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If this can be legitimately framed as being important to prevent discrimination against SC's forestry sector, then I would expect that all the Board's members would support this and that you could have it adopted on the agreed-to agenda. You and I should discuss it briefly with Ted, since he'd have a better sense of the politics. If and when the time comes, I think their language needs some technical tweaks.

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Thanks.

I just met with them and suggested they go to the Board for a resolution which they plan to do .

They asked if the Governor would vote in favor of this type of resolution. What do you think?

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I think their proposed changes are helpful in the sense that she probably wouldn't want to endorse a requirement that new builds for the state meet certain green criteria.

On the other hand, it doesn't change the fact that she doesn't make these decisions, like a Governor would in any other state. So a BCB resolution continues to be the appropriate means for making a policy statement along these lines, because they're "the deciders." An Executive Order still doesn't make sense, even with their proposed edits.

On your other question...there's a mix of options. The BCB owns, manages, and "leases" to agencies a great deal of space. There are also buildings owned in the name of individual agencies, buildings leased from private sector outfits, and state agencies inhabiting other government-controlled space that they may or may not pay for. For instance, DSS and DEW have deals where they have folks placed in county space and don't reimburse the counties for that use. Big mix of options.

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Aren't state buildings generally owned and operated by the BCB and agencies just lease them? Or we lease space from the private sector?

Isn't this still something the BCB would have to do by resolution?

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Josh and Swati:

I am following up on my conversation with each of you this afternoon regarding an executive order to prevent the discrimination against North American wood products including South Carolina wood products in state building construction.

Two governors, Georgia and Maine, have already issued executive orders in this matter. A copy of each EO is attached.

The SC Forestry Association advocates that Governor Haley issue an executive order with the following language:

When the design, construction, operation and maintenance of any new or expanded state building incorporates "Green Building" standards it shall give certification credits equally to forest products grown, manufactured, and certified under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, the American Tree Farm System and the Forest Stewardship Council.

SCFA's language differs from the attached executive orders to avoid requiring Green Building standards to be used in state building construction. Instead, when Green Building Standards are used, all major forest certification systems shall receive equal certification credits.

It may be wise to limit the scope of the executive order to the cabinet agencies to avoid any legal challenges.

Swati, as we discussed, I am available to meet Monday at 1 PM. Hopefully, Josh and Gene Kodama can meet at that time.

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