



# State of South Carolina

## Office of the Governor

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GOVERNOR

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COLUMBIA 29201

June 5, 2012

Mr. Rick Brundrett  
Investigative Reporter, *The Nerve*  
1323 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Brundrett,

This letter is written to provide additional information regarding your Freedom of Information Act request for the following records:

- 1) Dictated letters and handwritten messages between the Governor and staff, constituents, government and political colleagues;
- 2) Electronic mail personally sent or received by the Governor, including, but not limited to, faxes; email, both from public accounts and any private accounts if those messages dealt with public matters; Facebook/Twitter direct messages, both from public accounts and any private accounts if those dealt with public matters; and cell phone text messages, both from public phones and any private phones if those messages dealt with public matters;
- 3) The Governor's correspondence log.

With regard to items (1) and (3), our office has previously provided those records to you. With regard to item (2), we have no records responsive to your requests for the reasons stated below:

- a) Email from public accounts has been provided to you for the dates that you requested.
- b) "[E]mail from private accounts if those messages relate to public matters." Governor Haley does not conduct official public business on her personal email account.
- c) "Facebook/Twitter direct messages both from public and private accounts if those matters dealt with public matters." All messages on Governor Haley's Facebook and Twitter accounts are accessible in the public domain. On the Governor's Facebook page, the private messaging function has not been activated; therefore

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there is no ability to send and receive private messages. Governor Haley's Twitter account is not managed directly by the Governor.

- d) "[C]ell phone text messages, both from public phones and private phones if those messages dealt with public matters." The Governor's Office telecommunications provider, Verizon, has explained to our office that it cannot store text messages; therefore there is no way for our office to retrieve text messages.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati S. Patel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Swati S. Patel  
Chief Legal Counsel