June 18, 2012

The Honorable William M. Hixon
416A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Representative Hixon,

I am writing to let you know that today, I signed into law R302, H.4665. This bill expands the membership of the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority, a special purpose district that services both Edgefield and Aiken Counties, to include resident electors from Aiken County in addition to those from Edgefield County.

In signing this bill, I want to make clear that H.4665 does not violate the Home Rule provision of the South Carolina Constitution – Article VIII, Section 7, prohibiting legislation by the General Assembly for one specific county. Because the Authority affects more than one county – Edgefield and Aiken – H.4665 is not unconstitutional.

For the reasons stated above, I have signed R302, H.4665 into law.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley

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