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**Subject:** Re: Henry McMaster Initiative-Seniors Transportation

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Dear Coretta,

Great news regarding the Co-op's - I worked very closely with Mike when the state co-op group sponsored 2 Honor Flights and I feel very comfortable getting with Mike and letting him give me direction.

Steve, Kay Hightower and I met with Pastor Jackson and the Empowerment Centers Board Chairman and members of the board and discussed the idea of them providing us a base of operation as we begin to take steps to bring this idea to reality.

I will defer to Kay regarding the "One Page" overview.

Looks like the next meeting will be our advisory board (including you) and the Empowerment Center leaders and we will meet at their facility which is very impressive.

We will keep you in the loop.

bill

On Tue, Jan 24, 2017 at 9:20 AM, Bedsole, Coretta D <cbedsole@aarp.org> wrote:

Bill and Steve,

I wanted to let you know I had a nice meeting yesterday with Mike Couick from the Electric Cooperatives of SC. He and I discussed the Lexington transportation project. He is supportive of the Lexington county project and recommended we reach out to Mid Carolina Electric Cooperative for participation and funding. Mike indicated that because he is the CEO of the statewide organization the funding from ECSC has to be for statewide efforts, but that his local co-operatives can support programs in their respective areas.

I also presented the idea at AARP SC's recent executive council meeting. Our volunteers were very interested and enthusiastic about the project.

Do we have a one pager on how the program would work? And do you think we need to talk in the near future?

Thanks so much for all you are doing to make this happen.

Coretta

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**From:** Bill Dukes [mailto:[billdukes42@gmail.com](mailto:billdukes42@gmail.com)]  
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To: Ms Coretta Bedsole  
  
Associate State Director-Advocacy  
  
South Carolina

Dear Ms Bedsole,

I spoke with Mike Couick earlier this week about Henry McMasters Senior Transportation Initiative and Mike suggested I reach out to you and invite you to join us on December 28 at 11 am to discuss Henry's ideas. I will host the meeting and lunch at the Blue Marlin (in the Vista Room).

Last week I was invited to join some folks that are with the Lt Governors Office of Aging - Henry McMaster wants to explore an idea designed to support the needs of Senior Citizens that have a need for transportation to doctor appointments, pharmacy, groceries, etc.

I recognize the need because I dealt with similar needs when my dad was no longer able to drive. Many of the WWII and Korean War veterans that traveled on Honor Flight had similar needs.

I believe a program like this - volunteers serving seniors - will be received very positively in our community - I base this on how the community responded in support of Honor Flight - We have a very generous community and I believe when you are "Doing the Right Thing for the Right Reason" people will support.

I tried to reach out to you a few minutes ago but your phone was busy. Feel free to call me if you would like to chat.

I sure hope you can join us.

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Bill Dukes

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