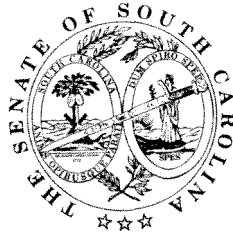


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July 27, 2011

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor State of South Carolina
State House, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 1773
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

On behalf of Todd Bennington, Vice President of Operations for BorgWarner and the showcase director, it is my pleasure to extend to you an invitation to speak at the 2011 Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Business & Industry Showcase "An Educational and Career Initiative" kick-off event. Mr. Bennington and I would be honored to have you be a speaker at this event.

The Showcase kick-off is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 6:00 pm, located at the Clemson University Littlejohn Coliseum. We have a great diversity of industry and great attendance at this event.

Thank you for your consideration to speak at this event. Please see the attached copy of the letter from Todd for more detailed information regarding this great event. You would honor us with your attendance and remarks at this kick-off. We truly hope your schedule permits. I look forward to hearing from your office soon, and I would be pleased to assist in any way.

With warmest, personal regards,

Thomas C. Alexander

Enclosure

July 12, 2011

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor State of South Carolina
State House, 1st Floor, P.O. Box 1773
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Dear Governor Haley:

Seven South Carolina School Districts, three County Economic Development Teams, 100 local business and industry partners, 300 Teachers, Counselors, Career Specialists and **over 5000 students** will participate in the 2011 Anderson-Oconee-Pickens Business & Industry Showcase "An Educational and Career Initiative" held at the Clemson University Littlejohn Coliseum September 20 – 22, 2011.

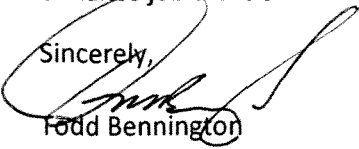
The Pendleton Regional Education Center Advisory Board, Industrial Groups and the Economic Development affiliates in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties invite you to participate in this initiative designed to help students understand the importance of education and career planning and to see how Education, Business and Community Leaders work together to make a difference!

Beginning in 2007 with a small but determined group of Oconee County manufacturing CEO's and the School District of Oconee County including their 1200 students, the "Showcase" began with the intention of bringing an awareness of the importance of manufacturing in our local economy. With involvement in the EEDA's *Personal Pathways to Success* Initiative, the Showcase has been expanded to include all 16 Career Clusters and all seven School Districts in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties. As students and parents make important decisions regarding future academic and career plans, business leaders are partnering with educators in several activities including Career Fairs, a Speakers Guide, Student Internships and Professional Development Day when teachers have hands on experience in business and industry all putting emphasis on school, careers and building a strong workforce for local jobs.

Without exception, the A-O-P Business and Industry Showcase "An Educational Initiative" is the event that is making the biggest impact on the largest number of students in our area.

This is a special invitation to you to attend the Showcase Kick-off event, Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 6:00 p.m., Littlejohn Coliseum, Clemson. As the leader of education and economic development initiatives in South Carolina we ask that you address the group of 600 teachers plus school board members, business and industry leaders, the Legislative Delegations and other guests that will be attending this event. Your presence and comments to this partnership of educators and leaders of the business and industry community in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties will be an honor for those attending and will continue to ignite enthusiasm for building a strong, well educated workforce and enhance job creation.

Sincerely,


Todd Bennington

Vice President Operations, BorgWarner
Showcase Director

Cc: Senator Thomas C. Alexander, District I, Oconee-Pickens Counties

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