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From: Ronald Aiken [mailto:ron@quorumcolumbia.org]
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Good morning! (Well, what's left of it anyway.) Ron Aiken here and the question I have is whether or not the governor has written a letter yet to the five members of the Richland County Recreation Commission that the majority of the Richland County legislative delegation has called upon to resign?

I ask now due to the resignation -- voluntarily, not demanded -- of exec. dir. James Brown III yesterday following an indictment and arrest.

And, if she has not, does she plan to?

I've worked extremely hard, extremely long hours on this story since breaking it in April. I've remained steadfast in reporting the depths of the wrongdoing at the agency in the time since in order to serve the interests of the hundreds and hundreds of employees there who have suffered under the tyranny of a sexual predator protected by key board members he bragged about financially supporting.

The governor can right a truly devastating wrong for wrongfully terminated employees and victims of intense sexual harassment by removing the power structure that sanctioned it and that still has refused to discipline him or step down as asked to by the legislative delegation who oversees them.

I say all that only to say it would mean a great deal to be able to break the news that Gov. Haley has written the letter or otherwise called for their resignations. I have hundreds of recreation employees who follow me on Twitter, and the joy and goodwill she could spread on their behalf instantaneously would be incredible.

Thank you for your consideration and for answering my question...if you could let me know if she has or has not as soon as you're able to, I would greatly appreciate it.

Best,
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