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**To:** John DurstJohn@scrla.org  
**Date:** 2/26/2017 8:07:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Suggestions for Comments

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Thanks. May I video his remarks? Can you please send the agenda to me?

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**From:** John Durst  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 5:52 PM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** RE: Suggestions for Comments

Danny,

Bob Barenberg, a hotelier from North Myrtle Beach, who is expected to be elected Chairman of our Board of Directors tomorrow morning, will introduce him.

Thanks for the bio!

John

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**From:** Danny Varat [mailto: DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 2:11 PM  
**To:** John Durst  
**Subject:** Re: Suggestions for Comments

Who will introduce him? Please see bio below.

Born in Anderson County in 1967, Lieutenant Governor Kevin L. Bryant graduated from T.L. Hanna High School in 1985 and the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy in 1989. Since then, Bryant has managed, with his brothers and father, Bryant Pharmacy & Supply, an independent pharmacy located in Anderson. Working together, the Bryant family has upheld the “old corner drug store” image while Bryant Pharmacy & Supply has diversified and developed into a highly skilled pharmacy as well as a provider of oxygen, medical equipment, and diagnostic supplies.

Lieutenant Governor Bryant married his wife, the former Ann Barinowski of Augusta, GA, in 1989; they have three children. The Bryants attend Concord Community Church, a non-denominational New Testament fellowship, where Bryant serves as a deacon. He has also served on the Board of Directors for Camp Hope, a Christian youth camp, where he commits one week each year to serve as activities director there.

In 2004, Lieutenant Governor Bryant was elected to the South Carolina State Senate, where he served for 12 years. As a member of the State Senate, he chaired the General Committee and also had committee assignments on Agriculture and Natural Resources; Corrections and Penology; Finance; and Labor, Commerce, and Industry.

Following the resignation of Lieutenant Governor Henry McMaster, Bryant was elected President *Pro Tempore* of the South Carolina State Senate before being sworn in as South Carolina’s 92<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Governor on January 25, 2017. In his role as Lieutenant Governor, Bryant serves as President of the South Carolina Senate and oversees the Lieutenant Governor’s Office on Aging.

During his tenure in public service, Lieutenant Governor Bryant has been a constant voice for limited government, lower taxes, and supporting traditional family values. As Lieutenant Governor, he remains committed to his beliefs and providing superior constituent service to all South Carolinians.

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**From:** John Durst <[John@scrla.org](mailto:John@scrla.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:39 PM  
**To:** Danny Varat  
**Subject:** FW: Suggestions for Comments

Danny,

The bill referenced in (d) below is actually S. 114. Sorry about that!

John

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**From:** John Durst [<mailto:John@scrla.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:20 PM  
**To:** 'Danny Varat'  
**Subject:** Suggestions for Comments  
Danny,

Thanks for asking and here are some thoughts:

- . commend attendees (from across our State) for doing so very much to help make tourism a \$19 billion dollar industry
- . congratulate those who will be receiving an award, reflective of the high standards of excellence in hospitality industry
- . thoughts about transition from Senator to Lt. Governor
- . recognize highlights of SCRLA's legislative priorities this Session
  - (a) Support for PRT's budget request
  - (b) Support for recurring funding to fix our roads (84% of the leisure travelers who vacation in our state each year drive here which further reinforces the fact that our roads and bridges are a major economic lifeline for our state).
  - (c) Establish an alcohol server training program
  - (d) Clarify and codify the proviso in previous budget bills related to non-profit agencies making alcoholic beverages available at certain events. (S. 275 as amended and reported out favorably by Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on 2/15/17)
  - (e) Continue support for school not to start any earlier
- . recognize SCRLA's efforts to work with regulatory state agencies on behalf of hospitality industry and add any words of support for those efforts
- . possible insights on the benefits of hard work, setting goals and following your passion in being successful
- . possibly state who are your heroes and people (not necessarily living) whom you respect
- . any closing comments about personal philosophy of public service and encourage attendees to be involved as citizens.

Not necessary to take questions.

Hope this is helpful!

John

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**From:** Danny Varat [<mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2017 8:36 AM

**To:** John Durst

**Subject:** Re: Invitation

Please send me some thoughts on what might be good for him to speak about. What's important to the industry right now? What areas of govt/regulation need to be trimmed back? Thanks

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**From:** John Durst <[John@scrla.org](mailto:John@scrla.org)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2017 4:12 PM

**To:** Danny Varat

**Subject:** RE: Invitation

Danny,

Here it is. If he is able to join us, we will gladly ensure he is on the road by 1pm.

Thank you!

John

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**From:** Danny Varat [<mailto:DannyVarat@scstatehouse.gov>]

**Sent:** Monday, February 06, 2017 4:12 PM

**To:** John Durst

**Subject:** Invitation

John, would you please resend that invitation here to me? I believe that Lt. Governor Bryant will be able to make it, but I need to confirm. He will need to leave absolutely no later than 1pm. Thanks

Danny