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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Thomas Alexander
Senator Gerald Malloy
Senator Vincent Sheheen
Senator Tom Davis
Senator Kevin Johnson
Senator Katrina Shealy
Senator Ross Turner

FROM: Harvey S. Peeler, Jr.

DATE: May 4, 2020

SUBJECT: President's Select Committee to Re-Open South Carolina

As President of the Senate, I have appointed a Select Committee to Re-Open South Carolina. Senator Thomas Alexander will chair this Select Committee. Other members include Senators Gerald Malloy, Vincent Sheheen, Tom Davis, Kevin Johnson, Katrina Shealy and Ross Turner.

As the Select Committee you are charged with accepting any recommendations made by Governor Henry McMaster's AccelerateSC task force. Recommendations requiring legislative action will be reviewed by you. Legislation will be introduced by you.

I ask that the Select Committee to Re-Open South Carolina begin work immediately. There will be many ideas to be considered including best practices for business operations, safe harbors for potential COVID-19 liability, continued workforce development, and addressing the increase in unemployment. If our businesses need tools to return to work, then we need to provide them. If our citizens need our help, then we need to help them.

South Carolinians have been in a difficult situation for too long. By transforming the efforts of AccelerateSC into legislative action, the Senate, through Re-Open South Carolina, can do its part to provide that our citizens and our economy are safe and secure.

My staff, including the oversight committee staff, will be working with you. Thank you for agreeing to serve on the Senate's Re-Open South Carolina select committee.