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

I am angry.

Politicians never seem to solve the bigger problems. You just give us mouth movement and promises.

I retired from the military after nearly 28 years of devoted service and settled in South Carolina. Every year when I complete my individual income tax forms I get very angry. More taxes and less services and terrible infrastructure problems.

When are you and the legislature going to solve our tax problems? When are you going to improve, repair and build more roads? When will there be a plan to improve drainage along our roads so that road bed foundations do not suffer? Why is it that every where I look I see road ditches clogged with silt, trash, bushes and trees and culverts more that half full of dirt?

Why should I stay in South Carolina and pay more taxes every year when all I have to do is just move five miles over the border into North Carolina and not pay taxes on my military retirement? Why do retirees from all walks of life who have worked to make this State great have to shoulder the burden for illegals, immigrants, lazy individuals, people using drugs, and women or girls who get pregnant so they can collect a check? Why so SINGLE individuals have to pay more in taxes when they do not use the roads as much, pay for education when they do not have children, or pay for medical of others who chose not to improve or add to society but to be a drain? Where is the fairness?

Once again I have worked hard to complete the State tax forms for 2015 and find myself drowning in tax burdens. When will it stop?

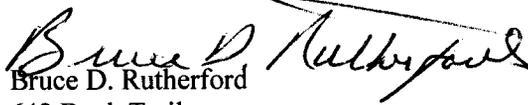
It is said that two things are certain, death and taxes. Well as far as I am concerned it is death, taxes, and inept politicians who never keep a promise.

I am sure you will not read this and that one of your flunkies will toss it in the circular file or, if I am lucky, receive a form letter informing me on how much you really care, that you are trying to get things done, and that you have my best interest at heart.

I have finally lost all hope that our nation will ever return to my America.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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