



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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August 3, 2015

Mr. Andy Shain
The State
1401 Shop Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Shain,

On July 13, 2015, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for the following:

“[E]mails and any other correspondence regarding the Confederate flag and Emanuel church shooting from the Governor’s Office since June 17 ... [and] emails and any other correspondence sent to the Governor’s Office regarding the Confederate flag since June 22.”

Our office will provide any and all records in our possession related to your request. Please note that our office will not release information exempt from disclosure under the South Carolina Code of Laws, to include information that would violate attorney-client relationships pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a)(7), information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of privacy pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a)(2), or as is otherwise exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a).

Please be advised that 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 blue ink that reads "Swati S. Patel".

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

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