

From: Pisarik, Holly  
To: Patel, Swati <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov>  
Butch Bowers <Butch@ButchBowers.com>  
Date: 9/3/2015 11:03:22 AM  
Subject: RE: Revised Ethics Letter - SC Box Tixs (2)

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Potential Quote -

The University of South Carolina has a decades-long tradition, spanning across many administrations of providing the Office of the Governor with football tickets and use of an executive suite for state-related purposes. Items given to a state entity not for the benefit of a public official are not prohibited by the Ethics Act.

If asked about Herb's initial response – We agree with Mr. Hayden's interpretation of the Ethics Act given in response to a generic scenario, but do not believe it is applicable in this particular situation.

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From: Patel, Swati  
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 10:23 AM  
To: Butch Bowers; Pisarik, Holly  
Subject: RE: Revised Ethics Letter - SC Box Tixs (2)

The press shop will ask us to prepare a response. Holly – can you write up a quote? USC wants to coordinate the letter and probably a quote, so mention that to Terry please.

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From: Butch Bowers [<mailto:Butch@ButchBowers.com>]  
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 10:17 AM  
To: Pisarik, Holly; Patel, Swati  
Subject: Re: Revised Ethics Letter - SC Box Tixs (2)

Perfect. Great work, y'all.

If the press shop responds to the reporter, please make sure they don't unwittingly throw Herb under the bus. It would be nice to throw Herb a bone by saying we agree with his interpretation of 2-17-90, but it simply doesn't apply here for the reasons set forth in the letter. Thanks.

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From: Pisarik, Holly <[HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov](mailto:HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov)>  
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2015 10:03:35 AM  
To: Patel, Swati; Butch Bowers  
Subject: Revised Ethics Letter - SC Box Tixs (2)