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Subject: Fwd: Urgent! Mr. Mike Harris - my constituent - issue with licensing.

Can you look into this situation for Shannon?

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From: Shannon Erickson <repshannonerickson@gmail.com>
Date: September 28, 2015 at 4:14:02 PM EDT
To: <fulmern@sc.edu>
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Mr. Fulmer,

I am apologize if the letter below should have also come to your attention. As I am sure you will surmise, I take issue with the denial of my constituent, Mr. Mike Harris' Hobby Divers relicensure.

Since the denial letter had no signature, only The Institute's info and the envelope had a Charleston office return address and postmark, I thought perhaps I should share my concerns with you as well.

I appreciate your help and attention to this issue.

Shannon Erickson

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From: Shannon Erickson <repshannonerickson@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 28, 2015 at 3:57 PM
Subject: Urgent! Mr. Mike Harris - my constituent - issue with licensing.
To: dave.cicimurri@scmuseum.org

Curator Cicimurri,

I have been contacted by my constituent, Mike Harris, regarding his Hobby Divers Licence through The South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. Mr. Harris is quite beloved in our lowcountry area and known as the "Shark Tooth Fairy" who uses his diving finds to allow children, many impoverished, special needs and in foster care, to come and have a treasure hunt, of sorts, all the while teaching them the uniqueness of our estuary and saltwater

marsh systems, respect for natural resources etc. Sadly, it seems there is a bit of a problem regarding his report filings and his relicensure.

I have reviewed the regulations and license applications, as well as the letter he has received from the Institute citing **unfiled** reports as basis for not renewing his license. Also, I am a bit confused with the content of the letter citing "a separate report should be filed per dive location, for each dive, outlining what was specifically collected." I do not see this in the regulation, in fact, the regulation only requires reports to be submitted in a specific number of days on a quarterly basis, but does not state individual dive reports are required.

I do see in the regulations that no relicensure will be considered until all outstanding reports are filed but the issue for Mr. Harris is not un-filed reports. According to the letter from the Institute, Mr. Harris' reports have been filed and received but have been deemed "incomplete" by a measure of the Institute. Is this correct?

In so much as that is the case, please provide me with the regulation that stops a relicensure during a contested "content" matter of a filing as I only see the requirement that they be filed. I see no mention of accepted, agreed upon, or even contested filings.

If these are practices that the Institute has in place and is currently using, I would suggest that they are not following the regulations and based on these issues, I request that Mr. Harris' application for relicensure of a SC Hobby Diver's License be accepted and issued.

If you/the Institute have significant research-based need behind your operating procedures versus your regulations as currently written, as past Chair of Regulations Subcommittee of the SC House Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee, I would be happy to assist with the rewriting and submission of some stakeholder and Institute agreed upon changes. Unfortunately, however, since the regulations (54-7-670) do not include, to my knowledge, information which you are using to deny Mr. Harris' relicensure, I urge the Institute will follow the regulations that are in place and issue the license immediately.

I look forward to a quick resolution of this issue and would request that I hear from you by Wednesday, September 30, 2015, as Mr. Harris' license is set to expire this week.

Thank you for your time and attention,
Shannon Erickson

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