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Does he have time to do an interview with Palmetto Business Daily today before 4pm? The questions are below.

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**From:** Breslin John [<mailto:jfbres@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 4:42 PM  
**To:** Tori Beth Black  
**Subject:** Re: from john breslin/palmetto business daily

Tori Beth

Sorry did not get back earlier, but these below are the sort of questions wanted to ask.

Regards

John Breslin  
847 769 2819

- What does he see as the biggest two or three priorities facing the SC business community right now?
- The legislature recently enacted, over the governor's veto, an increase in the state gas tax. Lt. Gov. Bryan opposed that gas tax, while many in the business community supported it. Now that it's become a reality - where do we go from here in terms of making sure we have quality roads, and how can we make sure that, in the long-term, we don't have to go through another road funding battle like the one we just had in the state?
- How does being a small business owner effect his approach to his job as Lt. Gov?
- What's the biggest difference he's seen between serving as State Sen. and now serving as Lt. Gov.
- What are some ways the Lt. Gov. can impact the state's business climate?
- The state is facing a big hole when it comes to our pension liabilities. The Gov. recently signed a pension bill into law. What does the Lt. Gov think of that law? Will it help? If not, what's the solution?
- One business issue that doesn't get as much attention as others is the lawsuit climate in our state. SC has long had a reputation as a state that is more friendly to plaintiffs' lawyers than to business. Gov. Haley signed some legal reforms into law several years ago, but there are some additional proposals pending that would go further, such as a bill to require more transparency in the asbestos lawsuit system. Where does the Lt. Gov. stand on these issues - and what does he think is the solution for breaking the considerable clout of the plaintiffs' bar in the legislature?

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Hi John,

Thank you so much for reaching out. Would you mind sending over a list of your questions? I would love to get the Lt. Gov. to call you later today as he will be in the Pharmacy all day tomorrow, but he does have a couple more meetings so it would probably be after 5:00pm.

Thanks!  
Tori Beth

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**From:** Breslin John [<mailto:jfbres@yahoo.com>]  
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Tori Beth

I am a reporter and do some work for the above publication, palmettobusinessdaily.com

We are hoping to get an interview with Lt. Gov. Bryant to talk about his first few months in office, and his about the business climate, taxes and pensions?

I can send a list of questions but was hoping to get some time with him. I have a hard deadline of 4pm tomorrow. Any help would be much appreciated. I will take up too much time.

My telephone number is 847 769 2819.

Regards

John Breslin