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The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton, Chairman
Legislative Oversight Committee
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Dear Chairman Newton:

We have completed our survey work for the audit of the S.C. Department of Corrections (SCDC). We conducted interviews with agency staff and interested parties and reviewed data, reports, and other materials. Our audit plan includes the following objectives:

- Review SCDC's security policies, internal controls, and classification system to determine their adequacy and if they align with national best practices.
- Review human resources issues, including, hiring, retention, training, work environment, and corrective actions.
- Review the consistency and transparency of reporting of various indicators, including performance measures, types of contraband, types of incidents, etc. to determine if improvement is needed.
- Report on the litigation costs and determine what, if any, trends are identified for lawsuits filed by employees and/or inmates.

We anticipate that we will complete our audit fieldwork by January 2019. A normal progression of our review process should result in publication by mid-March 2019. Please call Marcia Lindsay at 803.253.7612 if you have any comments or questions about the objectives or the audit process.

Sincerely,

K. Earle Powell
Director

cc: Rep. Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon, Sr. – Chair
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