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**April 15, 2015**

**Director James M. Kirby  
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**RE: Legislative Oversight Study of the South Carolina Commission for the Blind**

**Dear Director Kirby:**

In conducting these Studies, it is the Legislative Oversight Committee's goal to partner with the agency to help it identify areas in which it can continue to improve upon the positive results it has generated for the people of South Carolina.

In the near future, the Healthcare Subcommittee will schedule a meeting with your agency to discuss preliminary matters relating to the Study of the South Carolina Commission for the Blind. During this preliminary meeting, Representative Nathan Ballentine will explain the Committee's expectations. In addition, the agency will have an opportunity provide a brief overview of its programs and ask questions.

The Committee wants to ensure the agency has as much information as possible and ample opportunity to review materials prior to the meeting. Therefore, enclosed is a flow chart with an overview of the process the Committee intends to follow, copy of the Committee's Rules and copy of the Committee's Standard Practices (please note these may be modified). Also, below is a brief summary of the expectations.

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I hope the information above and enclosed is helpful to you and your agency in understanding the process the Committee intends to following in conducting the Study. Please do not hesitate to contact me, Representative Ballentine, or Committee staff, if you have any questions or concerns about the Study.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Wm. Weston J. Newton  
Chairman, House Legislative Oversight Committee

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