

March 26, 2016

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley

Re: Road Repair Funding Proposal

The ability for the state to properly maintain roads has been on my mind for a number of years. The proposal that I would like to submit would be quite easily implemented and fair to all the parties concerned who use South Carolina highways.

In the past I have owned several travels. Each travel trailer that I have owned was required to be registered and have current license plates. Therefore, I had to pay a yearly property tax on the trailer and renew the license. These travel trailers, for the most part, are only on the roads a few days out of the year. I am suggesting that this same law be applied to all the utility trailers traveling around the state whether privately owned or used for business purposes. These utility trailers are on the roads on a more frequent basis than most travel trailers. The funds received from requiring utility trailers to be licensed and taxed each year could go into a fund specifically earmarked for road repairs.

It is my opinion that this would be the most equitable means of generating income for road repair. If travel trailers are required to be licensed and taxed for their minimal use of the state's highways why is it not a requirement for utility trailers of all sizes to fall under the same umbrella?

Your cooperation in considering this proposal would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Kister", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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