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Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 4:17 PM
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Much appreciated. We look forward to continuing the conversation.

From: Haltiwanger, Katherine [mailto:KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 01, 2012 4:14 PM
To: Anne Neal
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Thank you for your e-mail. I have copied Ted Pitts, DCOS for Legislative and Cabinet Affairs. He has been running point on Higher ED for Governor Haley and is the best person for you to contact.

Thanks,

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Dear Katherine:

I recently addressed the Republican Governors' Association Policy Staff meeting on higher education, and Marie Sanderson recommended that I contact you.

By way of introduction, the American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to academic freedom, academic excellence, and accountability in higher education. Among our state-related initiatives is our state report card project, including our recent study on public higher education in South Carolina (attached).

The reason I reach out is to explore the possibility of the Governor hosting a statewide seminar for the trustees at South Carolina's colleges and universities. In 2010, we were a part of Gov. Sanford's Summit on Higher Education, and more recently we have worked with the governors' offices in Indiana and Virginia to put together programs for higher education trustees.

With the recent events at Penn State and the University of Virginia, board practices in public institutions have become a topic

of real interest. Given Gov. Haley's presence on the boards of South Carolina colleges and universities, her successful promotion of the Higher Education Efficiency and Administrative Policies Act, and the recent release of our analysis of South Carolina institutions, we believe the timing is ripe for a high-profile conference that would have significant impact for higher education in the state.

Thank you for your service to the people of South Carolina. My colleague Armand Alacbay and I look forward to following up.

Warm best wishes.

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