

From: Pisarik, Holly
To: Schimsa, Rebecca <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 2/25/2016 9:43:06 AM
Subject: RE: Please Approve - Constituent Response for Donnie Myers

I don't think we should include the highlighted sentence.

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 7:22 PM
To: Pisarik, Holly
Subject: Please Approve - Constituent Response for Donnie Myers

Draft response for constituent mail regarding requests to suspend Solicitor Donnie Myers from office:

Dear X,

Thank you for contacting the Governor's Office with your concerns regarding the recent arrest of the Solicitor of the Eleventh Circuit, serving Lexington, Saluda, Edgefield, and McCormick Counties. At this time, it is our understanding that Mr. Myers has been arrested for driving under the influence but has not yet been indicted, which is a process begun by prosecutors and ultimately decided by a grand jury.

Pursuant to state law, the Governor may only take action to suspend a state officer when he or she has been indicted for a qualifying crime. Please know that Governor Haley intends to follow the law to the fullest extent of her authority and will suspend Solicitor Myers from office if he is indicted for a qualifying crime.

Like you, the Governor takes seriously any matter involving unlawful conduct by an elected official who is sworn to uphold the law. If there is anything else our office can do for you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schimsa
Governor's Office