

From: Soura, Christian
To: Godfrey, RobRobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov
Date: 9/19/2012 12:56:04 PM
Subject: Re: home insurance/question

Talk to Josh - I think he talked to these guys.

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From: Godfrey, Rob
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 12:54 PM
To: Pitts, Ted; Pearson, Tim; Baker, Josh; Soura, Christian
Subject: FW: home insurance/question

Y'all have some time to discuss?

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From: Bartelme, Tony [mailto:tbartelme@postandcourier.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 19, 2012 9:39 AM
To: Godfrey, Rob
Subject: home insurance/question

Hi Rob,

We're running a story this weekend about home insurance rates and ways that might enable consumers to better understand and lower their bills. The story looks at some potential legislative fixes, such as rescinding the automatic rate increases, as well as ways the state DOI could better use information to help consumers navigate the complex issue of buying home insurance, especially on the coast. The story talks about how rates have gone up a lot, and I quote a guy named Daryl Ferguson, a retired CEO of a large utility in Beaufort who has formed a team of business people to look at the home insurance issue. I've spoken at length with folks from DOI but I also have a couple of questions for the governor:

1. Does the governor have any concerns about the rise in home insurance rates? If so what are they, and does she have any plans to address them?
2. Mr. Ferguson said he has requested a meeting with the governor and his business team repeatedly over the past few months. He said that he and another member of his team, Andy Twisdale, were pawned off on an aid to an aid who essentially said the governor was too busy. Ferguson's position is that the governor challenged the business community to help her govern, that his team was ready to help, but that he was rebuffed. He says he's concerned that this reflects badly on the governor for what is an important pocketbook issue. So, with that in mind, why did the governor/staff decide not to meet with his team?

Thanks, and my deadline is tomorrow at about 2

Tony

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