

February 22, 2015

Allen Amsler  
Chairman of the Board  
South Carolina Department of  
Health & Environmental Control  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Amsler:

In light of recent events, I am retracting my acceptance of the Board's offer of employment as Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. While it is not my nature or history to retreat when confronted with difficulty, I know from recent personal experience how this scenario plays out. Additionally, as I was reminded in church this morning, it's not about me; there is a bigger, more important picture to consider. My only purpose in becoming Director was to serve the Board, the agency, its employees and stakeholders, and the citizens of South Carolina, none of which will benefit from a protracted confirmation process, regardless of the outcome. There are many ways to serve, and I will continue to do so in order to pay forward the amazing gifts that God has bestowed upon me.

Thank you for confidence in me. It has been a pleasure to get to know you and I wish the Board all the best.

Regards,

  
Eleanor Kitzman