



State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

1205 PENDLETON STREET
COLUMBIA 29201

January 14, 2015

Mr. Andy Shain
The State
1401 Shop Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Andy,

On December 18, 2014, our office received your Freedom of Information Act requests for the following:

A copy of the resignation letter sent by Kela Thomas to Gov. Nikki Haley [and] ...
any correspondence between the [G]overnor or her staff and Kela Thomas or her
representatives from Dec. 15-17.

Our office will provide any and all records in our possession that are responsive to your request, subject to any exemptions or redactions as allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-40(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws or as is otherwise exempt from disclosure by statute or regulation or prohibited from disclosure by court order.

With regard to the resignation letter, enclosed is a copy of the record responsive to your request, which our office has previously disclosed to members of the press and which is being provided without cost as is allowed pursuant to Section 30-4-30(b).

With regard to the correspondence, our office has identified emails responsive to your request, which may be exempt, redacted, or prohibited from disclosure as is allowed or required by law. Be advised that some emails may contain memos, letters, spreadsheets, or other documents as attachments. Should you wish our office to provide attachments, please clarify your request in writing. Our office will let you know as soon as the responsive records have been compiled and assessed for cost.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Swati".

Swati S. Patel
Chief Legal Counsel

SSP/rs

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December 16, 2014

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Haley,

First, thank you for asking me to serve the people of South Carolina. I appreciate the trust that you put in me to help transform South Carolina, and I believe during my tenure as Director of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, that we have made some great changes. I will resign on January 1, 2015 as Director. Thank you and Michael for opening your arms to me and my family. If I can help further your mission during the transition, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kela E. Thomas".

Kela E. Thomas
Director