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South Carolina House of Representatives

July 21, 1997

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company
Mr. Joseph S. Murray, III
P. O. Box 2959
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Dear Mr. Murray,

I am writing you to request financial support in my reelection campaign as a member of the SC House of Representatives. As you may know, the Legislature redrew twenty-two house district lines this past year. My district, which includes the historic city of Georgetown and the coastal area leading into Myrtle Beach was affected therefore. I am involved in a special election this November.

Over the past 23 years I have taken an active leadership role in my community including seven years service on the Georgetown County Board of Education. I also helped organize our local merchants association which now has over 200 members, am a charter board member of the Georgetown County Human Relations Council and have served as a board member of numerous other local organizations.

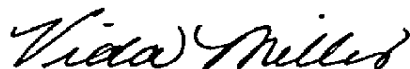
As an independent business woman for over 16 years, have worked hard on issues that are important to the business community. As a freshman legislator, I was elected Chairman of the Georgetown County Legislative Delegation and have succeeded in fulfilling my campaign commitments to education, economics and the environment. Also, I have been successful in getting legislation passed that has a positive effect on strengthening our communities and solving local problems.

It has always been my position to work hard to bring about changes that address the concerns of the people I serve and I have taken this same approach as a Legislator. I will continue to support policies that address health concerns, encourage economic development while protecting our natural resources and that are fiscally sound.

I now face the challenge of reelection and need your financial support which will allow me to successfully challenge my opponent and continue working in Columbia for all citizens of South Carolina.

Thank you for your support of my efforts to serve in public office and please feel free to contact me at any time with comments or concerns at 237-8603 or 237-2578.

Sincerely,



Vida O. Miller

Yes, I would like to support your campaign and please
accept my contribution in the amount of:

\$250.00 \$500.00 \$750.00 Other \$ _____

Organization _____

Contact _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Comments: _____

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Representative Vida O. Miller

SC House District #108

Native of Greenville, SC - Resident of Georgetown County 23 years

"An experienced community leader with a vision for her district. Vida understands the needs of the area and the people. She is a SC native and independent business woman. Miller possess the unique ability to represent her district in Columbia to it's greatest potential. Her outstanding record of public service proves Vida knows how to get the job done." Nick Theodore



Committed to Education-Environment-Economics

Worked to establish long term commitment to full day kindergarten, technology for our schools and improving higher education system.

Understands the need for long range development and land use plans that protect the environment and allow controlled growth.

Believes everyone should have access to affordable health care.

Helped secure over \$10 million for local road improvements that allow for safe evacuations and access to inter states.

Believes public service is a partnership between the elected and those they represent.

Representative Miller Elected Chair of Georgetown County Legislative Delegation

Rep. Miller fights for tax relief

"I believe it is time to start delivering taxcuts to the people, the working families of SC. I want to give a break to the people who get up and go to work everyday, pay their taxes and raise their children to be good citizens of our state."

Renewing our commitment to children

An action plan by Representative Vida Miller

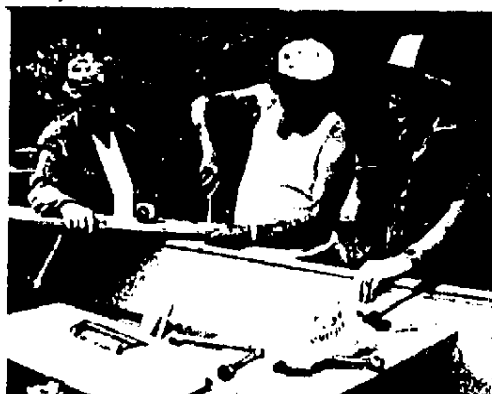
During this Legislative Session, the latest Kids Count data was released, and unfortunately, South Carolina continues to languish at the bottom on issues relating to children's education, health and economic well-being. I believe it is time to begin an all-out assault on the problems plaguing our children. We must do the following:

Early Childhood Education Recent studies have shown that the most significant period of childhood development is from birth to age three. A child who does not receive the necessary health care and intellectual stimulation during this period of time is not likely to become successful. For this reason, new initiatives similar to North Carolina's Smart Start Program would go a long way toward combating these problems. Specifically, South Carolina's Smart Start would involve partnerships with local businesses, non-profits and community groups to ensure that South Carolina's children receive quality child care and health services during their pre-school years.

After School Programs After 3:00 p.m. each day and in many cases for the entire summer, our schools stand largely empty. They are seldom used for community purposes. I propose the initiation of after school programs in each of our counties, staffed by volunteers from the state's various communities.

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~ Rep. Vida Miller



Math & Science Institute Recent debate indicates that South Carolina's elementary school children's scores on math and science tests are on the decline. In contrast, our neighbors in North Carolina saw an increase in math and science scores. I would like to see an elementary school summer institute to improve the performance of South Carolina's students in math and science. I believe we will see significant improvements in this crucial area.

Reducing Classroom Size Our goal should be to reduce the size of the average elementary school class to no more than 20 students per class. This will better allow our elementary school students an opportunity for one-on-one interaction with their teachers.

Alternative Schools We must separate problem students from those students who want to learn. Unfortunately, the legislature has failed to adequately address this concern. We must take decisive action to prevent the small percentage of students with disciplinary problems from disrupting the precious classroom time of children who want to succeed in school.

Parental Involvement Families, businesses, churches and communities must emphasize that parental involvement is not an option — it is a responsibility.

Past Board Member:
Georgetown County School District
Pawleys Island - Litchfield Merchants Association
Georgetown County Human Relations Council
Crawfish Festival
Waccamaw Arts and Craft Guild
Past Regional Director:
SC Watercolor Society
Member:
Georgetown County Watercolor Society

South Carolina Watercolor Society
Director: 1998 Harborwalk Juried Art Show
Former: Marketing Supervisor for SCNB
Instructor at Horry-Georgetown TEC
Owner: Gray Man Gallery
Married to: J. D. Miller, Jr.
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