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VIA EMAIL

Commissioner Huge E. Weathers
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Dear Commissioner Weathers:

The House Legislative Oversight Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee is currently performing an oversight study of the Attorney General's Office. The purpose of legislative oversight is to determine if agency laws and programs are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or even eliminated. Any House Member may file legislation to implement the Committee's recommendations.

The purpose of this letter is to seek input from your office about the questions attached. If your office would like to provide input, which would be appreciated, please do so before Friday, July 29, 2022. Additionally, the subcommittee welcomes any other input or feedback your office would like to provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Wooten".

Representative Chris Wooten
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee

Questions to Department of Agriculture

1. Could the Department of Agriculture attorneys handle the responsibilities of enforcing marketing orders for the Agriculture Commission and Commodity Board, or is there a service that is still needed from the Attorney General's Office? See S.C. Code Section 46-17-420 and Slide 23 in the Attorney General's Civil Litigation Presentation.