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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Major General Robert E. Livingston, Jr.
Adjutant General of South Carolina
1 National Guard Rd.
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Adjutant General Livingston:

The Executive Subcommittee appreciates the agency's partnership in the oversight process. The purpose of this letter is to note potential duplication of efforts across multiple state agencies as it relates to maintaining and displaying military history and artifacts.

To address this issue, the Subcommittee requests representatives from the SC Military Museum, in consultation, as necessary, with impacted state agencies and any other related agencies, respond to several questions. The enclosure to this letter includes the list of impacted state agencies and questions. Committee staff will contact your staff to determine the best date for providing written responses. Thank you and your team for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary E. Clary".

Gary E. Clary
Subcommittee Chair

cc: Executive Subcommittee Members
Directors of state agencies impacted

Enclosure

Impacted Agencies' Location, Mission and Vision

The information below was obtained from oversight reports of the agencies, including the annual Accountability Report and the Program Evaluation Report.

SC Military Museum within the Office of the Adjutant General

- **Location:** Columbia
- **Mission:** The South Carolina Military Museum honors and chronicles the South Carolina citizen-soldier from 1670, when the colony of Carolina was first founded, to present-day operations worldwide including Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan.
- **Vision:** To share the story and honor the sacrifices of all Palmetto State sons and daughters in uniform, and to become the central repository of historical archives - physical and digital - re: the South Carolina National Guard and its ancestors.

SC Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum

- **Location:** Columbia
- **Mission:** The South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum serves as the State's military history museum by collecting, preserving, and exhibiting South Carolina's military material culture from the colonial era to the present, and by providing superior educational experiences and programming.
- **Vision:** As the oldest continuing history museum in South Carolina, with the greatest military history artifact collection in the state, the South Carolina Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum aspires to be the primary resource for all who seek to learn about South Carolina's proud and courageous martial tradition, as one of the original thirteen colonies and as the eighth state of the United States.

Patriots Point Development Authority

- **Location:** Charleston
- **Mission:** Establish and develop a National Naval Museum of ships and to develop and improve the Patriots Point area to provide a place of education and recreation to foster among the people pride and patriotism in our nation and its heritage.
- **Vision:** Provide an unsurpassed museum experience that educates, entertains, and inspires, while creating a self-sustaining business plan which includes attraction and property management objectives.

State Museum

- **Location:** Columbia
- **Mission:** Through innovative partnerships, comprehensive collections, and stimulating exhibits and programs, the South Carolina State Museum provides educational environments that entertain, inspire imagination and creativity, and enrich the lives of visitors.
- **Vision:** The South Carolina State Museum is an ever-changing, innovative institution reflecting the essence and diversity of South Carolina, a catalyst for the cultural and educational development of our state and a model among museums nationally.

Department of Archives and History

- **Location:** Columbia
- **Mission:** The mission of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History is to preserve and promote the documentary and cultural heritage of the state through the state archives, historic preservation, and education programs.
- **Vision:** To be the state's leader in preserving and advocating for the state's documentary and cultural heritage.

Information sought by Subcommittee

- Does the Office of the Adjutant General believe there may be now, or in the future, overlap in the military history collections/exhibits of various agencies, including the S.C. Military Museum?
 - If no, what is the difference in what each agency is seeking to provide citizens?
 - If yes, what suggestions, in terms of internal agency changes or potential legislative changes, does the agency have for how to avoid any current, or potential future, overlap?

- Is the agency aware of any central listing of military artifacts housed by all state agencies and the location of each of those artifacts?
 - If no, does the agency have an opinion as to whether having this information in a central location may be helpful?
 - If yes, what would be needed, in a general sense, and which entity may be best suited, to create and maintain this type of central location of information?
 - If yes, where can someone find this listing?