



## State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

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1205 PENDLETON STREET  
COLUMBIA 29201

January 17, 2013

Mr. Stephen Largen  
Reporter, *The Post and Courier*  
134 Columbus Street  
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

Dear Mr. Largen,

On December 21, 2012, our office received your Freedom of Information Act request for the following:

[A]ll correspondence (emails, letters etc.) sent and received by your administration related to the resignation of Jim DeMint, the ensuing appointment process, finalists for the appointment, Tim Scott and other related topics.

We have located records responsive to your request. Due to the high volume of Freedom of Information Act requests received by the Governor's Office and the significant costs associated with producing the requests, our office will charge a reasonable cost of compiling and copying records as allowed pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 30-4-40(b).

At this time, we estimate the total number of pages, including attachments, for all correspondence to be 1,319: an estimated 219 pages of staff correspondence and an estimated 1,100 pages of constituent correspondence. For this production, our initial estimate of total cost is \$163.59: an estimated \$131.90 for copies (1,319 pages at ten cents per page) and an estimated \$31.69 for staff time to compile records (one hour at an hourly wage of \$31.69 per hour).

If you would like to receive all responsive records, please provide a deposit in the amount of \$100.00, and when received, we will begin compiling records. You may send a check made payable to the "Office of the Governor" to the following address:

Office of the Governor  
c/o Swati S. Patel  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

If you would like to narrow the scope of your request, please do so in writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Swati", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Swati S. Patel  
Chief Legal Counsel