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This mentions the letter as well.
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Planned Parenthood - *Appalling*

Dear Friends:

The South Carolina General Assembly is out of session until January. That doesn't mean our legislative work stops. To the contrary, legislators continue to address constituent needs, prepare legislation and attend committee hearings addressing critical issues. Here are a few highlights of what's happening.

Planned Parenthood Under Scrutiny

I'm one of twenty-six House Republicans who has signed a letter asking the Legislative Audit Council to review any taxpayer money provided to Planned Parenthood's clinics in Columbia and Charleston. We requested the audit of Planned Parenthood clinics while Congress considers cutting off federal funding to the abortion provider.

The financial scrutiny follows the release of videos, secretly taped by the anti-abortion group Center for Medical Progress, showing Planned Parenthood officials elsewhere discussing the collection of fetal organs for research. In my view, the bodies of aborted, unborn children should not be sold or harvested for any purpose, including scientific research. What we have all seen in those videos is appalling.

The House Legislative Oversight Committee, on which I serve, will likely hold public hearings on Planned Parenthood funding. This new committee is the investigative arm of the House of Representatives and is meeting this week to decide if it will probe Planned Parenthood and other organizations that receive public funding to determine if taxpayer's funds are supporting the harvesting of baby body parts.

The Oversight of S.C.'s Colleges and Universities

Beginning in mid-September a special House Committee will begin examining governance structures

for higher education around the nation to determine the best coordinating structure to oversee South Carolina's thirty-three public colleges and universities. I chair the ad-hoc committee.

At the center of our consideration is proposed legislation, H.3249, which calls for the creation of a Board of Regents, similar to those in Georgia and other states. We will also be examining the coordinating structure currently in place in South Carolina.

At the first session we will hear from national experts in the field of Higher Education governance structure. At subsequent hearings we will hear from the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, the SC Technical College System, the Presidents of our state universities and colleges, as well as others.

Aiken Legislative Delegation to Meet

The Aiken County Legislative Delegation will conduct its next meeting on Monday, August 31, at 5:30 p.m., at the New Ellenton Community Center. You are invited to attend. Should you wish to address the Delegation please call our Delegation Manager, Jeannie Cadden (803-642-1694) to reserve your place on the agenda.

Presidential Candidates to be in Aiken

Over the years, Aiken has been a significant influence on the outcome of SC Presidential Primary. In the coming weeks several candidates will visit Aiken and participating in events open to the public.

They Are:

Gov. Rick Perry - August 28, 1:00pm, Newberry Hall. Aiken County GOP is sponsoring.
Email: KTRuthven@yahoo.com

Dr. Ben Carson - September 13, 12:30 PM, Newberry Hall, Aiken Republican Club. This event is SOLD OUT but is keeping a waiting list. Email: arc29803@atlanticbb.net

Carly Fiorina, Oct 2, 12:00 pm, USCA's Etherredge Center, along with Senator Tim Scott and Congressman Trey Gowdy will be here as part of Senator Tim Scott's Town Hall Meetings. To make reservations call 1-888-683-4846 or [click here](#). Aiken County GOP is hosting the event.

Aiken Chamber State of the Community

The Aiken Chamber of Commerce held it's State of the Community Luncheon this past Thursday, providing insights into the future for our cities, county and schools. Air Force General Chris Bogdan, the keynote speaker, defined his view of leadership to inspire local civic leaders.

I'm Available

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you in Columbia. If you need help navigating state government, or have any thoughts or concerns about what we are doing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In your Service,

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Photo of the Week

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Huge turnout for Dumpster Depot's ribbon cutting ceremony at their new facility on University Parkway. In my remarks I celebrated Norm Dunagan for his entrepreneurial vision. Norm bootstrapped the growth of Dumpster Depot over the past decade from a fledgling idea into a recycling giant in Aiken County. He's proof the "American Dream" is not dead.
Congratulations, Norm!

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