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Dear Friends,

Thank you for subscribing to my e-newsletter! Here are some of the issues I've been working on this week:

Budget Proposal

I have long said that Washington's method of budgeting from crisis to crisis is no way to run a business, much less a government. This kind of short-term, band-aid budgeting was at the root of October's government shutdown and is not the best way for Congress to responsibly manage taxpayer dollars.

That's why I was encouraged that Republicans and Democrats were able to come together this week to negotiate a budget agreement that makes tough choices about spending.

However, I do have significant concerns about this proposal. First and foremost, it asks too much from the military, who would be forced to sacrifice thousands of dollars from their retirement funds. In fact, one estimate shows that a retiree at the rank of Lt. Colonel would lose nearly \$110,000.

I'm also skeptical about the way this plan structures new spending and new savings. We will see two years of offset by savings spread over a decade. Unfortunately, that makes it all too easy for Congress to undo these savings down the road.

I'm encouraged by the willingness we've seen from both sides to sit down and negotiate a budget agreement, but I will not be able to support this plan.

Harry Reid's Power Grab

Last month, Senate Democrats led by Harry Reid changed the rules in order to make it easier for them to confirm their agenda. This is an unprecedented power grab that diminishes the ability of the Senate to uphold its duty. I spoke on the Senate floor during an all-night debate earlier this week:

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It is a privilege to work on behalf of South Carolina. Please do not hesitate to contact my offices – I always look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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