

Dear Friends,

We are still trying to find a viable solution for the railroad. We will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to determine what course of action to follow in our attempt to help the railroad owners. Some of you near Chadbourn are concerned about the condition of the track, location of cars, and track crossings even if the railroad finds a way to fix the bridges that do not meet federal standards. I share this concern and hopefully, since we have the South Carolina folks involved, we will be able to use a cooperative effort to find funding for these much needed improvements. All of us are aware how essential the rail is for business in Columbus, Horry, and Marion counties. I feel confident that we have the right dynamics in place to shape a solution.

We are looking for ways to attract a Dentist to Chadbourn. There are some programs out there that offer assistance in finding medical and dental care for rural areas. We will continue to explore all options. Many of you have been affected by the loss of dental care in the community.

I am very concerned, as you probably are, about the negative and polarizing tone to the current election cycle. Folks, we are all in this together and we all need to work to find solutions for our many problems and concerns. We should never forget that people in our area and their needs come first. It is my hope that all will come together after the election, regardless of the outcome, and seriously strive to work with a sense of community to address our needs.

Please pray for our troops and first responders. They understand that freedom and protection from harm don't have party labels.