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Mr. Eric Ward
South Carolina Policy Council
1323 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Ward,

On June 29, 2011, our office received your Freedom of Information Act Request for the following records:

- (1) All individual expenditures of public funds, and what the funds were spent on, by the Governor's Office and other members of the South Carolina delegation related to the 49th International Paris Air Show, held the week of June 20-26, 2011, in Paris, France; and the economic development trade mission to Germany that same week;
- (2) The names of all Governor's Office, executive branch staff members/employees and other South Carolina delegation members, including any of their spouses, who attended the Paris Air Show and took part in the economic development mission to Germany;
- (3) The specific itineraries – including times; locations; individuals met with; hotels, restaurants and other destinations; etc. – for the Governor, Governor's Office staff members/employees and other South Carolina delegation members, including any of their spouses, who attended the Paris Air Show and the economic development mission to Germany;
- (4) All emails and text messages related to the Paris Air Show and the economic development mission to Germany sent by and received from state-owned devices issued to the Governor and any other Governor's Office staff members/employees who attended the Paris Air Show and the economic development mission to Germany.

Please find enclosed records responsive to your request. Many of the records you have requested may be found at the Department of Commerce which organized and sponsored the trip. The following exemptions apply to the responsive public records: FOIA Sections 30-4-40(a)(5)(c) (confidential proprietary information provided to a public body for economic development or contract negotiations) and 30-4-40(a)(9) (memoranda, correspondence, and working papers

relative to efforts or activities of a public body to attract business or industry to invest within South Carolina).

Due to the high volume of Freedom of Information Act requests received by the Governor's Office and the significant costs associated with producing the requests, our office will charge a reasonable cost of copying records as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b). We estimate that the cost will be at least \$8.30 (83 pages at 10 cents per page). You may send a check made payable to the "Office of the Governor." Please provide the payment, and we will send the information to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati S. Patel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Swati" being the most prominent part.

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

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