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Mr. Joseph S. Murray, III, Reg. Director of State Government Relations
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Dear Joe:

Since 1995, when control of the South Carolina House of Representatives shifted to Republican hands, we have maintained a commitment to two overriding principals: 1) To support responsible, conservative, anti-tax, pro-business positions, and 2) To keep the promises we have made in our pledges to the people of South Carolina. Some of these fulfillments are passing term limits, property tax relief and local government taxing restrictions, and a two-thirds majority for state government to raise any taxes. Generally these measures were passed by the House in the first half of each legislative session. (A more aggressive legislative work ethic is another of our priorities.)

During the 1994 campaigns we formed a partnership with South Carolina business called the Business Roundtable. This has provided us with an excellent mechanism to stay in touch with the concerns of businesses and trade associations which are impacted by the legislative process and, through an annual giving program, to establish a reliable fundraising base for the Caucus' political activities.

Thanks in part to the very active participation of the business community, the Caucus has been able to increase its' majority in the House in every election since 1994. Normally we have been able to raise funds in a two year planning process, but this past year we were forced to spend extra for the special elections required by the redistricting process. This has reduced the amount available for the 1998 general election and causes us to pay special attention to our fundraising work for the first half of the year.

We are most appreciative of your past participation in the Business Roundtable and would like to take this opportunity to invite you to renew your membership for 1998. As in past years, your \$3,500 contribution covers your attendance at all Caucus political events including the annual Golf and Tennis Tournament and the Spring Reception. In addition, we will continue to hold periodic meetings of the Roundtable with the Caucus membership to discuss legislative and political issues. This year the meetings will feature special guest speakers from government, politics and business.

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The first meeting of the Business Roundtable will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 1998 at 8:00 AM at the Capital City Club. We are trying to have our 1998 Business Roundtable commitments in hand before that date. Please respond by returning the enclosed card or by contacting the Caucus office at (803) 734-3139. As always, any of us are available to personally answer any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,



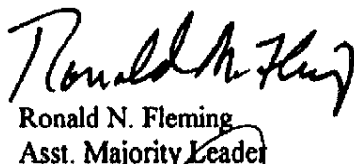
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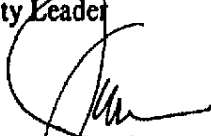
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BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE**

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- Please include us as a member of the Republican Caucus' Business Roundtable. ~~Our check for \$3,500 is attached.~~ *Paid*
- Please include us as a member of the Republican Caucus' Business Roundtable. Our check will be delivered by _____.
- We cannot join the Business Roundtable for this year, but would like to make a contribution to help the Caucus in their campaign efforts. Enclosed is \$ _____.

Please list us as (name of co. or assn.): _____

Name, address and phone# _____

of primary contact _____

Please make checks payable to:
and mail to:

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