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Ms. Catherine Heigel, Director  
Department of Health and Environmental Control  
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RE: Legislative Oversight Study of the Department of Health and Environmental Control

Dear Director Heigel:

On behalf of the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee, we thank you and your staff for sharing your time and knowledge with the Subcommittee during our February 23, 2017, meeting.

At the end of this meeting, Subcommittee Members went over several topics of interest for potential discussion at our next meeting. In an effort to assist the agency with preparation for our meeting on Thursday, March 23, listed below and on the next page please find an overview of these topics of interest.

### *Strategic Planning*

Topics of interest:

- leadership development for employees with high potential;
- efforts to address employees with low performance on the job;
- employee morale; and
- other states' exemplary strategic models.

*Environmental Issues*

Topics of interest:

- agency's relationship and authority to regulate activities at the federal Savannah River Plant;
- discharges into the Saluda River by Carolina Water;
- coastal resource management;
- rural water office; and
- septic tank permitting.

*Public Health Issues*

Topics of interest:

- agency's response to public health threats and communication to the public about these threats;
- agency's efforts to address obesity and diabetes;
- agency's relationship with the Department of Health and Human Services with regards to maternal and child health issues;
- prescription drug monitoring;
- agency's relationship with the State Fire Marshal; and
- agency's efforts to update lab equipment.

I hope the information above is helpful to the agency in preparation for the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Phyllis Henderson  
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable William K. Bowers  
The Honorable Bill Taylor  
The Honorable MaryGail Douglas