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FYI- from Rep. Smith

Has Bill given any feedback on timing?

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Look great – Any idea for timing?

Thanks, J

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**To:** James Smith <james@jamesmith.com>  
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Rep. Smith,

I am currently attending a conference and I am not in the office, but I wanted you to have the information below and get some additional feedback from you. Please let us know if you have any questions and if you need anything!

Thank you,  
Haley

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Baker, Josh" <JoshBaker@gov.sc.gov>  
**Date:** June 27, 2016 at 7:54:52 AM PDT  
**To:** "Mottel, Haley" <HaleyMottel@gov.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Veterans Issues Study Committee

Haley,

I see his point; the way Commerce reports membership on the committee, the "gubernatorial appointments" would be inclusive of 2 legislators – Sen Davis and Rep Murrell Smith, bringing the membership to 4. Looking into this though, the structure Commerce reports is a little off from the structure of the Executive Order, which we will address in the next day or two. Overall, though, here's the goal as I see it:

12-15 members tied to the MBTF organized as a sister organization or subcommittee

Roughly equal legislative, private sector, executive branch split

Private sector pulled from current membership of MBTF

- Bill Bethea
- 3 – 4 other Gubernatorial Appointments

Executive Branch would be directors of relevant entities, chosen from some mix of the following list to reflect employment, special needs related to disability and PTSD, and community integration post-separation and post-deployment:

- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
- Department of Employment and Workforce
- State Veterans Affairs
- Adjutant General
- Correctional or Law Enforcement. Prosecution Coordination Commission feels right here, but I'm open to suggestion.

Legislators would represent military communities and military interests

- Tom Davis (Parris Island/Beaufort Aviation)
- Murrell Smith (Shaw)
- James Smith (Veteran/Guard and Reserve Component)
- Senate – Currently Vacant

12 works out well with legislative and private sector at 4 each – the balance may tip based on the number of agencies we choose to represent with committee membership, as opposed to just having the agency present information. We could also pull off the disability/mental health agencies entirely and accomplish that representation by appointing members of that community or credible non-profits/providers. This would occupy gubernatorial appointments and keep the overall size of the committee manageable.

Thoughts?

Josh

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**From:** Mottel, Haley  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2016 10:24 AM  
**To:** Baker, Josh  
**Subject:** FW: Veterans Issues Study Committee

Please see the feedback below. Thank you.

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**From:** James Smith [<mailto:james@jamesmith.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 7:59 PM  
**To:** Mottel, Haley  
**Cc:** Veldran, Katherine  
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Haley – Thank you.

I appreciate the additional members of the executive branch and understand their relevance. Not sure why we would reduce the legislative representation by 70%.

If the Governor was looking for appointments in the Senate, I would suggest West Point Graduate and US Army Airborne Ranger Senator Wes Hayes...

J

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Rep. Smith,

It was great to see you this week. Josh Baker developed the membership below for the Veterans Issues Study Committee that will likely become a component of the Military Base Task Force and staffed by the State Office of Veterans' Affairs.

We would greatly appreciate your feedback. We sent this list to Chairman Bill Bethea with the MBTF for his review and comment as well. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Gubernatorial Appointees of the MBTF  
Chairman of MBTF or designee serving as the chair of the committee  
Adjutant General or designee  
Director, Department of Disabilities and Special Needs  
Director, Department of Mental Health  
Chair, Commission on Prosecution Coordination  
Director, Department of Corrections  
Director, Department of Employment and Workforce  
Legislative appointments – one House and one Senate

Thank you for all of your help!

Thank you,  
Haley

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