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**To:** Glaccum, David <DavidGlaccum@gov.sc.gov>  
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**Date:** 9/15/2015 1:31:02 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Guantanamo Bay detainees

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See below. When could you both do a call?

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From: Hummell, Jon [GO] [mailto:Jon.Hummell@ks.gov]  
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 12:29 PM  
To: Patel, Swati  
Cc: Laue, Brant [GO]  
Subject: RE: Guantanamo Bay detainees

Swati,

Hope you're doing well. I think the media coverage of the joint letter was very good. Thank you so much for the opportunity to sign on with Governor Haley.

Governor Brownback has asked us to develop some options that he could pursue to stop any additional site visits that might possibly occur in the future and we have a legal option we would like to discuss with you. Could we arrange a call for you and I and our respective Chief Counsels sometime this week?

Jon

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From: Patel, Swati [mailto:SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov]  
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 5:29 PM  
To: Hummell, Jon [GO]  
Cc: Hawley, Eileen [GO]; Glaccum, David  
Subject: Re: Guantanamo Bay detainees

Thanks Jon. We will add your changes to the letter. I am copying our Policy Deputy in case we have any more changes. If not, we can coordinate signature and release of the letter tomorrow afternoon.

Swati

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2015, at 5:57 PM, Hummell, Jon [GO] <Jon.Hummell@ks.gov> wrote:

Swati,

Couple minor tweaks from the Governor in red. I think we are good to go unless you have other changes or additions. I've cc'ed our Communications Director so she can coordinate with yours on timing, signatures, press releases, etc.

Jon

The Honorable Ashton B. Carter

Secretary

U.S. Department of Defense

1000 Defense Pentagon

Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Carter,

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South Carolina and Kansas are **sovereign** states, with **strong** military members, and **excellent** military installations. We will not be part of any illegal and ill-advised action by this Administration, especially when that action relates to importing terrorists into our states. Please know that we will take any action within our power to make sure no Guantanamo Bay detainees are transferred to South Carolina or Kansas.

Most Respectively,

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Nikki R. Haley

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Sam Brownback

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Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 12:02 PM  
To: Hummell, Jon [GO]  
Subject: Guantanamo Bay detainees

Dear Jon,

My name is Swati Patel and I am SC Governor Haley's Chief Legal Counsel and the soon to be Chief of Staff. Our governors spoke on the phone last week regarding the recent notification to our federal delegation that the Department of Defense is considering SC and KS and possibly other states for transfer of detainees from Gitmo. The governors would like to send a joint letter to DOD, and Gov. Brownback asked that we reach out to you. We have drafted a letter below for your review.

Let me know when you have time to talk through the letter. I also wanted to share Gov. Haley's cell phone number with Gov. Brownback. I'll give you that when we talk. I look forward to speaking with you soon. My cell is 803-665-0259.

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Governor, South Carolina

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Sam Brownback

Governor, Kansas

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