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Let's discuss.

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Rob,
We are doing a story on the tragic deaths of the 5 Lexington County children's deaths in 2014. A lawsuit just filed in the Jones family case makes numerous allegations that DSS was negligent numerous times in not better protecting the children, even though the agency had multiple reports of child abuse.

Question No. 1 -- can you send me the media contact information for DSS?

Question No. 2 -- given that the governor made statements in 2014 that certain people who complain about DSS were politicizing the situation, does she still feel the same way?
Specifically, in September 2014, when Vincent Sheheen criticized DSS for having "dropped the ball" on the Jones case, Gov. Haley criticized Sheheen, saying he was playing politics.
"Vincent Sheheen has long been known as someone who will try to take political advantage of any tragedy, but we didn't think even he would stoop so low as to politicize one of the saddest situation in state history" the governor was quoted as saying.

Please let me hear from you,
Thanks,
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