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Good morning,

Thank you for participating in yesterday's announcement and for supporting the consolidation of multiple crime victims services to the Attorney General's Office. We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to make this a priority in your busy, off-season schedule and look forward to your continued partnership on this effort next session: 803-413-5040. Here is a summary of information about the announcement, which we hope you find helpful:

**Legislation** – Laura Hudson is taking the lead on reducing the proposal to writing, including identifying statutory references that need to be amended and budget provisos that need to be codified. At this time, she is still taking feedback from stakeholders on details so please contact her with any specific questions. We plan to have the bill pre-filed in December and hope you will join as a sponsor.

**Handout** – Attached is one-page handout that summarizes the high points of the consolidation package.

**Executive Order** – Here is a link to the Governor's [Executive Order](#), which establishes a Transition Team to create a transition plan by January 10<sup>th</sup> to provide for the administrative functions of moving agencies, such as HR, IT, and Finance.

**Video Clip** – Here is a link to the video clip of [yesterday's announcement](#) (21 minutes): Governor (0:00); Laura Hudson (6:00); General Wilson (9:00); Sara Barber (13:00); Governor's Closing (14:25); Press Q&A (15:20); Rep. James Smith (19:15).

**Press Coverage** – Below are articles covering yesterday's announcement:

- ☐ [Post and Courier](#): "Gov. Nikki Haley, AG Alan Wilson call on lawmakers to consolidate crime victims services"
- ☐ [Associated Press](#): "Lawmakers: Combining victims' services will better help them"
- ☐ [WIS TV](#): "Help on the way for crime victims in the Midlands"
- ☐ [WLTX TV](#): "Governor Wants Major Change to Domestic Violence Survivors"

For anything else, please contact me or Rebecca Schimsa (803-429-4561).

Thank you,

Katherine