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Dear Christian and Leigh:

I am attaching an invitation to the governor to attend the **BIO 2013 International Convention in Chicago for one specific day — Tuesday, April 23, 2013**, to attend the VIP reception and connect with corporate leaders in bio sciences from around the world.

My invitation makes clear that this is a major convention in which regularly a dozen governors attend. In particular for South Carolina, Gov. Haley's personal style in connecting with CEOs can be most effective in building on the interest her administration has begun in coming to South Carolina. Her success with Spirit Pharmaceuticals and Nephron can be multiplied.

More importantly, SCBIO has had an early initial discussion with a major pharmaceutical company about a possible diabetes initiative, as they seek approval for a new diabetes drug. Three companies are pursuing approval of a new class of drugs that treat Type II diabetes by controlling blood sugar levels. With South Carolina in the top 10 of diabetes incidence, the state could develop the relationships for a premiere initiative to improve the health and lives of its citizens.

South Carolina BIO is taking 13 partners and the largest group ever to the massive convention. The event allows many press opportunities in the Press Center and at the booth and will help magnify the partners' own efforts to grow South Carolina life sciences jobs.

I look forward to talking with you further,

Wayne

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