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Thanks! Appreciate this info and will be hoping for a call.

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Mr. Chairman,

Below are just **some** Cabinet successes under Governor Haley's leadership and management.

As you know she is a very "hands on" governor, whether it's legislation or addressing internal issues.

With DSS - Problems at DSS have existed for a long time...Governor Haley is actually working hard to solve these complicated problems. Politicizing DSS like this doesn't move the ball forward, and definitely doesn't solve any problems.

We appreciate your support.

Thank you,

Katherine

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**Department of Commerce:**

- 56K jobs have been announced under the Haley Administration.
- SC Unemployment rate is 6.4% - (Under Haley Administration – high 11.1% - low 5.3%)
- SC is the top exporter of tires.
- Large announcements and expansions: Boeing, BMW, Continental, Toray Carbon Fibers, Colgate, Element Electronics, ZF Transmissions, Michelin, Google, Essex, Shutterfly, Red Ventures etc.
- Team South Carolina approach leverages integration at all levels - from Gov. Haley to the local or county economic developer.
- Commerce has stable senior management team; all Directors that were put in place by Secretary Hitt are still at Commerce.

**Department of Workforce and Employment:**

- To date, South Carolina has repaid more than \$706 million of the \$977 million borrowed from the federal government for the unemployment insurance trust fund, and is scheduled to repay the loan in full by the end of 2015. The current loan balance is \$270 million.

- With DEW providing several early payments, to date, South Carolina businesses have saved nearly \$4 million in interest.
- In 2014 year to date, DEW has reduced the improper payments made to claimants by over 50 percent.
- In the last four measured quarters, DEW and its partners in the workforce system helped 157,910 individuals find work.

#### **Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation:**

- Since 2011, the agency overall has been significantly streamlined and reorganized to provide the best possible services to South Carolinians.
- This year, the agency took a new fee structure plan to the governor, boards and legislature. An overall decrease of licensing fees was approved that resulted in almost \$1,000,000 in savings to the licensees.
- Significant improvements have been made in the area of investigations and enforcement: All Agency investigators are now certified by the Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation (CLEAR); the amount of time it takes to investigate a complaint has been reduced significantly; and monthly training sessions for employees to meet divisional needs have been implemented.

#### **Department of Health and Human Services:**

- In 2011, the agency had a \$228 million mid-year state fund deficit and a legislature controlled provider rate setting process. Today, HHS is in control of rate-setting and has a substantial reserve and has not run deficits.
- Even while reaching more people and creating a more robust service package (such as adult dental preventive services) DHHS has only grown at the national average rate of growth in health care.
- The Department redistributed funds for uncompensated care to rural hospitals for the past two years to prevent state-wide closures, and is implementing a transformation fund to help rural and struggling hospitals develop more sustainable business models. This has maintained health access for tens of thousands of rural residents.

#### **Department of Juvenile Justice:**

- Redirected its lower risk juveniles from the Broad River Road Complex (BRRRC) to less restrictive and less costly community placements and community supervision. Reducing the population at the BRRRC to historic lows, DJJ strategically repurposed clinical staff to the community to provide services to youth and their families. Maintaining youth in the community costs \$3.00 - \$7.40 a day, depending on the intensity of supervision, representing a substantial savings to taxpayers.

#### **Department of Corrections:**

- Closed 2.5 prisons.
- Decreased recidivism Rate from 30.6% (2008 releases) to 25.7% (2010 releases).
- Decreased daily inmate population 23,293(2011) and 21,712 (2014).

#### **Department of Social Services:**

#### Welfare to Work:

- The Welfare to Work program, created in 2011, requires able bodied people seeking welfare (either SNAP or TANF) to participate in job training programs and be actively looking for work to obtain assistance.
- This program has successfully moved over 20,000 individual (different) people who were receiving welfare into jobs.
- 93% of clients that exit welfare with jobs, stay off assistance for at least 3 months, 89% for at least 6 months, 83% for at least one year, 78% for at least two years.
- Governor Haley has always believed that the best way to take care of our South Carolina families is to provide more and better opportunities for them to find work in our state – and that is exactly what the welfare to work program has done.

#### Good Government Reforms:

- Government restructuring: In 2014, the most significant restructuring of South Carolina's government in decades led to the elimination of the 'five-headed green monster' and created a central administrative agency, the Department of Administration, for truly executive functions.
- Accountability for Elected Officials: In 2011, South Carolina's executive branch included nine constitutional officers, all independently elected. We have joined the Governor and Lt. Governor on the same ticket and will let South Carolina decide if the State's Commander-in-Chief should appoint the Adjutant General.
- State Inspector General: Governor Haley created the State Inspector General within the Governor's Office to investigate waste, fraud, abuse, and misconduct within the cabinet. This idea was later reestablished through legislation and South Carolina now has an IG with statewide authority.

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