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**Halley Mottel, Assistant to the Governor
State of South Carolina
Via Facsimile: 803.734.5167**

Dear Madam:

It was a pleasure to talk with you this morning. This matter pertains to the Order of the Palmetto packet you received from Joe Wilson's office.

You asked that I identify how my National and International professional career has impacted South Carolinians.

For several terms I represented S.C. to the National Association of Rehabilitation Professionals in the Private Sector National Board. Thereby, I was able to provide two-way communication to/from S.C. Professionals and the Board to facilitate and ensure quality rehabilitation services to the disabled South Carolinians.

For several terms I was Ethics Chairperson for the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification. This professional activity made certain that only qualified persons were recognized to provide services in S.C. and ethical issues were adjudicated in a fair and impartial manner.

On my State Department trips to Russia I brought ideas and concerns of the rehabilitation process by S.C. Service providers and gained input to transmit upon my return.

As a first graduate of the USC's Masters program in Rehabilitation Counseling I was able to build upon that foundation to monitor and improve the level of professional services which South Carolinians receive.

Please advise if you need additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

RICHARD BARRY HALL