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Richland cColleagues,

After reading media reports earlier this week that the board “won’t be seated until mid-October”, I called the Governor’s office and asked them to expedite the process. They agreed to do that.

In speaking with the Governor’s office today, I was told “4 of 5 have been processed” and that they sent information concerning the 5<sup>th</sup> to the delegation office. I asked the Governor’s office to not proceed further until the delegation has reviewed that information and discussed whether the delegation wants to proceed or not with that appointment. They agreed to do so.

Before sending this email to y’all, I called Kim and asked for the information. I received verbal information but want to review what was sent to our delegation office and believe each of us should see the background checks and discuss and decide what we (individually/collectively as a delegation) would like to do.

The sharing of this information is common practice in other delegations; particularly Lexington County where I also serve.

Chairman Neal and Kim, please forward the information our office received to each member and I ask that we call a

meeting to discuss the matter and determine how best to serve the residents of Richland County. Appointments to this extremely critical board must be fully vetted and the board will continue to have much scrutiny until our voters can be confident in the commissioners and the Elections Office's ability to protect our citizens' right to vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nathan Ballentine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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