

February 11, 2015

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

The status of our infrastructure in South Carolina has reached the point of critical mass. Our roads and bridges are falling apart and there has been little action taken. As Senior Vice President of HLA, Inc I clearly recognize that it is vitally important that our employees, customers, products and services move in a safe and efficient manner throughout our region and state.

I cannot stress enough the importance of addressing infrastructure funding in the upcoming legislative session.

The condition of our infrastructure isn't just a concrete and asphalt issue – it is quickly becoming a major impediment to the future growth and economic development of our state. During your first four years of office, you have become known as our economic development Governor. I am afraid the great success at attracting and expanding jobs in our state will soon begin to wane if our infrastructure continues to crumble while our neighbors and competitors, North Carolina and Georgia, take advantage of this flaw in our state's competitiveness.

I am asking you and the legislature for a dedicated revenue source to help solve this significant \$1.5 billion a year problem facing our state. It's time we finally solve the problem instead of ignoring it.

I applaud all of your efforts making South Carolina a more competitive economic driver in the region and country. I only ask that we continue the recent success and to do that we must bring our roads and bridges up to par with our competitors in the Southeast.

Thank you for your leadership.

My best,

Barry P. Whalen
Senior Vice President

