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**State Chamber now accepting Board of Director nominations...**The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Nominating Committee has established a process for the nomination and selection of officers and members of the Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Have a senior leader at your company that may be interested in serving? Nominate them [here](#) now!

**2016 Primary Election Update:** Tuesday, June 14th was the statewide primary election for South Carolina. Because of your participation, we helped reelect pro-jobs candidates this past Tuesday. Our work isn't done yet as Good Government supported candidates Rep. Goldfinch (SD2), Sen. Larry Martin (SD34) and Bill Bowers (HD122) will face runoffs on June 28. Your support in those districts is critical.

**A Not So Bright Future?....** Most notably on Tuesday, Senator Lee Bright's constituents (SD12) sent a strong message. A large majority (62%) of his district voted against Senator Bright, sending him into a runoff with [Scott Talley](#) on June 28. The South Carolina Good Government Committee has [endorsed Scott Talley](#), and so has Governor Haley. You can #StandWithScott too by [clicking here](#). Momentum is building for Scott and it is critical that we get out the vote on June 28.

Congratulations to the following Good Government Committee supported candidates who won their Primary Elections and, with no General Election opposition, **are the presumed winners for their districts:**

Sen. Mike Gambrell  
Sen. Harvey Peeler  
Sen. John Scott  
Sen. Darrell Jackson  
Sen. Katrina Shealy  
Sen. Shane Massey  
Sen. Kent Williams  
Sen. Hugh Leatherman  
Sen. Larry Grooms  
Sen. Sean Bennett  
Rep. Nathan Ballentine

Rep. Jimmy Bales  
Rep. Chip Huggins  
Rep. Carl Anderson  
Rep. Mike Sottile

**Chamber President again calls on Senate to restore Ex-Im Bank...** “For more than 80 years, Ex-Im has helped American manufacturers sell their goods abroad by offering loans and insurance products that the private sector chooses not to offer... Law requires at least three Senate-confirmed directors to be in place for the board to meet. But right now there are only two in place, so the Bank can’t approve transactions over \$10 million, which is costing \$50 million a day to the American economy.” Read Ted’s guest column in the Greenville News [here](#).

**Apply now for the 2016-2017 SC Education Policy Fellowship Program...** Do you have a passion for education policy and a desire to improve opportunities for children? [Submit an application](#) for the SC Education Policy Fellowship Program, a 10-month professional development program designed to work toward the implementation of sound education policy and practice in South Carolina. More information can be found [here](#).

#### **#ChamberNews**

- Greenville News: [SC Chamber-aligned PAC endorses Talley in runoff against Bright](#)
- Spartanburg Herald-Journal: [Bright to again face Talley in SC Senate District 12](#)
- Times and Democrat: [2 Senate leaders survive Haley opposition; 1 senator ousted](#)
- Florence Morning News: [3 US House races, legislative contests highlight primary](#)
- WYFF 4 Greenville: [SC Chamber of Commerce steps up attacks on Sen. Lee Bright](#)
- Greenville News: [Commentary: Senate needs to let Ex-Im Bank function](#)

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