



# Judicial Watch<sup>(®)</sup>

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April 2, 2012

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL & FACSIMILE**

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**Re: South Carolina Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Ms. Patel:

Pursuant to the provisions of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, S.C. 30-4., Judicial Watch, Inc. requests from the Office of the Governor access to and a copy of the following within a fifteen (15) business days:

1. All records concerning, regarding, or relating to Governor Haley's February 2012 trip to Washington, D.C., for the Republican Governors Association (RGA) Winter meeting;
2. All meeting agendas, notes, and memoranda concerning or relating to the aforementioned February 2012 RGA Winter meeting;
3. All records of communications concerning or relating to the aforementioned February 2012 RGA Winter meeting.

Public records include all books, papers, maps, photographs, cards, tapes, recordings, or other documentary materials regardless of physical form or characteristics prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a public body. S.C. 30-4-20(c).

If access to the public record is not granted immediately, the custodian shall give a detailed explanation of the cause for further delay and the place and earliest time and date that the record will be available for inspection. If this request is denied you are required to provide a written statement of the grounds for such denial. Such statement shall cite the specific provision of law under which access is denied and shall be furnished to the requester no later than the end of the third business day following the date that the request for the statement is received. S.C. 30-4-30(c).

Any reasonably segregable portion of a record otherwise exempt from disclosure is required to be made available after deletion of the portions that are exempted by law. S.C. 30-4-

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40(b).

Finally, Judicial Watch requests a waiver of any direct costs of duplication or statutory fees pursuant to S.C. 30-4-30(b) as the request is for noncommercial purposes that serve the public interest. Judicial Watch is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) educational organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the operations of government as well as the importance of ethics and the rule of law. Judicial Watch regularly requests information from public agencies about their operations and activities and disseminates this information to the public in furtherance of its educational mission. However, if any fee is to be charged for copying the requested records, please notify us in advance if the expected cost is likely to exceed \$150.00

If you do not understand this request or any portion thereof, or if you feel you require clarification, please contact us immediately at 202-646-5172 or [mkownacki@judicialwatch.org](mailto:mkownacki@judicialwatch.org). Judicial Watch looks forward to receiving the requested documents and a waiver of both search and duplication costs within fifteen (15) days. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Kownacki", written in a cursive style.

Matthew Kownacki  
Judicial Watch, Inc.