



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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December 8, 2011

The Honorable Leon Stavrinakis
375 Meadow Breeze Lane
Charleston, South Carolina 29414

Dear Representative Stavrinakis:

On November 15, 2011 our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for the following information:

(1) "[A]ll records of any kind involving any and all communications of any kind between the Governor, her staff, any employee of the executive branch, and/or DHEC with any and all persons regarding the Georgia Ports Authority, Port of Savannah, Port of Jasper, and the Port of Charleston, and any and all environmental, permitting or contractual issues related thereto. This request is for any and all communications including but not limited to records of public and private email correspondence, intra-office and inter-governmental messages of any kind, public and private telephone records, expense records, schedules, and all activity within the office since Governor Haley was elected, including the transition office."

(2) "[A]ny and all campaign contributions received by Governor Haley by any resident of the state of Georgia between October 1 and November 12, 2011."

With regard to item (1), please find enclosed records responsive to your request. The following exemption applies to the responsive public records: S.C. Code Section 30-4-40(a)(2) (information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy). We are unable to provide phone records of communications of all staff and the Governor involving the above-identified ports matters because the request is overly-broad and we cannot specifically identify the subject-matter of a conversation in a phone record. Please let me know if you would like to provide a more specific request for records.

With regard to item (2), the Governor's Office does not possess any public records related to campaign contributions received by Governor Haley.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Swati S. Patel".

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel