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The Governor's Office has maintained a good working relationship with the Department of Consumer Affairs since the beginning of the administration and recommended resources in the 2012-13 Executive Budget to cover additional witness fees when required for case resolution, staff retention, IT equipment updates, and payment for a national database used to fulfill the department's role in the mortgage industry.

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From: Godfrey, Rob
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Guidance here?

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From: Slade, David [mailto:dslade@postandcourier.com]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 10:32 AM
To: Godfrey, Rob
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Hi Rob,

I'm hoping you can provide some comment from the governor's office regarding the budget of the SC Department of Consumer Affairs.

As you know, state residents have been turning to DCA for help following the hacking incident, but DCS today has less than half the staff and only about 30 percent of the state funding that it had just five years ago (in fy 09).

As I understand it, DCA also doesn't have the authority to spend what money it does have (including money from licensing fees from regulated industries).

What does DCA's much-reduced state funding say about the state's role in protecting consumers, and where does the gov's office see taking DCA from here?

Thank you,

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