

July 30th, 2015

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Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please accept this letter as a request under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. I request from your office all electronic communications, whether by e-mail, fax, text (SMS) message, or by other means, between the Governor and her staff, the Governor and staff of the Office of the Governor and members of the state legislature, the Governor and the staff of the Office of the Governor with corporate entities or representatives thereof¹ which concerned the Confederate Infantry Battle Flag previously located at the Confederate Soldiers Memorial on Gervais Street from June 15th, 2015 until the receipt of this letter. I further request all electronic communications, e.g. email, fax, text (SMS) message, between the Governor and her staff that were sent to members of the US Congressional Delegation for the State of South Carolina and/or members of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States of America which concerned the Confederate Infantry Battle Flag previously located at the Confederate Soldiers Memorial on Gervais Street from June 15th, 2015 until the receipt of this letter. Finally I request any and all transcripts, notes, minutes, or other recordings of meetings involving the Governor and/or the staff of the Office of the Governor, which were not press conferences, concerning the Confederate Infantry Battle Flag previously located at the Confederate Soldiers Monument on Gervais Street from June 15th, 2015 to the receipt of this letter.

This letter is to be construed liberally in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. All electronic communications are requested which concern the above mentioned Confederate Infantry Battle Flag whether they were sent or received on either an

¹ This includes all registered lobbyist regardless of whether their principal is a corporation or not.

official government e-mail or phone account, or a personal email or phone account if the communication was done in furtherance of official duties. I ask that all emails or phone communications of any kind be released if they were sent or received on an official South Carolina government account regardless of whether or not such communications were personal in nature.

Should any part of any record that is related to this request be exempt/or prohibited from disclosure under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act I ask that you specifically name such exemption and cite from which portion of the South Carolina Code of Laws and/or Constitution of 1895 such disclosure is derived from. Finally should a record contain material which is both exempt and/or prohibited from disclosure be contained in a document which has material which is releasable under the Freedom of Information Act I remind you of your duty to redact such portions which are not disclosable and release the remainder of the document.

Since this request concerns matters of great public importance I ask that any fees for the reproduction of these records be waived. I also ask that if at all possible the information be delivered to me in electronic format. Should fees in this matter not be waived I ask that they not exceed \$100, should they exceed this limit I ask that you kindly inform me of such by writing at the address listed above.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.H. McAbee III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

W.H. McAbee III