



Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is with great excitement that we write you about the current state of the South Carolina Working Families Party.

We are currently building grassroots clubs Upstate, in the Piedmont, and in the Lowcountry. We've hired a new full time organizer. And we are ready to get to work organizing for change. *And we will do our part to make South Carolina a better place for all working people.*

With unemployment on the rise; and the need for more accountable government, better schools, and more jobs greater than ever, we certainly have our work cut out for us. And our education crisis is at the top of the list.

You may have heard about our State's so-called "Corridor of Shame." Tragically, our State Constitution mandates a 'minimally adequate' education. And so we get test scores at the bottom of the barrel nationally, rundown school facilities, and underpaid and overworked teachers. Our schools have historically been underfunded and undervalued; systematically, the students who need the most have received the least.

These injustices have gone on for too long. *We need to mandate a high quality education for all South Carolina's children,* regardless of race, economic status, religion, creed, or otherwise.

We need to create more jobs by building new schools and improving our current infrastructure. We need to treat our teachers and children with the respect they deserve, and provide them with the resources they need now.

That's why our State Committee recently voted to join the campaign to change our State's Constitution to mandate a high quality education for all South Carolinians. We are mobilizing now, *collecting petition signatures to hold our elected officials accountable* for the quality of our education system.

Here's what you can do:

- SIGN THE PETITION
- Take a copy of the enclosed petition, and get your friends and family to sign
- Call 803.791.9893 for more materials or to discuss what else you can do

In 2010 we will prioritize endorsing candidates who support this campaign, and we will work for them under the slogan, "Support your children, Vote Working Families."

We will be collecting thousands of signatures going forward; do your part and join us in making change happen in South Carolina.

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin McKee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin McKee
Chair, SC Working Families Party

**We've updated our website! Check us out at www.SCWFP.org
And call us anytime at 803.791.9893**