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Mitchell Metts
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Dear Mr. Metts:

Enclosed you will find a Resolution endorsing the Western Route of the Northern I-73 Leg through Marlboro County that I received from Cheraw Town Council.

The reason for my writing is to express my approval and complete support of the Western Route. This route, I believe, will better serve our industries and businesses in Chesterfield County.

Sincerely,

Representative Ted M. Vick
S.C. House District 53

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE WESTERN ROUTE OF THE
NORTHERN I-73 LEG THROUGH MARLBORO COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Interstate 73 has been identified as a High Priority Route from Michigan to South Carolina through six (6) separate states, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the corridor is to link the nation's regions and support economic growth by improving the movement of goods between South Carolina ports and areas north to Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has been working on the necessary feasibility and environmental impact studies in an effort to locate the I-73 corridor through the state so that it has the least impact to wetlands, the fewest farms impacted, for the least cost and with the least impact to cultural resources, and

WHEREAS, in May 2006, the SCDOT announced the location of the preferred alternative route for the southern portion of I-73 beginning at Interstate 95 in Dillon County heading to Myrtle Beach through Marion and Horry Counties, and

WHEREAS, the SCDOT has since identified three (3) main alternative routes for the northern portion of the proposed I-73 that would connect I-74 to I-95 through Marlboro County, and

WHEREAS, two of the proposed routes are located on the eastern and central areas of Bennettsville, decreasing the effectiveness of the route to those businesses and individuals from Chesterfield and Darlington Counties.

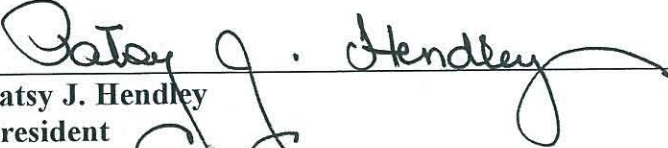
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Greater Cheraw Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors hereby endorses the proposed Western Route of the northern I-73 corridor through Marlboro County and further encourages the SCDOT to strongly consider the economic benefits and the lesser impact to the environment and cultural resources in designating the future route.

**This done the 30th day of January, 2007 in a duly assembled meeting of the
Greater Cheraw Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting.**



Mattie G. Thomas
Chairman, Greater Cheraw Chamber Of Commerce

Attest:



Patsy J. Hendley
President