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**To:** Godfrey, Rob <RobGodfrey@gov.sc.gov>  
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**Date:** 1/29/2016 11:56:39 AM  
**Subject:** FW: From Sammy Fretwell, The State

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From: Baker, Josh  
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 11:56 AM  
To: Glaccum, David  
Subject: RE: From Sammy Fretwell, The State

Sammy's facts are wrong here – the \$35.5 million DHEC request is recurring and nonrecurring combined, and he only noted our recurring funding. Our total is actually \$17.8 million.

On the recurring side, we funded the agency's highest priorities – \$11.2 million for a data center to ensure continuity of all of the agency's critical information, and \$661,000 for the dams program. The remainder of the funding went to needed programs based on the department's priorities. As with any budget where the requests greatly exceed the availability of funds or reasonable growth rates, the Governor's Executive Budget prioritized those needs and recommended support for programs accordingly. Simply supporting the Department's request for 23% budget growth in a single year would have been unsustainable, and directed funds from other programs and initiatives.

It is worth noting that the Governor's budget also fully supported \$5 million in nonrecurring funds for the Agency's data center, improvements to the environmental lab and funds needed for the underground storage tank program.

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From: Glaccum, David  
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 11:38 AM  
To: Godfrey, Rob; Adams, Chaney; Baker, Josh  
Cc: Patel, Swati  
Subject: RE: From Sammy Fretwell, The State

Josh will have to address the more specific reasons on some of the dollar amounts, as he worked on DHEC's budget, but on the first question: the Governor does not seek everything our agencies ask for.

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From: Godfrey, Rob  
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 10:52 AM  
To: Adams, Chaney; Glaccum, David; Baker, Josh  
Cc: Patel, Swati  
Subject: RE: From Sammy Fretwell, The State

Thanks y'all.

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From: Adams, Chaney  
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 10:51 AM  
To: Glaccum, David; Baker, Josh  
Cc: Godfrey, Rob; Patel, Swati  
Subject: FW: From Sammy Fretwell, The State

Josh and David,

Can you get us answers here within the hour?

From: Fretwell, Sammy [<mailto:sfretwell@thestate.com>]

Sent: Friday, January 29, 2016 10:36 AM

To: Adams, Chaney

Subject: From Sammy Fretwell, The State

Chaney,

I had a few questions about Gov. Haley's executive budget and DHEC's proposed budget.

A handout given to me by the House Ways and Means Committee shows that the governor is requesting about \$12.7 million more for DHEC programs in next year's budget.

But DHEC is seeking \$35.5 million in additional money to supplement its base budget of \$106.86 million, according to the handout.

### **Questions**

A) Why is the governor seeking less new money than DHEC?

B) Specifically, why is the governor seeking \$201,250 more for water quality monitoring, when DHEC says \$945,000 in new money is needed?

C) Why is the governor not seeking additional state money to bolster the state's air monitoring program?

D) Why is the governor seeking \$350,000 in new money for NPL gold mine sites, when DHEC says \$450,000 is needed?

Thanks,

Sammy Fretwell

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