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Greetings:

The General Assembly was in session last week. During session, 12 vetoed bills were overridden and will now become law even though most of my democrat colleagues voted to uphold the vetoes.

Joyce Waddell

Senate Bill 416 – The Personal Privacy Protection Act

Senate Bill 416, titled the Personal Privacy Protection Act, prohibits public agencies from collecting, disclosing, or releasing personal information about members, volunteers, and financial or nonfinancial donors to 501(c) nonprofit organizations, unless required by state or federal law. The bill was vetoed by the Governor, citing concerns that it could increase the potential for untraceable "dark money" in politics and weaken oversight mechanisms used to prevent tax fraud and ensure financial transparency.

I spoke against this bill because of the same concerns the Governor raised about the potential for dark money—untraceable, anonymous contributions that may influence political or social agendas without accountability. By restricting transparency, this legislation opens the door to undisclosed financial influence in our civic and political systems, undermining efforts to ensure integrity and public trust.

The Governor's veto was overridden and the bill will become law.

Senate Bill 416
The Personal Privacy
Protection Act

Senator Waddell speaks on the Senate Floor during session regarding information of The Personal Privacy Act (SB 416).



**South Carolina State University 35th
National Alumni Convention**
Held at the Embassy Suites Charlotte-Concord



Left - Senator Waddell brings greetings to South Carolina State University alumni members at the 35th National Convention.

Top right - Senator Waddell supports the book signing of a book written by the First Ladies of South Carolina State University.

Bottom Right - Senator Waddell is featured in a group picture of the Charlotte chapter of South Carolina State University alumni.

Senate Bill 254 - Charter School Changes

Senate Bill 254, titled Charter School Changes, proposes that all legislation related to charter schools be reviewed and approved by the Charter School Review Board (CSRB). It also grants the CSRB the authority to obtain private legal counsel and conduct hearings related to federal funding matters. The bill was vetoed by the Governor due to concerns that it undermines the authority of the State Board of Education.

I voted to uphold the Governor's Veto because I believe this bill takes away transparency. The State Board of Education governs the public school system and any bill that removes the ability of that Board from true oversight undermines that Board's ability to govern.

International Minority Coalition

Senator Waddell is pictured with members of the International Minority Coalition (IMC). The IMC held a cookout where Senator Waddell presented legislative updates.



NC General Assembly

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