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Swati Patel
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Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton St.,
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Ms. Patel:

The following request is made under the S.C. Freedom of Information Act.

Pursuant to the adopted records retention policy with the S.C. Department of Archives and History, which was signed on March 12, 2012, please provide me with copies of all correspondence generated from March 12, 2012, through the date of the receipt of this letter, and handled personally by the governor, including, but not limited to, the following records:

- Dictated letters and handwritten messages between the governor and staff, constituents, government and political colleagues;
- Electronic mail personally sent or received by the governor, including, but not limited to, faxes; emails, both from public accounts and any private accounts if those messages dealt with public matters; Facebook/Twitter direct messages, both from public accounts and any private accounts if those messages dealt with public matters; and cell phone text messages, both from public phones and any private phones if those messages dealt with public matters;
- The governor's correspondence log.

I would like to request a waiver of any fees for this request. Disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations and activities of state government, and is not in our commercial interest.

However, if there is any anticipated cost, please provide an estimate prior to providing the requested records; and please provide the methodology used to determine the anticipated fees.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (803) 254-4411, or rick@thenerve.org.

Sincerely,

Rick Brundrett
Investigative Reporter, *The Nerve* (www.thenerve.org)