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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley:

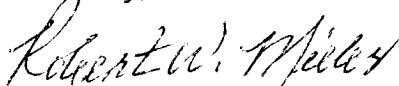
I'm a strong supporter of you and greatly appreciate the many things you have done to improve our state. However I believe your plan to improve our roads is misguided.

The need to improve our roads is not in dispute. The question is how to do it. That should be done with a simple increase in gasoline tax uncoupled with any other tax issues. Our gasoline tax of 16.6 cents per gallon is the third lowest in the nation. Only New Jersey at 14.5 cents and Alaska at 11.3 cents are lower. Our neighboring states of Georgia and North Carolina have rates of 26.5 cents and 37.8 cents respectively.

Your plan to increase gasoline taxes and change income tax rates at the same time introduces an unnecessary issue sure to complicate the acceptance both in the legislature and by the public. A simple gasoline tax of 10 cents per gallon should be sufficient to fix our roads. Changes to our income tax rates should be taken up separately.

The other issue that may cause problems is who should do the maintenance. In order to have uniform maintenance from county to county, that should be done by the state.

Sincerely,



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