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October 15, 2014

Mr. Michael S. Smith, Editor
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Dear Mr. Smith,

On September 24, 2014, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request and amended request to the Governor's Office and to the State Office of Victim Assistance (SOVA), Office of Executive Policy and Programs, Office of the Governor for the following:

- (1) [A]ny and all letters and emails authored by the S.C. Governor's Office and S.C. Office of Victim Assistance that address victim's advocate issues in Horry County since Jan. 1, 2010, including but not limited to any letters and emails discussing the county's compliance with victim's advocate issues.
- (2) [A]ny letters and emails the Governor's Office and SOVA have received from Horry County that address victim's advocate issues since Jan. 1, 2010, including but not limited to any letters and emails discussing the county's compliance with victim's advocate issues.
- (3) [T]he results of any audits the Governor's Office and/or SOVA have done on Horry County in relation to victim's advocates since Jan. 1, 2010[, including]...an audit done in 2011[and]...a copy of that and any other audits within the requested time period.

Our office will provide any and all records in possession of the Governor's Office or SOVA that are responsive to your request, subject to any exemptions or redactions as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws or as is otherwise exempt from disclosure by statute or regulation or prohibited from disclosure by court order.

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With regard to Items (1), (2), and (3), our office has identified responsive to your request, some of which may be exempt, redacted, or prohibited from disclosure as is allowed or required by law.

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 for searching and copying records as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b). We are currently compiling responsive records to determine an estimated cost. You will be notified as soon as cost estimates have been determined.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Schimsa".

Rebecca S. Schimsa
Deputy Legal Counsel