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The Honorable Chip Huggins
323-B Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Representative Huggins,

I am writing to let you know that, today, I signed into law H. 3441, R-43, a bill that authorizes the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to mow roadside vegetation in certain areas around interstate highways in Richland and Lexington County.

I signed H. 3441 because I understand that historically legislation has been required to allow SCDOT to mow along highways beyond certain distances. However, going forward, I believe that the General Assembly should not have to spend its limited and valuable time passing legislation to tell the SCDOT where and how to mow the grass on our interstate highways. Rather, the General Assembly should give SCDOT the flexibility to enter into agreements with county and municipal governments to authorize these types of mowing projects.

Accordingly, I have asked SCDOT to develop legislation to authorize the agency to enter into state-local agreements to mow vegetation along our interstate highways. Thank you for agreeing to sponsor this legislation, and I look forward to working with you and members of the General Assembly to create a long-term solution to this local issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

cc: Members of the General Assembly