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Mr. Joseph S. Murray, III Regional Director of Government Relations RJ Reynolds Company Post Office Box 2959 Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27102

Dear Joe:

I hope you agree with me that the South Carolina House of Representatives has, in recent years, set new records in promoting greater economic opportunity for the future. I am particularly proud of our pro-education and pro-business initiatives.

We have eliminated literally hundreds of pages of unnecessary state regulations and created important new tax incentives for future economic growth. As Speaker, I am proud of the strides we are making, but now, as a candidate for re-election to the House after eighteen (18) years of service, I must turn to you and ask for your help.

While I feel very confident about my chances for re-election, for the first time in fourteen (14) years, I have opposition in the General Election in November. I learned a long time ago not to take anything in politics for granted. Therefore, I plan to work hard on my re-election campaign and to take my opposition seriously.

My goal as Speaker over the past four (4) years has been to establish a businessstyle work ethic and to push everyday to help our state move forward. We have made a great team. I would like to continue that effort and will do so with your help.

Any level of support you deem appropriate would be greatly appreciated. State law limits contributions for House races to no more than \$1,000 per election cycle. Both personal and corporate contributions are allowed. If you are willing to support my campaign for re-election, please make your check payable to "Wilkins for House" and mail it to 408 East North Street, Greenville, SC 29601.

Thank you for considering this personal request for your support.

David H. Wilkins