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Page 2: About Agencies Scheduled for Study

Q1 Please share any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have about these agencies. Please note your responses will be posted online and may be included in a Committee report.

Natural Resources, Department of

I am a retired Federal law enforcement agent (38 years of service), now residing in South Carolina. Througout my career I have firmly believed that a Law Enforcement agency is only as good as the aggregate of its membership, and, in some cases, it is only as strong as its weakest or least professional officers. One of those standards is proper pre-employment and randon drug testing to ensure the character and integrity of officers working with and on behalf of the public is of the highest caliber. I feel this agency does have officers of very high professional and character standards, but I find it unacceptable that the Human Resource Director for this Agency was unable to follow the agencies own policy regarding the implementation of drug testing. This breakdown appears to be a direct result of a Human Resource Director who is out of touch with agency needs and Law enforcement duties. Many officers today face enough difficulties in carrying out their jobs. Having a Human Resource staff member put them in a position that casts any doubts on their integrity saddens me.

Page 3: There are three questions seeking general information.

Q2 What is your age? 65-74 years old

Q3 Which best describes your current role? South Carolina resident and do not fall into any of the

categories below

Q4 In which county do you live? Charleston