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### VIA EMAIL

Jerry B. Adger, Director  
South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon  
Post Office Box 50666  
Columbia, South Carolina 29250

RE: Data from SCDC, data from other entities, and sentencing sheets

Dear Director Adger:

The House Legislative Oversight Committee's Department of Corrections ad hoc subcommittee is currently performing an oversight study of the Department of Corrections' (SCDC). 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 or not 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 the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon (PPP) about data from SCDC, data from other entities, and sentencing sheets. Input from your office on these questions is appreciated.

### ***Data from SCDC***

1. Please explain how the agency caught errors in inmate release dates from SCDC.
2. Please explain any audits the agency regularly performs on information it obtains from SCDC.
3. In the last three years, what, if any, other errors has PPP found in data from SCDC?

***Data from Other Entities***

4. Please provide a list of each item of information PPP obtains from other entities about an inmate to perform the agency's functions, along with the following for each item:
  - a. Type of information (e.g., sentence, medical records, criminal background);
  - b. How PPP requests the information (e.g., PPP emails or calls the entity to request it, information is automatically sent when inmate arrives);
  - c. Source of the information (e.g., SCDC, county facility, court);
  - d. Format in which the information is received (e.g., typed report, handwritten report, phone call);
  - e. What PPP does with the information to make it usable for PPP operations (e.g., re-types it into PPP database, makes copy of document for inmate's physical file); and
  - f. Average amount of PPP personnel time required from requesting the information to having it in the format and location needed for PPP operations.


***Sentencing Sheets***

5. What suggestions, if any, does PPP have for updating sentencing sheets or the sentencing sheet process?

If your office would like to provide input, please do so before Monday, April 29, 2019. Additionally, the subcommittee welcomes any other input or feedback your office would like to provide.

Thank you and your team for your service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward R. Tallon Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward R. Tallon Sr.  
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton  
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