her. I am truly sorry.

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