



Nikki R. Haley
Governor

SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Robert M. Hitt III
Secretary

July 1, 2015

Members of the South Carolina Senate
Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives

Dear Members:

I am writing to express support for Gov. Haley's eight vetoes to the General Appropriations Act specifically related to the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

These vetoes are for items that were not requested by this agency:

- Veto 26: IT-ology's Coursepower Project
- Veto 33: Community Development Corporations Initiative
- Veto 34: SC Healthy Food Financing Initiative
- Veto 79: Marion County Economic Development
- Veto 80: Richland County Economic Development
- Veto 81: Rock Hill Knowledge Park
- Veto 82: Williamsburg County Economic Development
- Veto 83: Hartsville Downtown Revitalization – Center Theater

While I believe that enhancing the state's talent pipeline, improving our communities and boosting our competitiveness are all vital to Commerce's mission, there are existing grant programs that are available to fulfill many of these same goals. Providing funding of this nature on a competitive basis increases outcomes and applies further accountability measures in the process.

Thank you for your consideration, and I urge you to sustain the Governor's vetoes 26, 33, 34, 79, 80, 81, 82 and 83.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RMH", is written over the printed name "Robert M. Hitt III".

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