



# State of South Carolina

## Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY  
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET  
COLUMBIA 29201

December 12, 2011

Ms. Yvonne Wenger  
*The Post and Courier*  
134 Columbus Street  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Ms. Wenger,

On November 21, 2011, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for:

- (1) The governor's office policy on email archives and justification for the deletions.
- (2) Emails between the governor, her staff and public officials since her November election, including those with Georgia officials ... regarding the Georgia Ports Authority, Port of Savannah, Port of Jasper, and the Port of Charleston, and any and all environmental, permitting or contractual issues.
- (3) The governor's phone and text records for both her personal and state-issued phones as well as copies of phone and text records from both personal and state-issued phones for Tim Pearson, Rob Godfrey, Ted Pitts, Katherine Veldran, Blanche Price, Katherine Haltiwanger, Taylor Hall and Rebecca Schimsa.
- (4) Contacts or communication of any kind pertaining to the DHEC board meeting n Nov. 10, including preparations for it.
- (5) Any and all campaign contributions received by Haley from any Georgia resident since the governor's November 2010 election.

In regards to items (1), (2), and (4), we have located records responsive to your request that include email communication and documents regarding the Georgia Ports Authority, Port of Savannah and the Port of Jasper. Due to the high volume of Freedom of Information Act requests received by the Governor's Office and the significant costs associated with producing the requests, our office will charge a reasonable cost of copying records as allowed pursuant to

Section 30-4-30(b). We estimate that the costs of these records will be at least \$23.00 (230 pages at 10 cents per page). You may send a check made payable to the "Office of the Governor" at the contact information listed below. Please provide the payment, and we will send the information to you.

Contact Information:

Swati S. Patel  
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In regards to item (3), you have asked for phone and text records for personal and state-issued phones for the Governor and several staff members. We are not providing personal phone and text records because personal phones are not a "public record" within the meaning of the Freedom of Information Act. If you would like all records of state-issued phones for the Governor and the eight identified staff since the administration began in January 2011, we can estimate the cost for these records which will be several hundred documents. It is my understanding from our vendor that the only text records available for the state-issued phones include the number of text messages. Please let me know if you would like us to provide an estimate of costs for this type of text data.

In regards to item (5), the Governor's Office does not possess any public records related to campaign contributions received by Governor Haley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Swati", followed by a period.

Swati S. Patel  
Chief Legal Counsel