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To: Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 11/17/2016 1:20:54 PM
Subject: FW: potential SC trip

From: McNamara, Phil [mailto:phil.mcnamara@HQ.DHS.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 11:42 AM
To: Smith, Austin
Cc: Glaccum, David
Subject: Re: potential SC trip

Need to check with them. Typically we come in and explain the requirements of the REAL ID Act and regulations, the common myths and misperceptions of the law (no national database, etc), what is deficient in a particular state, and what some options may be to fix those deficiencies. But for the other meetings we've done there's not been a printed agenda per se. Rather someone from the governor's team has convened the meeting, we went around the room and did intros, then we (DHS) launched into the substance, but it quickly became a very natural back and forth discussion.

From: Smith, Austin [mailto:AustinSmith@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 10:25 AM
To: McNamara, Phil
Cc: Glaccum, David <DavidGlaccum@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

Phil,

Does your team have a basic agenda we can distribute to the legislators attending on the 5th? I don't think they're looking for anything too involved, but a couple members have pinged our legislative shop.

Best,

Austin

From: McNamara, Phil [mailto:phil.mcnamara@HQ.DHS.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 2:10 PM
To: Smith, Austin
Cc: Glaccum, David
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

HA. Well said. See you in December.

From: Smith, Austin [mailto:AustinSmith@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 2:09 PM
To: McNamara, Phil
Cc: Glaccum, David
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

Yes sir. 1:00 p.m. on Monday, 12/5 in Room 252 of the Edgar Brown Building (1205 Pendleton St, Columbia, SC 29201).

I'm sorry for the changes. Much like DC, our legislature marches to the beat of its own drum.

From: McNamara, Phil [mailto:phil.mcnamara@HQ.DHS.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 10:53 AM
To: Smith, Austin
Cc: Glaccum, David
Subject: Re: potential SC trip

So just to make sure I'm reading this correctly, you want to pull down this coming Monday 11/14 and look to do Monday 12/5? Is that right?

From: Smith, Austin [mailto:AustinSmith@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2016 09:51 AM
To: McNamara, Phil
Cc: Glaccum, David <DavidGlaccum@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

Phil,

We've hit a snag on our end. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate is no longer available on November 14. It looks like December 5 would be our only other option due to an organizational session of the General Assembly that begins on December 6. On 12/5, the Senate President Pro Tem Hugh Leatherman, House Speaker Jay Lucas, and Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey would all be able to make it. We're still working on rescheduling with the chairmen of the respective transportation committees, the minority leaders, and the House Majority Leader. The meeting will likely be held in the Gressette Building (Senate Offices) adjacent to the Statehouse. The address here is 1205 Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC 29205.

Thanks,

Austin

From: McNamara, Phil [mailto:phil.mcnamara@HQ.DHS.GOV]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 4:05 PM
To: Smith, Austin
Cc: Glaccum, David
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

Sounds great. And just let us know where exactly we are going in terms of meeting location. Also, from our end we are not planning any sort of public press/acknowledgement about this meeting.

From: Smith, Austin [mailto:AustinSmith@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 4:04 PM
To: McNamara, Phil
Cc: Glaccum, David
Subject: Re: potential SC trip

Phil,

Thanks for accommodating our folks. Our legislative director is still waiting on confirmation from a few members. I'll send you the roster as soon as we can confirm.

Best,

Austin

On Nov 7, 2016, at 3:57 PM, McNamara, Phil <phil.mcnamara@HQ.DHS.GOV> wrote:

Just circling back on this. We got flights booked that get us into CAE at 10:36 am.

I haven't been to Columbia in a few years, but I think airport to State House is only a 15-20 minute drive if I remember correctly.

If all goes well, I expect we should be at State House by 11:15 at the latest.

Possible to get a list of participants that you expect?

From: Smith, Austin [<mailto:AustinSmith@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 04:40 PM
To: McNamara, Phil; Glaccum, David <DavidGlaccum@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

Thanks. Senate Majority Leader has to be in the Upstate (2 hr drive) by 2:00, so that would help. I'm sorry for making this more difficult.

From: McNamara, Phil [<mailto:phil.mcnamara@HQ.DHS.GOV>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 4:32 PM
To: Smith, Austin; Glaccum, David
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

Ok, will get a flight down there that lands earlier in the morning.

From: Smith, Austin [<mailto:AustinSmith@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 4:31 PM
To: McNamara, Phil; Glaccum, David
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

I'm checking on it with the Senate. They have a majority caucus retreat that starts that afternoon.

From: McNamara, Phil [<mailto:phil.mcnamara@HQ.DHS.GOV>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 2:28 PM
To: Smith, Austin; Glaccum, David
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

There's an American Airlines non-stop flight from DCA to CAE that arrives in Columbia at 11:22 a.m. Possible to do the meeting early afternoon, say 12:30/1 p.m.? And then I can take the American Airlines 5:00 p.m. non-stop out that evening. That saves us from connecting in Charlotte.

From: Smith, Austin [<mailto:AustinSmith@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 2:09 PM
To: McNamara, Phil; Glaccum, David
Subject: RE: potential SC trip

Phil,

Can you pencil us in for November 14 at 1030/1100? Based on our preliminary legislative conversations, that date would work best. I checked availability of flights, and getting to Columbia and back for a midday meeting should work. We are making calls to legislative leaders now, so I will let you know in the next couple days whether we can pull it off for that day. If not, we are looking at December 6.

Thanks again for your help on this.

Best,

Austin

From: McNamara, Phil [<mailto:phil.mcnamara@HQ.DHS.GOV>]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 11:21 AM
To: Smith, Austin; Glaccum, David
Cc: McNamara, Phil
Subject: potential SC trip

Austin,

Sorry it has taken me a few days to get back to you. I wanted to circle back with you on a potential DHS trip to SC to meet with key state legislators on REAL ID.

Unfortunately, as we looked at our November calendar between some previously scheduled official work travel and then some personal travel around Thanksgiving the month of November quickly gotten eaten up.

We could come down anytime during the first week of December – December 5-9. Hopefully this would be still be sufficient enough time before the state legislature convenes in January 2017.

Alternatively, if there is a desire for us to come down sooner than the first week of December, we could come down on Monday, November 14. Would just need the meeting on Monday 11/14 to be timed so that we could make the trip down to Columbia and back to DC all in 1-day. I have official travel scheduled for Chicago the next day on Tuesday 11/15 so trying to ensure I can still make my Chicago commitment. We lose the next two weeks of November to Thanksgiving and then to some other work travel the last week. And poof November is gone.

We certainly have more flexibility that first week of December, but if you desire we could make 11/14 work.

Thanks,

-- phil mcnamara