

TAX AND SPENDING REFORM

Men, women, and families all across our community are frustrated that they continue to pay taxes for substandard schools, insufficient health care and failing infrastructure. People's earnings and savings are being spent on taxes without results due to outdated budgeting practices and wasteful earmarks. Its time for change.

Actions speak louder than words, and I have a record of delivering on this critical issue. In ten years of public service, I have never, ever voted for an income or property tax increase. I have led bi-partisan coalitions to cut income taxes, sales taxes and to pass reassessment reform for Charleston County residents.

In addition, I helped ban anonymous budget earmarks in the House of Representatives. From now on legislators who want projects funded in the House budget, will have to attach their names to the projects. This new full disclosure rule will reduce wasteful spending on pure pork projects.

We must have a government that can prioritize and live within its means. All of us who live, work and pray here everyday deserve to have a government in Columbia that delivers on critical needs without wasteful, burdensome spending. As an elected official, I have cut income, sales and property taxes whenever possible. I will continue to be District 119's loud voice for tax and spending reforms.