

## **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

### **TRANSPORTATION**

- A balanced plan to fund (a) I-73; (b) I-74; and (c) a southern evacuation route. Support fully-funded highway reauthorization bill in Congress with incentives for states to use alternative revenue sources, such as tolls and non-public funding, by leveraging federal program funding. Support tolling new roads & creation of public-private partnerships to leverage private capital for major infrastructure projects. Support dedicated state revenue streams and sufficient bonding capacity to provide for a likely state match needed to fund interstate projects. Support TIGER funding for I-73.
- Fund airport expansion.

### **TOURISM PROMOTION**

- Fully-fund the 2-for-1 destination-specific matching tourism promotional grant with recurring funds.

### **BEACH PROTECTION**

- Fund beach renourishment.
- Fund deep water ocean outfall projects.

### **EDUCATION**

- Meet or exceed needs-based funding local post-secondary educational institutions, specifically Coastal Carolina University & Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

### **HEALTHCARE / WORKPLACE**

- Meaningful reform to the South Carolina Medicaid system.
- Enabling legislation to allow trade associations and chambers of commerce to offer fully-funded and partially-funded healthcare benefits to small businesses.
- Market-based reforms to healthcare laws sensible, market-based reforms to enhance healthcare alternatives for employers/employees, reduce non-care costs in the healthcare industry, and allow business groups to provide industry with healthcare alternatives.

### **ENERGY**

- Comprehensive energy plan to ensure energy independence in our future and optimize cost-effective use of renewable and alternative energy sources, while ensuring efficient delivery of energy needs to our region and our state in the foreseeable future. Tax breaks designed for large, multinational oil companies should be revised to incentivize efficient delivery of alternative energy sources.
- Support environmentally-friendly drilling for natural gas off the coast of South Carolina at a distance that ensures minimal risk to the coastal environment and the coastal tourism and real estate economy.

### **TAXATION**

- Meaningful reform to the state's taxation system that will enhance business growth opportunities without inhibiting the success and growth potential of existing industry.
- TRAC to evaluate state taxation system including Act 388.