



## State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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November 17, 2016

### VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Mr. David Sirota  
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Dear Mr. Sirota,

Our office has estimated a cost for the production of your Freedom of Information Act request for the following:

“Any and all correspondence to or from employees of the Office of the Governor from email addresses with the domain name ‘rga.org’ and any and all correspondence to or from employees of the Office of the Governor that reference the term ‘Republican Governors Association’ or ‘RGA’ ... from 6/1/16 to the present.”

In addition, you further specified that your request for correspondence “includes – but is not limited to – any and all email, invitations, schedules, agendas and/or calendar items.”

As previously stated: 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).

At this time, our office has located approximately 175 pages of records, which includes the first batch of records send to you on November 1, 2016. For compilation of these records, our office calculates the total cost to be estimated at \$107.25, which includes an estimated \$17.50 for copies (approximately 175 pages at ten cents per page) and an estimated \$89.75 for staff time (approximately 2.5 hours to search and copy records at an average hourly wage of \$35.90).

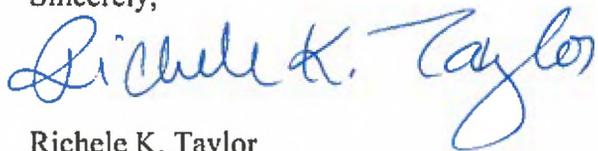
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Our office will require a deposit of \$75.00 made payable by check to the "Office of the Governor" and mailed to the following address:

Office of the Governor  
Attn: Richele Taylor, Chief Legal Counsel  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

Once payment has been received, compilation of the records will be completed, and you will be notified of the final cost. Once payment of the remaining balance is received, the records will be mailed to you. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Richele K. Taylor  
Chief Legal Counsel

RKT/rs