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Dear Mr. Earley:

On January 4, 2012, our office received a Freedom of Information Act request from Senator C. Bradley Hutto. This office responded to Senator Hutto's letter by providing all non-exempt materials that are responsive to his request. Senator Hutto subsequently clarified his earlier request and asked us to seek out and produce additional emails that "are retained on either a private or public server or any other type of 'back-up' system."

We are not aware of any additional responsive emails that have not already been produced. Nevertheless, we write to identify what steps would need to be taken, and at what cost to the agency, for your office to undertake this search. In this regard, we would appreciate it if you could let us know the process needed for your office to search through archived emails on back-up tapes or other offline storage devices used by DSIT to provide email services to the Governor's Office.

For purposes of such a search or searches, we would need for DSIT to search through email addresses that end with the root "@gov.sc.gov," along with the following email addresses of personnel who address constituent matters on behalf of the Office of the Governor: kthomas@oepp.sc.gov, ejacobs@oepp.sc.gov, scooper@oepp.sc.gov, dmoore@oepp.sc.gov, driley@oepp.sc.gov, and ldupress@oepp.sc.gov.

Similarly, Senator Hutto's request would require DSIT to account for at least the following terms when performing any searches: "Port of Jasper," "Jasper Port," "Port of Savannah," "Savannah Port," "Port of Charleston," "Charleston Port," "DHEC," "Department of Health and Environmental Control," "SRMC," "Savannah River Maritime Commission," "Corps of Engineers," "Army Corps," "dredge," "certification of the application," "401 certification,"

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“401 permit,” “401 application,” “water quality certification,” “water quality permit,” “water quality application,” “SHEP,” and “Savannah River Harbor Expansion Project.”

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this. Please let us know what steps your office would need to take in order to perform the searches described above, as well as the cost to the agency associated with those searches, at your earliest convenience. If you have questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Swati".

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel