



# SOUTH CAROLINA State OPINION Ballot

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Dear Governor Haley:

As a resident of South Carolina, I am concerned about the issues listed below and wish to make you and the Legislature aware of my opinions.

**Domestic Violence Against Women:** Some are urging lawmakers to pass legislation that would provide more shelters and provisions for female victims of domestic violence. Proponents say the state's murder rates for females are not declining, as are other states'. They add that women need to know they can get themselves and their children away from violent partners and add that educational programs are also needed to protect these women. Opponents say more shelters are not the answer at a time when state coffers are low and add that families and churches should step up to help eliminate this problem. **Are you in favor of such legislation?**

YES      ( ) NO      ( ) UNDECIDED

My Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Distracted Driving:** Some are urging state lawmakers to pass a law that would call for heavier fines, jail time, and loss of driver's license for drivers who text or e-mail while driving. Those in favor say hundreds of thousands are injured or killed on the road each year because drivers are paying attention to a hand-held device. Those against such a measure say texting and e-mailing are a part of modern life and most drivers do it safely. They say only drivers who actually cause accidents should receive those penalties. **Are you in favor of such a law?**

YES      ( ) NO      ( ) UNDECIDED

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**Wind Energy:** Some are urging state lawmakers to do more to promote offshore wind energy in the state. Those in favor say wind is a source of electricity that does not pollute, cause earthquakes, release greenhouse gases or send toxic radioactive wastewater to our unprepared treatment plants. They add that it creates jobs. Those opposed say the cost of offshore wind power development is too high compared to fossil fuels, such as natural gas. They add that turbine fields could have harmful effects on migratory birds and marine life. **Are you in favor of promoting wind energy?**

YES      ( ) NO      ( ) UNDECIDED

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**Eliminate the Need for Concealed Carry Permits:** Some are urging lawmakers to pass a law that would allow all law abiding citizens who are old enough to carry a gun legally to carry a concealed weapon without a special permit. Those in favor say non-criminals need to be able to protect themselves at all times and they should not have to apply for a special permission to do so. Opponents say allowing all non-felon adults to carry a concealed weapon would be a dangerous law that would lead to senseless killings. **Are you in favor of such a measure?**

YES      ( ) NO      ( ) UNDECIDED

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