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On March 22 the Anderson Independent Mail ran a column from your office titled "Raising taxes not answer to fixing state's highways."

Generally I agree with the opinion stated, however, I would like to explore one particular paragraph. "We have to remove politics from infrastructure spending, and that means eliminating the politically appointed, and therefore politically motivated, SCDOT Commission in favor of a cabinet agency headed by a gubernatorial appointee."

By allowing the governor to appoint the head of this new agency, isn't that following the same pattern. Won't the presiding governor appoint someone that will serve his/her will? After all, the governor is "political" with perhaps at least some interest in rewarding those that sent him/her to office. What in this change makes it different from the current policy?

Finally, you really should consider changes in the vehicle sales purchase tax structure. A cap of \$300 for a \$75,000 luxury vehicle cannot possibly be relative to purchasing a low end - lower priced auto.

Thanks for what you do.

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