

Government Restructuring

The time has come for real change in South Carolina government. Our system is outdated, inefficient and lacks sufficient accountability. As the old saying goes, when everyone is in charge no one is in charge. You, as a voter and taxpayer, deserve to know what your government is doing and who to hold accountable. The time for change is now.

In my first term I supported giving you the right to vote on fundamental changes to your state government. Expanding the governor's cabinet by reducing constitutional officers is a major change. I believe the choice should be yours and I trust you the voter to make these types of decisions.

In addition, I served on the House Government Restructuring Committee. This committee sent a landmark reform bill to the floor of the House and we guided it to passage. This reform measure would transform state government into a more accountable and efficient operation by creating a Department of Administration with the governor's office. At the same time the bill dramatically reduces the size and influence of the Budget and Control Board. This board is unique to South Carolina and is the very symbol of our outdated and inefficient system.

Some in Columbia continue to resist change. As I promised you, I have worked across party lines with Governor Sanford, Senator Glenn McConnell and others to bring real change to our state. I will continue to fight for a better South Carolina as long as you allow me the chance. To make positive change a reality, I need your continued support.