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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Mr. David Sirota
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Dear Mr. Sirota,

Our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for the following:

“Any and all correspondence to or from employees of the Office of the Governor from email addresses with the domain name ‘rga.org’ and any and all correspondence to or from employees of the Office of the Governor that reference the term ‘Republican Governors Association’ or ‘RGA’ ... from 6/1/16 to the present.”

In addition, you further specify that your request for correspondence “includes – but is not limited to – any and all email, invitations, schedules, agendas and/or calendar items.”

Our office has identified records responsive to your request and will provide any and all records in our possession that are responsive to your request, subject to any exemptions or redactions as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws or as is otherwise exempt from disclosure by statute or regulation or prohibited from disclosure by court order.

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 for searching and copying records as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b).

To reduce costs, it is the policy of our office to not include duplicate or repetitive emails, such as the same email sent to multiple staff members or individual emails included on an email string—should you wish our office to include these additional copies, please confirm your request in writing.

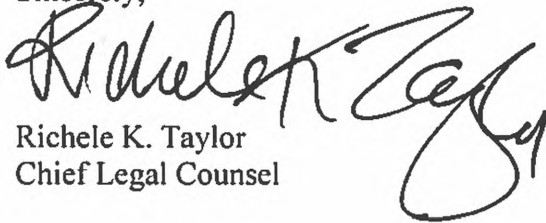
For members of the press, it is the policy of our office to not include what is commonly referred to as "press clips" as well as public records previously made available, such as the weekly release of the Governor's public schedule—should you wish our office to include these records or a sample of these records, please confirm your request in writing.

At this time, our office has finished compiling a batch of records, which will be sent via post to MuckRock and to an address that we have requested via email to ds@davidsirota.com. With regard to the first batch of records: Be advised that personal cell phone numbers have been redacted pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a)(2) (information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy).

As we continue to compile the remaining records identified as being responsive to your request, we will notify you of the total cost for all records. Once payment has been received, the remaining records will be sent to you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 803-231-9763 or richeletaylor@gov.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richele K. Taylor", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Richele K. Taylor
Chief Legal Counsel

RT/rs