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Subject: RE: looking for comment

On the authority issue - we are unaware of any shortfall on the other funds side of things and I verified that we recommended and it appears they received all of the other funds spending authority they requested for the FY 2012-13 budget. There is a small to moderate increase in requested authority for this year so I don't believe that this is a spending authority issue, it may be routine statutory limitations on the fees they collect but we would have to verify that fee by fee.

I'm here to talk if you like.
Josh

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From: Godfrey, Rob
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 10:49 AM
To: Soura, Christian; Pitts, Ted; Baker, Josh
Subject: FW: looking for comment

Guidance here?

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From: Slade, David [mailto:dslade@postandcourier.com]
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 10:32 AM
To: Godfrey, Rob
Subject: looking for comment

Hi Rob,

I'm hoping you can provide some comment from the governor's office regarding the budget of the SC Department of Consumer Affairs.

As you know, state residents have been turning to DCA for help following the hacking incident, but DCS today has less than half the staff and only about 30 percent of the state funding that it had just five years ago (in fy 09).

As I understand it, DCA also doesn't have the authority to spend what money it does have (including money from licensing fees from regulated industries).

What does DCA's much-reduced state funding say about the state's role in protecting consumers, and where does the gov's office see taking DCA from here?

Thank you,

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