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Christian -- Happy (belated) Holidays!

Hope this email finds you in good health and well rested as the SC legislative process begins. I did see that the Governor did release the budget earlier this year; which hopefully meant you had some relaxation before the new year.

As you are aware Alvarez & Marsal's work with SCDHHS ended this past Fall. I believe the work we assisted Director Keck with has improved the accountability and transparency in budget and financial reporting within SCDHHS.

Last summer we visited about the concept of South Carolina developing a final approved budget document that could be submitted for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Awards program. I would enjoy visiting with you about what I believe it would take to submit a document for the awards program.

Also, I would like to visit with you on some thoughts related interim reporting as well.

I have done some research on other State government's (Executive Budget documents) that I believe are well documented and serve as a good communication and policy document. As you know, many States prepare a final budget document after the Governor's signing of the appropriation bill. I am going to be in South Carolina in the near future and wanted to see if you are potentially interested in visiting about the two above issues.

Let me know your potential availability the week of February 4 or 11<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday' - are best days those weeks). *Would just be fun to also catch-up with you as well!*

Best regards – Nancy Zielke

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