State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

June 7, 2012

The Honorable Kevin L. Bryant
606 Gressette Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Senator Bryant,

I am writing to let you know that today I signed R227, S.1492, a bill that allows for district choice under very specific circumstances in Anderson County. Although I have some concerns about the limited application of this new law, I signed this bill because it moves us in the right direction on the issue of school choice.

While I appreciate the bill's intent, I would prefer to address this matter more comprehensively, through school district consolidation or enhanced school choice. Like you, I was disappointed that the Senate failed to pass a school choice bill this year; I look forward to working with you to advance that initiative again in next year's session.

For these reasons, I signed R227, S.1492 into law.

My very best,

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/jdb

cc: Members of the General Assembly