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Dear Katherine,

After meeting with Rep. Merrill regarding recommendations for the annexation committee we agreed that we would submit four names to the Governor for consideration. Rep. Merrill would submit two proponents and I would submit two opponents.

Before contacting potential candidates, I met with other members of the Berkeley Legislative Delegation to discuss this matter and seek their input on recommendations. While several names were discussed, the two leading candidates were John West and John Tiencken.

I am pleased to report that I have met with John West, a resident of Moncks Corner and with John Tiencken, a resident of Daniel Island and both have agreed to serve on the committee should the Governor accept my recommendations.

Both are well respected private practice attorneys with extensive legal experience including county annexations. They have a proven history of public service and continue to be active with several non-profit organizations.

John Tiencken is an attorney with the The Tiencken Law Firm LLC and is a resident of Daniel Island. He is a former President and CEO of Santee Cooper and a national expert on energy issues. Mr. Tiencken can be contacted at 234 Seven Farms Drive Daniel Island, SC 29492 or by phone at (843) 377-8417 office or (843) 729-7883 cell.

John West is an attorney with West Law Firm, LLC, Moncks Corner. Mr. West is a former Executive Vice-President and Chief Legal Officer of Santee Cooper and a former member of the South Carolina Ethics Commission. Mr. West may be reached at P O Box 1869 Moncks Corner, SC 29461 and by phone at (843) 761-5626 office or (843) 209-4315 cell.

Should you have any concerns or questions regarding my recommendations, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Larry Grooms