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This is great. Can you add voter id, pension reform

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On Jul 10, 2014, at 1:53 PM, "Baker, Josh" <JoshBaker@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Governor,

Attached is a list of prominent accomplishments in a number of categories for you to review. We can modify the presentation and content as you would like, but I wanted to get a first look to you quickly. Let me know if you need anything else.

Best,

Josh

Economic Development

- **Jobs!Jobs!Jobs!** Over 56,000 jobs and a \$13.7 billion in investment since 2011.
- **Lowest unemployment rate in over a decade.** South Carolina's unemployment rate has decreased by over 5% since the beginning of my administration, now at 5.3%.
- **Saved the Heritage!** Instead of turning to taxpayers for a bailout of a private golf tournament, Governor Haley worked with South Carolina's businesses to find private sponsors for this tournament. RBC, Boeing, and dozens of the Palmetto State's partners answered the call and the Heritage is stronger than ever.
- **Secured the Port of Charleston's future (Georgetown is next)!** With Governor Haley's leadership, \$300 million is available to permit and dredge the Port of Charleston so that it is ready to handle post-PANAMAX ships and make Charleston competitive for generations.
- **Made South Carolina 'Work-ready'.** Through partnerships with South Carolina's Technical Colleges, ACT, and our workforce agencies

Education

- **Made education a priority.** The Haley Administration proposed, and the General Assembly almost totally adopted an education plan that reforms our antiquated funding formula, provides resources for reading coaches and local technology, expands summer reading camps so kids

don't fall down the learning curve between school years, and reaffirms our commitment to charter schools and parent choice.

- **Made Charter Schools more available, and more accountable.** Several pieces of legislation have made charter schools easier to establish, created incentives to serve underprivileged or underperforming students while preventing 'charter dumping', and made habitually underperforming charter schools accountable for their actions.
- **Sent Common Core packing.** Governor Haley's refusal to put our students' educational futures in the hands of out-of-state interests was solidified in 2014 when the General Assembly withdrew South Carolina from the Smarter Balanced Consortium, rejected Common Core standards, and demanded that the State Board of Education do its job and set South Carolina standards for South Carolina students.

Good Government

- **Government Restructuring.** In 2014, the most significant restructuring in South Carolina's government in two decades led to the elimination of the 'five-headed green monster' and created a central administrative agency, the Department of Administration, for truly executive Functions.
- **Accountability for Elected Officials.** In 2011, South Carolina's executive branch included nine constitutional officers, all independently elected. We have joined the Governor and Lt. Governor on the same ticket and will let South Carolina decide if the State's Commander-in-Chief should appoint the Adjutant General.
- **Championed transparency.** Starting with the passage of South Carolina's strongest on-the-record voting law, the administration has pushed for transparency at all levels of government, including Universities who are now required to post detailed spending logs online.
- **Ethics.** The Administration's Commission on Ethics Reform is challenging the General Assembly to produce more information on sources of income for elected officials, clean-up campaign finance, and provide independent oversight for ethics investigations.
- **Tort reform.** South Carolina is the most business friendly state, and is committed to weeding out abusers of our courts.
- **Preserved the integrity of our election process, while supporting ballot access.** South Carolina's balanced approach to elections has led to improvements in ballot security with state voter identification laws, as well systems that will prevent the tragic denial of ballot access to hundreds of candidates for office in 2012.

Public Safety

- **Funded transportation improvements without raising taxes.** In 2013, we dedicated over a billion dollars to roads using existing revenue sources. Through a balance of new construction and finding for maintenance, this helps us get capacity in front of population growth and make our roads and bridges safer for future generations.
- **Tough on DUI.** Emma's Law, which increases the distribution of ignition interlock devices to severely intoxicated or repeat drunk drivers, makes South Carolina tougher on DUI than ever before.

Health and Social Services

- **Made Welfare Work.** Over 20,000 unemployed South Carolinians on food stamps or temporary financial assistance have found jobs since 2011.
- **Health outcomes, not health services.** Despite the Obama Administration's willingness to let healthcare spending run over our economy, the Haley Administration has tamped-down the growth of Medicaid through healthy outcomes initiatives that reward physicians for healthy patients and not just the volume of health services they deliver.
- **Served those who serve us.** South Carolina has worked to become the most military-friendly state. Governor Haley has restructured the Military Base Task Force, and South Carolina has worked to improve benefit delivery to service members, ensure their spouses have jobs and can receive the licenses they need quickly, and have made sure that military dependents have access to high-quality education and are quickly integrated into our schools and universities.

Fiscal Policy

- **Cut taxes for small business.** In 2012, we cut the tax rates for 'pass-through' income, or the kind of income generated by partnerships and LLCs from 3% to 5% over three years.
- **Reformed Unemployment Insurance.** Following the largest economic downturn since the Great Depression and a billion-dollar federal bailout during the past administration, we changed the way unemployment insurance operates by making sure bad actors pay their share, reducing benefits from 26 to 20 weeks, restructuring SWIB governance, and redoubling our efforts at the Department of Employment and Workforce to get people back to work.
- **Cut fees for professionals.** The Haley administration has targeted licensing fees for our state's professional workforce, reducing many.
- **Pension reform.** The Haley Administration worked to reform the governance of our state retirement system with the establishment of the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA), closed the TERI program to weed-out 'double dippers', and linked employee contributions and benefit promises in a more realistic way to reduce the state's unfunded pension liability problem.

Fighting Federal Intrusion

- **Said 'No' to Obamacare.** South Carolina has led the charge in fighting the Obama Administration's health failures. We have not, cannot, and will not expand Medicaid.
- **Immigration Reform.** When the Department of Homeland Security denied South Carolina access to e-Verify, we fought back to protect South Carolina's jobs. When the Federal Government denied us access to the 287(G) program we fought back and won. As a daughter of immigrants who followed the law, worked hard, and built their own success, Governor Haley realizes that America will continue to be the world's great-melting pot with strong border security.
- **Stood up to unions.** When the Obama Administration's NLRB tried to punish South Carolina's right-to-work, Governor Haley stood up and said 'enough'. South Carolina has also passed legislation that limits organized labor's ability to coerce employees into unions with false information, intimidation, and vote-rigging.

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