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**2024**

# **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

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**ANDERSON AREA CHAMBER  
CHEROKEE COUNTY CHAMBER  
CLEMSON AREA CHAMBER  
FOUNTAIN INN CHAMBER  
GREENVILLE CHAMBER  
GREATER GREER CHAMBER  
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# SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE



		S.862-Childcare Center Caregiver (2nd)	S.862-Childcare Center Caregiver (3rd)	S.305 - Work Experience for New Teachers (3rd)	S.124-Non-Certified Teacher Pilot (3rd)	H.4087-Income Tax Credits (3rd)	H.4087-Income Tax Credits (Conference Report)	H.5100-BUDGET (Conference Report)	H.4832-Paid Family Leave (2nd)	H.3992-Delinquent Unemployment Compensation Tax Rates	H.5118-Electrical Utilities, Electricity Regulation, and Economic Development (2nd)	S.533-SC Justice Act (Special Order)	S.533-SC Justice Act (Cloture)
Thomas Alexander	R-Oconee	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Richard Cash	R-Anderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mike Gambrell	R-Anderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tom Corbin	R-Greenville	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Dwight Loftis *	R-Greenville	X	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	NV	✓	A	✓	A	✓
Karl Allen	D-Greenville	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Ross Turner	R-Greenville	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Danny Verdin	R-Laurens	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Billy Garrett	R-Greenwood	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	X
Josh Kimbrell	R-Spartanburg	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scott Talley*	R-Spartanburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Shane Martin	R-Spartanburg	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X
Harvey Peeler	R-Cherokee	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
*Retiring Member		Signed by Governor		Sent the the House with Amendments - House Non-Concurrence	Sent the the House with Amendments - House Non-Concurrence	Signed by Governor		Sign by Governor with Vetoes	Signed by Governor	Signed by Governor	Sent the the House with Amendments - House Non-Concurrence	Failed in the Senate	


NV - Did Not Vote

A - Excused Absence



# SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE



		S.692-Childcare Center Caregiver (Conference Report)	S.305 - Work Experience for New Teachers	S.124 - Non-Certified Teacher Pilot (3rd)	H.4087- Income Tax Credits (Conference Report)	H.3810- License Fees for Corporations	H.5100-BUDGET (Conference Report)	H.4832- Paid Family Leave (2nd)	H.3992- Delinquent Unemployment Compensation Tax Rates	H.5118- Electrical Utilities, Electricity Regulation, and Economic Development (3rd)	H.5118- Electrical Utilities, Electricity Regulation, and Economic Development (Senate Amendments)	H.5066- Fair Access to Insurance
Bill Whitmire	R-Oconee	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Zill Sandifer*	R-Oconee	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Jerry Carter	R-Pickens	A	✗	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
David Holt	R-Pickens	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Neal Collins	R-Pickens	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
April Cromer	R-Anderson	A	✗	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Joe Weir*	R-Anderson	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	A
Don Chapman	R-Anderson	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Anne Thayer	R-Anderson	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	NV	A	NV
Thomas Beach	R-Anderson	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Craig Gagnon	R-Abbeville	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Daniel Gibson	R-Greenwood	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
John McCravey	R-Greenwood	✓	✗	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Stewart Graves*	R-Laurens	✓	A	A	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Mark Willis	R-Greenville	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Mike Burns	R-Greenville	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Alan Morgan	R-Greenville	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Patrick Haddon	R-Greenville	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Adam Morgan*	R-Greenville	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Bobby Cox	R-Greenville	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓
Jason Elliott*	R-Greenville	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Chandra Dillard	D-Greenville	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Bruce Bannister	R-Greenville	NV	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Wendell Jones	D-Greenville	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
David Vaughn	R-Greenville	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Joshua Trantham*	R-Greenville	✓	A	A	✗	✓	✗	A	NV	NV	A	NV
Dennis Moss	R-Cherokee	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Brian Lawson	R-Cherokee	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Rosalyn Henderson-Myers	D-Spartanburg	A	✗	NV	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✗	✓	✓
Mar Flock*	R-Spartanburg	A	✗	NV	A	✓	A	A	✓	✓	A	✓
Travis Moore	R-Spartanburg	✓	NV	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Roger Nutt*	R-Spartanburg	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Bill Chumley	R-Spartanburg	✓	A	A	✓	NV	✗	A	✓	✓	✗	✓
Rob Harris	R-Spartanburg	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	NV	✗	✓
Steven Long	R-Spartanburg	✓	✗	NV	✓	✓	✓	NV	✓	✓	NV	✓
Josiah Magnuson	R-Spartanburg	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
Doug Gilliam	R-Union	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
<i>Retiring Member</i> *Member to SC Senate		Signed by Governor	Non-Concurrence of Senate Amendments	Non-Concurrence of Senate Amendments	Signed by Governor	Sent to the Senate - No Action Taken	Signed by Governor with Vetoes	Signed by Governor	Signed by Governor	Sent to the Senate - Returned to House with Amendments	Non-Concurrence of Senate Amendments	Sent to the Senate - No Action Taken

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# 2024 STATE AGENDA

## **Increase Educational Attainment and Talent Attraction**

- Seek solutions to expand accessibility and affordability of childcare to ensure working parents may fully participate in the workforce.
- Rethink teacher recruitment and retention by reforming teacher pay and making it easier for mid-career professionals to switch to teaching.
- Reduce the impacts of the benefits cliff to encourage individuals to seek upward mobility without fear of an abrupt cutoff of services.

## **Boost Economic Development & Infrastructure**

- Reform our recruiting incentives to better attract investments in knowledge-based and corporate headquarters jobs.
- As we promote our state's natural areas, we must increase state investment in our parks and recreation areas to ensure they can meet visitor demands and be preserved for future generations.
- Improve access to capital for small businesses and entrepreneurs in our state.
- Support legislation that determines pathways to ensure our state has adequate energy generation and infrastructure to meet current and future demands.
- Increase our electric vehicle fees to bring them in line with neighboring states.

## **Improve Our Business Climate**

- Re-institute joint and several legal protections so businesses are only liable for their portion of fault, ensuring that business owners are not left with an excessive burden related to fault.
- Address other legal reforms to improve insurance affordability and accessibility for small businesses.
- Reduce the burden of business personal property tax on small businesses.
- Ensure that the General Assembly does not intentionally pass laws in conflict with the Federal Government that force businesses to decide whether to follow state or federal law; and ensure businesses are able to make their own operating decisions without an undue burden from government.



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# 2024 FEDERAL AGENDA

## Meet our Immigration and Workforce Needs

- Make permanent the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program so thousands of South Carolinians may have confidence in their immigration status.
- Expand legal immigration avenues to help companies meet their workforce needs.
- Reforms on visas for skilled workers – including expanding visa caps and reforming the system to make these visas more accessible for smaller businesses.

## Expand International Trade

- Fight for international trade policies that will benefit the Upstate economy – including lowering tariffs on allied countries and promoting trade deals that will benefit Upstate exporters.

## Securing Our Energy Future

- The United States needs a comprehensive energy policy that incorporates an “all-of-the-above” approach, including renewables and other non-carbon emitting sources such as nuclear energy.
- Ensure the ongoing status of the SC NEXUS Tech Hub designation and secure phase two funding for ongoing energy resiliency efforts.





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# ABOUT

Anderson Area Chamber  
 Cherokee County Chamber  
 Clemson Area Chamber  
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The Upstate Chamber Coalition formed in 2009 to provide a unified voice on regional, state, and federal policy issues for the Upstate business community. We now have a strong coalition of 13 local chambers of commerce from across eight counties. Our member Chambers have more than 8,000 business members that employ more than 300,000 people.

We extend a special THANK YOU to our 2024 Business Advocacy Partners, who provide strong support for the Coalition’s work throughout the year.

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# MEET OUR TEAM



## Matt Wills

VP, Government Affairs, Greenville Chamber & Executive Director, Upstate Chamber Coalition

Matt Wills is the Vice President of Government Affairs at the Greenville Chamber of Commerce. In this capacity, he leads the Chamber's advocacy efforts, as well as serves as executive director of the Upstate Chamber Coalition.

Before leading the Chamber's advocacy efforts, he served as State Government Relations Director for a Fortune 500 internet service and cable provider. Matt worked directly with local governments and legislative leaders to help the state expand broadband to unserved and underserved communities across the state.

Prior to his time with the Chamber, Matt worked as Senior Advisor to South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson. He also held numerous political positions, including Political Director for Rick Santorum's 2012 Presidential Campaign and Executive Director for the Missouri Republican Party.

Matt is a retired professional golfer and graduate of the University of Alabama.



## Taft Matney

TM Public Relations & Governmental Affairs

Taft Matney is a Mauldin, South Carolina native, a graduate of the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg, and Managing Principal of TM Public Relations & Governmental Affairs.

Taft volunteered in his first campaign when he was six years old and never seemed to stop. As a political consultant and manager, his public affairs pursuits expanded into the private arena and led to forming TMPR in 2001.

His experience in advocacy, media relations, legislative affairs, and strategy allow Taft to understand what's necessary to achieve a client's objectives effectively and efficiently.

Taft was a frequent editorial contributor to the "Our Turn" opinion section in The Greenville (SC) News and provides political commentary to local, national, and international media.



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# GET IN TOUCH

“By its very definition, civic responsibility means taking a healthy role in the life of one’s community. ”  
-JOHN GLENN

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