

October 3, 2014

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

Dear Governor Haley

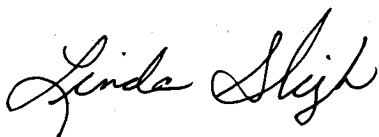
Below is information about reorganization at the SC Department of Revenue. Employees work lives are being disrupted and I thought you would like to know since one of your concerns is about jobs.

I retired in 1999 from Lexington School District Five having taught for 30 years – math, keyboarding and computer literacy. I stayed at the school in an administrative assistant capacity for another eight years. At that point I applied and was hired as a temporary (really part-time) employee of the SC Department of Revenue in the Return Processing department. We open the paper mail. We are brought in for heavy times - September for corporate, April through June for taxable individual income tax returns, and sales tax each month must be postmarked by the 20th, so from about the 18th to the end of each month we are busy. I tell you this just to let you know my credentials and hopefully my state of sanity.

SCDOR is undergoing reorganization in that new electronic processes already in place in other states will gradually be implemented in SC. This means that some sections will be completely done away with and new ones formed. All employees EXCEPT “upper echelon” are required to apply (reapply?) for job listings. The work of the section I am in (return processing) will be outsourced to a vendor (hopefully in SC) if not too expensive. Individual income tax refunds have been outsourced to Kentucky the last few years.

My section will be in place for about another 10 months. I will certainly miss working there as I have been very happy, but I am not telling you this for my sake. I really feel for the permanent “lower level” employees some who have been there for 20 or more years yet not old enough or with enough years enough for retirement. Needless to say, they work each day with much anxiety since their future is not guaranteed. I have seen many a tear.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda Sligh". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large loop for the 'L' and a stylized 'S'.

(Mrs.) Linda Sligh