



South Carolina House of Representatives
South Carolina Senate
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

June 15, 2011

To the honorable elected Representatives of South Carolina:

We write to you today to offer the humblest of apologies for our past treatment of the great state of South Carolina.

Last January, we produced and released a [short video](#) poking fun at what we perceived to be the inadequately funded education and public safety systems of South Carolina. The purpose of the video was to issue a subtle warning to our elected officials about the consequences of their decisions on the state budget. Though it was not our intention, the video drew the ire of your state's citizens, business leaders and media.

Well, as it turns out, the joke is on us.

The North Carolina General Assembly's budget proposal, which is scheduled for a final vote this week, will so drastically cut our education system that we will fall to 49th in the country in per pupil spending – behind not only South Carolina, but also Mississippi. While it's truly a sad day that either Carolina should fall behind Mississippi, we never thought, in our arrogance, that North Carolina would be the one to take that disappointing step back.

We are truly humbled.

Sincerely,

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Rob Thompson
Together NC Coordinator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louisa Warren', written over a white background.

Louisa Warren
Together NC Coordinator