

State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

August 7, 2012

Mr. Stephen Lagen
Reporter, *The Post and Courier*
134 Columbus Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Mr. Lagen,

On July 17, 2012, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for:

[A]ll emails sent by Gov. Nikki Haley, her chiefs of staff and legislative staff since Jan. 1...[to] include those from state and personal accounts[;] ...a record of phone calls by the governor on her state cell phone during that same period[; and]text messages or Blackberry messages sent by the governor during that time..."

We have located records responsive to your request for Governor Haley and each of the staff members you identified for the time period beginning January 1, 2012 up to the date our office received the request. 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 compiling and copying records as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b).

At this time, we estimate the total number of outgoing emails will be at a minimum 4,000; however this initial estimate does not include the pages associated with each email or attachments. We estimate the pages of attachments to be approximately 7,000. We estimate the pages of monthly phone records for the Governor's state cell phone to be six pages. Finally, we estimate the amount of staff time needed to compile these records to be four hours.

Our initial estimate of total cost for production of this records request is broken down as follows: individual emails total \$400.00 (4,000 pages at 10 cents per page); emails with attachments total \$1,100 (11,000 pages at 10 cents per page); phone records total \$0.60 (six pages at 10 cents per page); and staff time totals \$61.24 (four hours at an average hourly rate of \$15.38 per hour).

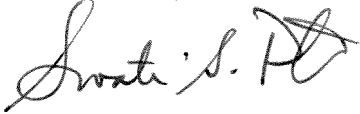
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If you would like to receive all responsive records, please provide a deposit in the amount of \$500.00. We will begin compiling the records when the deposit is received. You may send a check made payable to the "Office of the Governor" to the address below.

Office of the Governor
c/o Swati S. Patel
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to narrow the scope of your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati S. Patel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel