



## Charleston TEA Party

### 2012 SC Legislative Priorities

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- 2012 increase in revenue
  - DON'T spend, reduce SC debt
- Government restructuring, eliminate BCB
- Budget, implement REAL spending caps that result in reduced spending
  - Use pre-recession budget as base
- Medicaid- How to fix given SC lack of control? Continuing "as is" unacceptable.
  - Opt out, eligibility, enforce eligibility rules
  - Tax increase
- Unfunded pension liability
  - Future hires benefits reduction
  - Tax increases
- Tax reform
  - Fix 6%/10.5% commercial property tax inequity, support economic development
  - Change school funding, sales tax
    - Requires thought on exemptions, i.e., groceries, drugs, etc.
    - Eliminate EFA
    - Update funding formula, state-wide equity in funding
  - Broaden tax base, reduce tax rates
- Education
  - Implement School Choice
  - Implement Merit pay for teachers
  - District consolidation, reduce layers of management/administration
- DOT
  - Rank SC projects, include specifics-resurfacing, new roads, bridges, counties, etc.
    - Publish project ranking for voters
      - Report progress quarterly to the "stockholders" (voters)
  - Compel DOT spending on priority projects, not un-prioritized "pork" projects
  - Don't use vague "infrastructure" term; be specific say resurface/maintain existing roads, bridges, etc.
- Implement SC Voter Initiative Process- Voter referendum
- S211, I-95 Corridor Authority Act-Do Not Pass
- Stop infiltration of Shariah Law