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Mr. Joseph Murray, III
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Dear Mr. Murray: Joe

First of all, we would like to thank you for all the support you have shown the House Republican Caucus over the last few years. Your support has enabled our Caucus to elect pro-business conservatives to the House and assure responsible government to the citizens of our great State.

In the last four years your Republican team in the House has done much to prepare our state for the next Millennium. Just look at our record: we have produced more than one billion dollars in tax cuts; accountability standards for our schools, teacher pay raises above the Southeastern average, and LIFE Scholarships for our children; cuts in welfare rolls by more than 60 percent; unemployment at a 25-year low; capital investments that have doubled, creating more companies and better paying jobs across South Carolina; tough crime legislation including 2 Strikes/3 Strikes, Truth-In-Sentencing legislation, and a crackdown on guns and violence in our schools and neighborhoods. And these are just a few of the legislative initiatives we have passed since the Republican Party took control in 1994.

This fall the voters of South Carolina will have the opportunity to re-elect Governor Beasley, our Statewide Constitutional Officers and a Republican majority in the South Carolina House of Representatives. But before the voters go to the polls in November, we must run a full scale public information campaign promoting our successes of the past and our vision for the future. To do so, we must call on our friends in the business community, who have worked with us to achieve our goals, to help us continue our success.

On Thursday, July 16, 1998 the South Carolina Republican Party will hold a Majority '98 Legislative Reception at the Seibels House in Columbia. The Majority '98 Legislative Reception will

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begin at 6:00 p.m. and will feature the House Republican Caucus, all Republican House, County, and local Challenger Candidates, and our Statewide Constitutional Officers.

In order to make this event a success and help us in reaching our fundraising goal of \$175,000, we must once again call on you to assist us in our effort. Therefore, we would like to invite you to become a \$3,500 Sponsor of our Majority '98 Legislative reception and help us return our Republicans to office.

Your contribution of \$3,500 will enable us to pay for the polling, direct mail, paid phone banks, and other critical campaign needs that will be instrumental in our legislative races this fall.

We know that this is a big request and we appreciate all that you have done in the past, but we need your help to achieve our goal of increasing our pro-business conservative majority in the House of Representatives and electing Republicans to all our Statewide Constitutional Offices.

If you are unable to become a \$3,500 Sponsor, then we ask that you participate in our Majority '98 Reception as a \$1,000 Host. Your financial support will help us in our fight to defeat the anti-business Democrats who are challenging our team this fall.

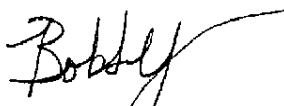
In the next few days we will be calling you to help us make this first time event a success. In the meantime, if you should have any questions or would like to make your reservation early for the Majority '98 Legislative Reception, please call our Caucus Director Chris Neeley at (803) 988-8440.

Again, we appreciate the support and encouragement you have shown in the past and let us thank you in advance for your contribution of \$3,500 or \$1,000 for the upcoming Majority '98 Legislative Reception. We look forward to seeing you on July 16th and if we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to call David Wilkins at (864) 232-5629 or Bobby Harrell at (843) 572-1500.

Sincerely,



David H. Wilkins
Speaker of the House



Bobby Harrell
House Majority Leader

P.S. Enclosed is a Majority '98 Reception response card, a contribution guideline information card and postage paid envelope for your contribution of \$3,500, or \$1,000. We urge you to send in your response card and investment contribution no later than July 13, 1998.