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Agency has improved greatly since the departure of Jon Ozmint in 2010/2011. Judge Byars quickly improved both moral and productivity within the agency. He added several excellent programs and understood the need to rehabilitate offenders. Bryan Stirling is also effective as the appointed leader of the agency. The true issue comes down to one point only, to be effective running this agency requires someone who truly understands what it is like to work in an institution. To hear the doors slam and witness the inmates first hand as an entry level employee. Appointing attorneys to run a prison was a mistake the moment Jon Ozmint was appointed by a previous Governor. He has none of the required qualities to truly lead this or any agency is apparent upon meeting him. Byars was a good transition appointment to lead the agency back to being effective. Mr. Stirling is an intelligent man and an effective leader, but being an Attorney first and a Jailer second does not always lead to success. The agency needs a leader who understands the complexities of running a Correctional agency.

Q2 What is your age? 65-74 years old

Q3 Which best describes your current role? Former State employee

Q4 In which county do you live? Richland