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The Honorable Nikki Haley
Office of Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

We are pleased that you will join us in North Charleston on September 3rd, 2015. The Trident CEO Council is a group of executives from the Tri-County Region employing in excess of 10,000 associates in the local community advocating a culture to **STAND FOR PROGRESS** in our Lowcountry Region.

We **STAND FOR Quality Job Growth**, therefore heartily endorse your key role in helping to bring World Class jobs from Global Companies like Google, Boeing, Daimler and Volvo, to name a few, to the State. Congratulations on your new job creation in nearly every one of our Counties statewide.

The growth, that these jobs have created, is impacting our Roads. At +3% population growth per year in the Lowcountry, we will increase to 1 Million residents, a +40% increase, in a dozen years. As our website states, "**If we are to move Forward, we must be able to Move!**"

The "Transportation Infrastructure Task Force" report from December of 2012 recommended an investment of about \$1.5 Billion per year to upgrade our road system to "Getting to Good." The next biggest legacy your term could leave our State would be to **lead** the initiative to create a dedicated, reoccurring revenue stream to fully fund our infrastructure needs in South Carolina. We want to support you in these efforts and this Council would endorse a Motor Fuel User Fee without any contingencies, if that's what it takes to fund a yearly Infrastructure Investment that helps our state and specifically our community, maintain our quality of life.

We applaud your efforts in making South Carolina a more competitive economic driver in the region and country. We look forward to your upcoming visit with us and would like to know your opinion on this important \$1.5+ Billion Infrastructure Funding Topic.

Respectfully and Supportively,



Tom Leonard
Executive Director, Trident CEO Council

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