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Subject: RE: for review/suggestions/edits

My suggestions are below.

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 1:52 PM
To: Godfrey, Rob
Cc: Patel, Swati; Taylor, Richele; Adams, Chaney
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Importance: High

Corrections from Richele and me are in yellow.

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ON BACKGROUND: The governor's office emails or calls the lieutenant governor's office to notify his staff when the governor travels out of state.

2) When are state taxpayers responsible for expenses incurred by the governor's political travel?

ON BACKGROUND: The governor, regardless of who it is, **is required to have** protection around the clock from a security detail (Proviso 117.69 of the General Appropriations Act). **DELETE SENTENCE (This sentence is duplicative and overbroad; also, we should message "public resources" rather than "taxpayers" to match the term used in the law.)** However,....

The State Ethics Act does not regulate "political travel", which seemingly could encompass all travel conducted once elected to political office. Rather, state law (Section 8-13-1346 of the South Carolina Code of Laws) prohibits use of public resources to influence the outcome of an election, which can better be described as **for** campaign-related travel. **Which is why...**

Governor Haley initiated a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Ethics Commission and SLED to clarify when reimbursements for the costs of security are appropriate. According **to the** MOA, reimbursements are made for campaign-related events, which are defined to include but not be limited to campaign fundraisers, campaign rallies, and other events paid for and planned by the campaign. The governor's staff, working with the State Ethics Commission as needed, shall determine whether an event is campaign-related.

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