

March 18, 2016

The Honorable Nikki Haley
State of South Carolina
South Carolina State House, First Floor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

Enclosed please find SGA's 2015 annual report, which outlines last year's efforts to support and engage the region's public, private and nonprofit leaders on policy issues and trends impacting the economy of the American South.

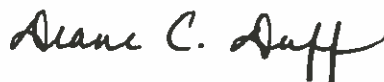
This year, SGA has continued to focus the development and implementation of its members-only Web-based platform, www.southern.org, in order to improve the connectivity among governors' key policy staff, as well as with other public, private and nonprofit sector policy experts and resources on a wide range of critical issues. The results will support Southern governors' policy objectives by more easily identifying policy trends and best practices, providing interactive data, research and other policy resources to inform good governance and timely decision-making.

As our developers put the finishing touches on the members-only portions of the site, we will be reaching out to policy staff to determine the appropriate representatives who should be registered to access to this new policy tool. Once registered and logged in, users will have access to all nine of the fully secure Issue Committee Rooms, where they will be able to engage with peers and colleagues by gleaning and posting information, sharing comments through a moderated discussion forum, viewing podcasts and other multimedia materials, accessing interactive data, and more. Our content will build over time with the participation and engagement of all our members.

In addition, I am continuing my efforts to determine Southern governors' collective vision for SGA's mission and work program. As I complete that process, I will be in touch with your office to request more specific guidance.

In the interim, please feel free to have your policy staff contact me at their convenience with any questions about how they can access and begin using the site.

Sincerely,



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