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June 11, 2012

The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am vetoing and returning without my approval R233, H.4033, a bill addressing the use of local sales taxes and assessments for capital improvements. **I am vetoing this bill because it gives improvement districts the ability to tax more homeowners who have not given their consent.**

This bill expands a municipal improvement district's taxing authority to include not only those properties near a canal, but also properties near waterways connected to a canal. This could lead to higher involuntary assessments for property-owners already subject to them, along with new assessments on property-owners who are not currently subject to these levies.

For these reasons, I am vetoing and returning without my approval R233, H.4033.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

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