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Just wanted to drop you a note in light of Tom Davis' departure earlier this week. We are sure that Tom will do well in whatever he decides to do in the next chapter of life and we wish him well.

In light of that, Governor Sanford has asked me to assume the day-to-day responsibilities as Acting Chief of Staff to make it through the rest of the legislative session. I am not sure if it will extend beyond that, but as a result, I wanted to make sure we highlight other members of the team who can provide guidance in many circumstances.

Ultimately, the goal is to make sure that we can be as thorough and responsive as we can be for the each and every Cabinet agency out there. I believe that this will help all of you get the best possible direction and response from the Governor's Office.

Media / Communications

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When you get inbound media questions, Joel should be the first stop for the agency. Just so that you know, Joel and I are in constant communication regarding inbound and outbound media for the Administration. In many cases, Joel can provide guidance more

effectively than I can - since I will automatically make sure that he is in the loop. While Joel does pick up a good deal of the inbound questions, I wanted to make sure that everyone knew he was your first point of contact on that front.

It is important to emphasize, for those of you who do not know, if we are going to read about it in the press the next day - the agency MUST contact us to keep us in the loop. Remember, there is a probability that Joel is the next call after your Public Information Officer and we should ALL be on the same page.

#### Legal Affairs/Emergency Preparedness

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For legal questions and FOIA requests, Swati is your first point of contact. Most agencies know to contact our legal office in the course of those major issues coming up.

In addition, we have centralized all of our emergency preparedness for hurricanes and disaster response, such as last week's tornadoes, into the Legal Office with Swati running point. As has happened in the past, Joel and I will also be tied into the hurricane response team and most other situations, as well. However, it was important that we task one point of contact and Swati will be running that through our Legal Office.

#### Budget Issues

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Grant has the fortune or misfortune of wearing many hats in our office. He is both point on Policy and Budget for the Governor, and will also be sharing time with the legislators. However, as questions move forward on the budget and legislation, Grant is the ideal contact in the office. In addition, Grant runs the weekly meetings with the Cabinet agency liaisons on Tuesdays at 11 am in the Wade Hampton Building.

Many of you have been working directly with Policy Staff and nothing has changed on this front.

#### Legislative Issues

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Many of you have worked with Marisa in her previous position as Director of Cabinet Affairs and in the Communications shop. Marisa is our office's primary liaison for the House, but she is also handling the overall operations of the legislative office at this time.

Bob Frisina, who is our Senate liaison and Grant Gillespie will also working on legislative issues as well.

As always, if there are specific questions that I can help you with, you know how to contact me directly or go through Leigh LeMoine in our office.

Thanks and take care,

