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September 11, 2014

The Honorable Robert W. Harrell, Jr.
South Carolina House of Representatives
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Dear Bobby:

This letter is in response to you notifying the Clerk of the House, earlier today, of your suspension from the House of Representatives effective immediately.

I thank you for proactively and immediately taking action upon being informed that the allegations made against you require, by law, your suspension from the House. It was the right decision for the South Carolina House of Representatives, its members, and the people we represent.

After you notified the House Clerk of your suspension, I received a copy of an Attorney General opinion, dated today, asserting that I, as Speaker Pro-Tempore was required to suspend you from your duties. As you had previously taken that lawfully required action I believe that issue to be moot.

I regret this unfortunate circumstance. However, I will dutifully carry out the responsibilities of the Speaker of the House pursuant to House Rule 1.8 and will proceed with the mandates required of the presiding officer pursuant to Section 8-13-560. Consequently, I am informing you that your suspension, effective 10:35 a.m., September 11, 2014, remains in effect until Section 8-13-560 requires the declaration of a vacancy in House Seat 114 or requires your reinstatement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. H. Lucas", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James H. Lucas
Speaker Pro Tempore

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