

20 Billion Dollars Wasted!

That's right! Over the past ten years, your one hundred and seventy elected Statehouse officials and your governor have wasted \$20,000,000,000 (a lot of zeroes) of your tax dollars, dollars you could have used for groceries, clothing, rent, and gasoline.

What else could \$2 billion/year pay for?

5,750 miles of two-lane asphalt road, pay raises of \$10,000 for every K12 public school teacher in South Carolina. That's right. We have 12,000 K12 public school teachers, and it would cost \$120 million/year to raise their pay by \$10,000/year.

You might like to give every law enforcement person in South Carolina a \$10,000/year raise. That would take \$520 million/year.

We could increase the pay for every K12 public school teacher and every law enforcement official in South Carolina for \$640 million per year and still have enough of your tax money left over to completely rebuild 3,885 miles of two-lane asphalt roads.

I believe that K12 education, public safety, and infrastructure (roads) are the three "core functions" of state government. That is why I chose pay raises for teachers, law enforcement, and road improvement to illustrate my point.

How have your one hundred and seventy Statehouse officials and your governor wasted that much money in ten years?

Earmarks (your hard-earned money spent on pet projects, mainly for the most potent legislators) account for \$700 million annually. You know the list: wine festivals, BMX rallies, city beautification projects, railroad beautification projects, and undisclosed "economic development projects." The list is massive. Your money, \$10,000-\$25 million, is spent on a variety of things that are not core functions of our state government.

During the last ten years, our legislators have spent \$10 billion on the failed nuclear power plant in Fairfield County. That strange little legislature-

Proudly, I was one of only twelve legislators who voted against the Scout deal. When a company (VW) whose annual revenue is \$338 billion is “incentivized” to the tune of \$1.3 billion (\$400 million in cash) to create 400 jobs, I think it is a lose/lose for South Carolina taxpayers.

It is time for South Carolina voters to do what the nation’s voters just did!

Stop the insanity and quit voting for lawmakers who trust the “experts” more than they trust you, you, the “common sense” taxpayer constituent.

WE the PEOPLE CAN!