

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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December 5, 2013

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May 7, 2014

Senator Paul Thurmond  
PO Box 142  
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Dear Senator Thurmond:

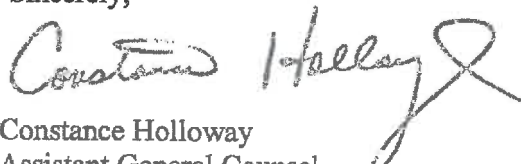
This is in response to your request for information from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) dated January 30, 2014. In a previous letter dated February 19, 2014, I indicated that the agency was in the process of conducting an extensive search to determine if there were any responsive documents. The extensive search included the following:

- A thorough review of any correspondence from a legislator to the Director or Deputy Directors from January 1, 2012-January 1, 2014.
- An e-mail sweep of the Director's and Deputy Directors' emails from January 1, 2012-January 1, 2014 that including the following key words: "budget", "state funding", and "appropriations".

As a result of the extensive search, we were able to locate two (2) letters which we believe are responsive to your FOIA request. Please find enclosed those letters.

Thank you for your request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (803-898-0062).

Sincerely,

  
Constance Holloway  
Assistant General Counsel

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Enclosures





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cc: Mr. Keck  
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Department of Health & Human Services  
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Dear Mr. Keck:

I have enclosed a letter from Nicholas Cosentino of Little River, SC, concerning the absolute necessity of additional funding for hospitalization and treatment for mentally ill citizens of South Carolina.

If you take the time to read this heartbreaking story of Mr. Cosentino's grandson, Robby, you can only agree that this situation is unacceptable and a disgrace to our state in their providing access to mental health treatment.

I hope your agency can allocate additional funds to help alleviate this burden to families who cope with mental illness every day and, perhaps you can also offer this family some type of help and encouragement; they deserve nothing less.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jimmy C. Bales

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Nicholas J. Cosentino, 612 Twinflower Street, Little River, SC 29566  
The Honorable Brian White, Chairman, SC House Ways and Means Committee

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July 9, 2012

Mr. Tony Keck, Director  
Dept. of Health and Human Services  
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Dear Mr. Keck:

It has come to my attention that Williamsburg Regional Hospital is in a position to add 4 to 5 new doctors as affiliates with this facility. This is exciting news for our area, but we need a one-time infusion of \$250,000 for equipment that will completely change the face and operation of this rural hospital.

The equipment needed is as follows:

- 1) anesthesia machine (\$40,000 - \$50,000)
- 2) monitors which will allow reopening of ICU (\$40,000 - \$50,000 each)
- 3) vascular equipment (special ultrasounds and dopplers) (\$40,000-\$50,000 each)
- 4) I-stat lab equipment to increase histology capabilities

Your help in securing this funding so that we can accommodate these new doctors, and better serve our area, would be greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

  
Yancey McGill, Member  
South Carolina Senate

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cc: Ms. Sharon Poston, Administrator  
Williamsburg Regional Hospital

February 19, 2014

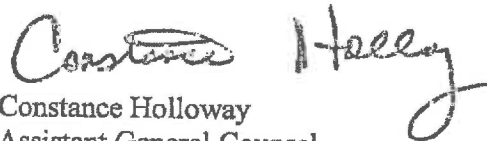
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Per my correspondence sent August 19, 2013, I am writing with an official request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding information concerning your agency budget request preparations. As stated in my previous letter, it has become apparent some members of the General Assembly use agencies for their own personal request, circumventing House Rule 5.3. This rule is an important tool in seeing that all budgetary requests are properly vetted. If members are circumventing this rule, it is not serving its intended purpose.

I am requesting the disclosure of any correspondence by legislators with your agency regarding encouragement or directing of funding. I would appreciate you clarifying if any verbal request for funding were made upon your agency by any legislator. Please feel free to contact me if you are unclear about my request.

I appreciate your leadership for our State and your cooperation.

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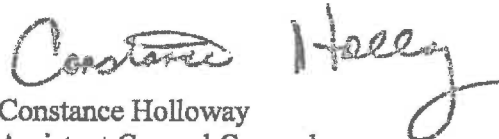
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