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Subject: RE: Post and Courier reporter/Please call

I'll call her.

For NRH's position...quick thoughts...

- Can lift some language out of our quote on the Clemson bill, re: our commitment to regulatory relief for South Carolina's public colleges and universities.
- We're still fighting for Accountability-Based Funding (ABF). The House has already passed ABF this year, and we appreciate Chairman Phil Owens' support. We're also optimistic and there are encouraging signs that the Senate Education Committee will take action on ABF later this month.
- Yesterday, in the wake of the Higher Education Efficiency and Administrative Policies Act that the Governor signed two years ago, the Budget and Control Board took steps to establish a new Human Resources system for higher education. This action will give institutions greater flexibility to develop the specialized workforce they need in order to achieve their missions, and will improve accountability without creating new administrative burdens.

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Few things here:

- 1) Christian, do you mind backgrounding this reporter, as you did at the higher ed summit?
- 2) Also, do you mind sending over what you suggest our response should be on the record? I'd like to be able to discuss with the governor soonest.

Thanks!

Rob

From: Knich, Diane [<mailto:dknich@postandcourier.com>]
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Rob,

I am writing on update on what happened on higher education restructuring and performance-based funding this year.

At the Governor's press conference in October, I talked to a member of your staff who gave me a lot of background information. But I can't remember who that was.

I would appreciate having another background conversation on the issue. Then, I would like to talk to someone on the record. Can you please help me arrange that today?

And of course, I'll be asking legislators about this.

Let me know,

Diane

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