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HERBERT R. HAYDEN, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

December 12, 2014

Mr. Michael Johnson
1417 Lee Blvd
Orangeburg, SC 29118

RE: Statement of Economic Interests Form upon Appointment or Entering Official Responsibilities- \$100.00 Late Filing Penalty

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to Section 8-13-1110(A), South Carolina Code Ann., 1976, as amended, no public official, public member or public employee may take the oath of office or enter upon his official responsibilities unless he has filed a Statement of Economic Interests Form. Further, Section 8-13-1340 requires a Statement of Economic Interests to be filed annually, as long as you serve. Once you assumed the position as a Trustee for the Research Authority, you should have filed a 2013 Statement of Economic Interest in September.

In accordance with Section 8-13-1510, South Carolina Code Ann., 1976, as amended, a late filing penalty of \$100 is hereby levied. This penalty is payable immediately to the State Ethics Commission. If the Statement of Economic Interests Form is not filed within ten calendar days of receipt of this letter, additional penalties will be levied at \$10 per day for the first ten days, and \$100 per day for each additional day until the penalty reaches \$5,000. If extenuating circumstances prevented you from filing the form as required, you may file a written appeal of this late filing penalty. To file an appeal you must do the following within ten (10) days of the date you receive this letter:

- (1) Send a check or money order made payable to the State Ethics Commission for the penalty amount;
- (2) File the Statement of Economic Interests Form online at <http://ethics.sc.gov/>; and
- (3) Provide a written statement describing any extenuating circumstances.

Please be advised that all appeals must be in writing and must follow the above directions. NO phone or e-mail appeals will be accepted. Failure to file a Statement of Economic Interests Form is a misdemeanor. After the maximum civil penalty has been levied, this matter will be referred to Magistrate's Court for criminal prosecution. This matter will also be referred to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for collection, and the penalty amount and your name, address (city) and position will be posted on the State Ethics Commission's website. Please contact this office further if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Hayden, Jr.", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Herbert R. Hayden, Jr.
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RE: 2014 Statement of Economic Interests - \$100.00 Late Filing Penalty

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As a Trustee for the Research Authority, you are required to file an annual Statement of Economic Interests. A list of everyone required to file was mailed to each agency in January 2014. Our records indicate that you have not filed the report which was to be filed prior to March 30, 2014.

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