June 26, 2012

The Honorable William E. Sandifer III  
407 Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Representative Sandifer,

I am writing to let you know that today, I signed into law R322, H.4801. This bill alters the membership of the Pioneer Rural Water District that services both Oconee and Anderson Counties.

In signing this bill, I want to make clear that H.4801 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 – Oconee and Anderson – H.4801 is not unconstitutional.

For the reasons stated above, I have signed R322, H.4801 into law.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley

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