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Director Alvin A. Taylor  
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*Via Email and Hand-Delivered*

Dear Director Taylor:

A month has passed since the Committee's June 26, 2018, full committee meeting with you and other agency representatives, including board members. During this full committee meeting, we engaged in a frank discussion about government transparency. This conversation may be viewed at approximately 1:02:44 in the archived video of the meeting available on the General Assembly's website.

During this conversation, I spoke of the importance of an agency head or employee promptly reporting any questionable activities, including any by elected officials, to the appropriate authorities. As the Committee is not in receipt of any additional information from the agency on this topic as requested - not for investigative purposes but to help uphold the rule of law through government transparency - I trust that no such information about questionable activities exists. Further, I trust any questionable activities that may occur in the future will be reported to the appropriate authorities. The rule of law is an ideal legislators and law enforcement alike must strive to uphold. Thank you for your cooperation during the legislative oversight study process and for your service to the citizens of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm. Weston J. Newton".

Wm. Weston J. Newton

cc: House Legislative Oversight Committee