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Subject: RE: Withdraw request for debate on H3235!

Larry,
I have asked for the Clerk of the House of give an explanation as to the importance of NOT WITHDRAWING our names from H3235.
I have told many that I supported the bill in Judiciary and I support it on the House floor. The problem I see is that someone that has no clue as to rules and procedures make assumptions that someone is against a bill, when in fact, they are very much supporting it, as I am in this instance.

Here is the response of the Clerk:

In the South Carolina House of Representatives a member's action in requesting debate is not necessarily an effort to delay the bill. To the contrary, the "request for debate" is often made in order to "anchor" or position a bill on the calendar in a specific place. In the case of H. 3235 (FOIA Bill), members who support the legislation should KEEP their requests for debate on the bill to keep it in its position on the calendar. If too many members were to remove their requests for debate the bill would then move to the uncontested calendar where opponents of the bill could then object to the bill and again move it to the VERY BACK of the House Calendar. Such a legislative procedural maneuver is referred to as "ping-ponging" legislation from the uncontested calendar to the contested calendar and back-and-forth in order to delay or prevent consideration of a specific bill. Thus, supporters of legislation often will request debate on a bill in order to keep it in one place on the calendar and prevent the "ping-pong" maneuver.

H. 3235 is scheduled for debate today in the House. Members supporting the legislation should NOT remove their requests for debate. If the requests for debate are removed the opponents to the legislation may try to "ping-pong" the legislation and keep the House from addressing it today.

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Representative Tallon,

I respectfully request that you withdraw your request for debate on H3235. It is imperative that our government be crystal clear with transparency and pass H3235 today, breaking the status quo of dodging an open government for the people to view. I am encouraging all to contact you and hold our officials in Columbia, SC accountable. Thank you for attending to this urgent business of WE THE PEOPLE now.

Very sincerely,

Larry Bateman
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“The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them.”

- Patrick Henry