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Mr. Leroy Smith
Director
South Carolina Department of Public Safety
10311 Wilson Boulevard
Blythewood, South Carolina 29016

Dear Director Smith,

I am writing to follow up on our meeting today concerning the recent report issued by the state Inspector General on the Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the subsequent October 16, 2017 meeting of House of Representatives Oversight Committee on the report.

Please provide to me in writing on or before November 17, 2017 the following information:

- The total number of Class One certified law enforcement officers actively employed by the Highway Patrol (Troopers).
- The total number of Full Time Employee (FTE) positions authorized and funded for Troopers in the FY 2017-18 state budget, and the total number of these positions currently vacant.
- DPS current recruitment strategy and plans designed to fill vacant Trooper positions.
- A thorough and detailed explanation and justification of the new training model to be instituted by DPS for newly hired Trooper personnel.
- A thorough and detailed explanation of your plans to improve employee morale at DPS, specifically among Trooper personnel.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this request. I look forward to your response.

Yours very truly,


Henry McMaster

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cc: Members, S.C. House Oversight Committee