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The Honorable Michael C. Pitts  
327C Blatt Building  
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Dear Representative Pitts,

Today, I signed House Bill 3617; a bill that requires sewer utilities who frequently allow significant spills to submit a corrective action plan to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) to prevent these types of spills in the future. The provisions of this bill protect public health without the imposition of onerous or undue regulation on industry or municipalities. When used properly, these action plans will assist the state in shedding light on local infrastructure deficits, analyzing the effects of rapid population growth, and preventing greater fines and penalties imposed by state and federal environmental agencies.

Despite the usefulness of this tool, I must restate my standing commitment to limiting administrative compliance burdens for industries and municipalities. To be clear, **I will veto any future legislation or budget provision that uses this bill as justification to grow SC DHEC,** to justify additional administrative fees for work connected to these action plans, or to onerously increase administrative compliance burdens for industry or municipalities. Using existing resources, SC DHEC can work proactively with industry in the rare instances where frequent and localized spills occur.

For these reasons, I signed House Bill 3617 into law.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley

NRH/jdb