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WHEREAS, I have been informed that the industry resources within the South Carolina Department of Corrections are presently under utilized; and

WHEREAS, this under utilization results in part from the unreasonable fear of competition in the private sector and the undue restrictions on prison labor under applicable state and federal laws; and

WHEREAS, Section 24-1-20, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, requires, in part, that the Department of Corrections be operated in a manner consistent with the operation of a modern prison system and with the view of making the system self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24-3-310, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, the General Assembly has determined that the prison industries program within the South Carolina Department of Corrections is intended to:

1. Further provide more adequate, regular and suitable employment for the convicts of this state consistent with proper penal purposes;

2. Further utilize the labor of convicts for self-maintenance and for reimbursing the state for expenses incurred by reason of their crime and imprisonment;
3. Effect the requisition and disbursement of prison products directly to established state authorities with no possibility of private profits therefrom; and

WHEREAS, it is my belief that utilization of prison labor will be enhanced and the intent of the General Assembly fulfilled by the development of a comprehensive prison industries utilization plan developed with input from all segments of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina, I do hereby appoint a task force of concerned citizens representing industry, retail sales, consumers, victims, the General Assembly, and appropriate agencies of the State of South Carolina to develop a plan acceptable to the private sector for the expansion of the prison industries program which will provide increased productive work opportunities for inmates; enable the industries program to make a greater contribution to the operational expenses of the Department of Corrections; enable the inmates to contribute to a meaningful restitution program for the benefit of victims of crime in this state; contribute to the support of inmates' families; acquire marketable skills and develop enhanced work ethics to prepare them for their reintegration into society.
Inasmuch as the proper plan may require legislative action, it is my intention that the Task Force complete its work and provide its report to me prior to the commencement of the upcoming legislative session.


Richard W. Riley
Governor

ATTEST:

John T. Campbell
Secretary of State