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VIA EMAIL and U.S. MAIL

Director Freddie Pough South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice PO Box 21069 Columbia, South Carolina 29221-1069

Dear Mr. Pough:

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee appreciates the agency's partnership in the oversight process. As a follow up to the meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, and in preparation for the next meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2017, the subcommittee seeks additional information from the agency. Below is a list of the information the subcommittee is seeking. Please provide this information prior to, or be able to discuss it during, the meeting on February 14, 2017.

Updates Since House Legislative Oversight Study Began

• Please provide a list of all changes and improvements the agency has made since February 2015, when the House Legislative Oversight Committee began its study of the agency.

Programming for Juveniles

• Please provide a list of programming available to the juveniles, in all secure facilities, other than school, basketball, furniture upholstery, and young craftsmen. If certain programming is available at some secure facilities, but not all, please make this clear in the agency's response.

Technology

- Please provide the date by which the IT division of the agency could complete an analysis of
 what would be needed to make all juvenile records going forward available electronically, and
 how long it would take to complete the process of making all records available electronically.
- Please explain which agency databases will interface, and the information that can be obtained from them, once the agency completes the re-write in Summer 2017, as testified to by Ms. Jo Crosby during the subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

Police Department, Training Required, and Transport of Juveniles

- Please provide a list of all duties performed by the agency's Police Department and identify the aspects of any of those duties which may require a particular type or level of certification (e.g. carrying firearms, making arrests, traffic enforcement, out of state extradition, etc.)
- Of the 2,865 transports of juveniles from January 2016 through December 2016 (2,865), please provide a categorical list of the reasons for the transports and, beside each category, the number of transports which fell within that category as well as the law enforcement certification type or level required of the agency employees conducting that category of transport.

Security at DJJ School

• Please provide information on the security available at the agency's school to protect school employees and juveniles in the school.

In your responses to these questions, please provide the subcommittee with any relevant, necessary context information. If the agency has any concerns about the format of these questions yielding answers that do not provide an accurate reflection of the agency, please express those concerns prior to responding to the question, in a written letter with a copy to staff for the subcommittee. Please retain your working papers for these responses in the event the subcommittee would like to view those.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Edward R. Tallon Sr. Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton

The Honorable Katherine E. "Katie" Arrington

The Honorable William M. "Bill" Hixon

The Honorable J. Todd Rutherford

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