



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

March 7, 2013

Mr. Stephen Largen
Reporter, *The Post and Courier*
134 Columbus Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Stephen,

On February 13, 2012, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for the following:

[A]ll emails, letters, text messages and other forms of correspondence sent or received by the *Office of the Governor* in January 2013[,] ... exclud[ing] the [P]ress [O]ffice's email interactions with the media ... [and] a copy of Gov[ernor] Haley's state cell phone records since June 2012.

Be advised that records responsive to your request have been located.

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 of compiling and copying records as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-40(b) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

At this time, our office estimates your request to contain 26,957 records. Our initial estimate does not account for the number of pages of each individual record, which could affect the volume of records produced in final form. Additionally, our initial estimate excludes records that are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 30-4-40.

For compilation of these records, our office estimates the total cost to be at least \$3,290.04, which includes an estimated \$2,695.70 for copies (at least 26,957 pages at ten cents per page) and an estimated \$594.34 for staff time (59.64 hours to search and copy 26,957 records at an average hourly wage of \$10.00-12.00 per hour).

Mr. Stephen Largent
Page Two
March 7, 2013

Accordingly, our office will require a 25% deposit in the amount of \$822.51 to be received prior to processing your request. Please provide payment by check, made payable to the "Office of the Governor" and mailed to the following address:

Office of the Governor
c/o Swati S. Patel
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Upon completion of compilation, our office will notify you of the final total cost in writing, the remaining balance of which is due prior to the production of records.

If you have any questions, please let me know. If you wish to alter the scope of your request, please do so in writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Swati", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

SSP/rss