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Govenor Nikki Haiey

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Dear Governor,

The reason for my letter is to open your thoughts on the everyday business person

first let me appolgize for my bad grammar.

I have been in business for over 30 years and it was a struggle to start and keep what I started.

The daily tasks came as a challenge and when my customers thank me I was rewarded by there smiles.

Here lately as I struggle to pay property taxes nearing \$10,000 dollars with no cash flow in the winter months and surviving on profits made last year, can it still motivate me to hang in there and hire employees who lie, steal and cheat then go on to get my customers with which I taught them and sent them to school.

I am in the boat repair business and when I started there was two boat landings at highway 41 and the Wando bridge, now there is only one and somehow it got privatized so you have to pay and I purchased lifetime dues two differnt times due to ownership changes.

The thing is there is just not enough boat landings for all this area and the new bridge coming in makes me think there will still be this problem.

I ask that you would look into this and see why we cannot get a public boat ramp at the old sights.

Doesn't the fire and rescue need access at every waterway?

Can you please help us as Mark Sanford was going to when he was in office as I sent in over two thousand signatures requesting such a proposal, but his representative came down and told me to come to Columbia and speak before the house, well I am not big on crowds nor was I any good at speeches.

I would ask you to take a few minutes to see if there will be a

public ramp for this area as it is (in such need) serving Dunes West ,Rivertowne,Park West,Philip,Huger,Cainhoy and Wando area

There is no relief for a businessman trying to fill a need with which it earned my family a stable income,but not enough to send them to college and hope they can do better than I.

I have little to show for all the years doing the right things, if it had not been for a great wife and fatherinlaw I would not even no where I would be today.

I need your help to stop the home owner from carring the burden of tax on there back and trying to keep a roof over there head.

I will be in errors again this year to work all year to pay taxes and interest plus fees for not having the funds in January.

I can only hope that home owners get some kind of relief when they turn 65 and have homestead exemption.I am 68 now and want to retire as my skills are ok but my body is weakening and serving my customers is getting to be impossible to keep up with.

I lost my wife of 47 great years (died December 17th 2014) and life as I know it has changed.

I lost my drive to keep going and try to pay taxes, but it seems all I do is work to pay bills and taxes there is no profit today for retirement or even a salary for me.

I love South Carolina and want nothing from her but to live my days here in peace with my grandchildren (seven) which I am raising one since she was two.

Paying attorneys to help my daughters from family court mess, which it is broken and no one can fix it.

The problem is greed from the court appointed attorneys which some are not so bad ,but the rest do not have the little ones interest at heart.

Well enough of your time reading my letter I wish for you a prosperous new year and thank you for being there for us.

You keep doing a great job for us Carolinians

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Whitton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dan Whitton