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Ashley, Thanks for your evaluation. I will pass it on. SCPC is critical for voters to get the facts behind these bills that are being proposed. Beyond criticizing the bill you offer suggestions on how to accomplish what the voters want.

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Hi Ed,

If you're anything like me, you've gotten pretty tired of politicians' rosy predictions about how much better things will be if only we give them more power and more money.

Before Congress passed the bill known as Obamacare in 2010, we were told again and again that this legislation – although we knew it was full of tax increases and government expansions – would somehow *reduce the deficit*. It sounds incredible now, but the president made that argument with a straight face five years ago, and he expected us simply to believe it.

Well, we didn't. Nor do we ever take politicians' projections at face value.

So when we heard Gov. Nikki Haley propose raising the gasoline tax and offsetting it with a cut in the income tax, then using the additional revenue to repair South Carolina's aging roads and bridges, we went to work instantly.

This is what we found: Under the governor's plan, you would feel the pain at the

gas pump almost immediately, but you wouldn't get the full benefit of a small income tax cut until the year 2025. And as if that weren't bad enough, the governor's predictions about how much revenue the state would take in – and what that revenue would actually be used for – aren't based in reality.

So will this plan fix our roads? It will not.

The governor's proposal is going to be debated in the coming weeks, and I wanted you to understand what it's about *before* it begins. Our policy team has explained what the plan is, how it's based on contrived numbers, why it won't do anything to fix our roads, and what ought to be done instead. [Take a look.](http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=52b5aab3a6&e=b9d5cf75a9)
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Thank you for caring enough about this state – its taxpayers and drivers – to stay informed. Please get in touch with us if you have any questions about this or anything else your state officials are doing with your money.

Take care,

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