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Thoughts?

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Josh, Thanks for your help. I wanted to provide a little more background about the hearing.

As I mentioned, we are in the process of putting together our first full committee hearing to kick off the 113th Congress. The hearing title – which hasn't been finalized or publically announced – will be something along the lines of, "Challenges Facing America's Workplaces and Classrooms." Given Governor Haley's work on these issues, we thought we'd reach out to see if she would be interested and available to testify at this hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is to broadly examine issues affecting workers, employers, and students. We want the hearing to highlight how a stagnant economy further hinders employer efforts to create jobs. We will also explore regulatory barriers to job creation, policies and strategies necessary to boost private sector job creation, and how to create an educated and trained workforce that is prepared for a 21st century economy. The hearing will specifically explore the successes and challenges many states, local school districts, and institutions of higher education face in preparing students for college and the workplace.

The hearing has been tentatively scheduled for the morning of Tuesday, February 5th, with a likely start time of 10:00.

The hearing will include a single panel which we anticipate will include four witnesses – three will be Republican-invited witnesses and one will be a Democrat-invited witness. Each witness will have five minutes to make an oral presentation. Then a question and answer period will follow (each Member of Congress will have five minutes to question witnesses.)

In terms of other witnesses, we have confirmed Jay Timmons of the National Association of Manufacturers to share his ideas for fostering a better business environment and we plan to invite an education policy expert to discuss their ideas about improving educational and job training opportunities for Americans.

Please let us know if the Governor might be able to participate. Thanks for the consideration.

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