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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley, Governor
State of South Carolina
State House, 1st Floor
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Governor Haley:

This letter is in response to a request by your staff regarding the revenue impact of a proposed Appropriations Act proviso that states, “Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any fee, fine, or penalty imposed or assessed by the State Ethics Commission in the current fiscal year shall be deposited in the General Fund.”

Based on historical State Ethics Commission fee and penalty collections and agency-estimated collections for FY 2013-14, we expect that other fund revenue allocated to the State Ethics Commission would decrease by \$339,000 in FY 2013-14. The General Fund would see a corresponding increase of \$339,000 in FY 2013-14 without any further guidance as to where the fee and penalty revenue will be deposited.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank A. Rainwater".

Frank A. Rainwater

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