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Via Email

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RE: Follow-up from the Committee meeting with SC Housing on February 26, 2020
Public input from an anonymous employee

Dear Director Shropshire:

Follow-up from the Committee meeting with SC Housing on February 26, 2020

On March 12, 2020, the Committee requested follow-up information after its meeting with the agency on February 26, 2020. The original deadline for receipt of the material was Wednesday, March 25, 2020. However, SC Housing was provided an extension without a deadline as, at that time, the state was beginning to grapple with the many challenges presented by COVID-19. Now that state employees, including those at SC Housing, are back to working in their offices, we would like to continue to move forward with the study process. Accordingly, please provide responses to the March 12 questions, on or before, Friday, July 31, 2020. Also, please share with the Committee an update on COVID-19 issues and activities at the agency. Further, please do not hesitate to include any additional information you believe would be helpful to the Committee.

The Committee seeks this information in order to prepare for a fall meeting. All SC Housing Commissioners are invited to attend the meeting.

Public input from an anonymous employee

As SC Housing has requested to receive copies of public input, attached please find recent public input from an anonymous employee that alleges, among other things, perjury relating to testimony about personnel matters. As Committee members may have varying perspectives on the credibility of anonymous public input, a written response may facilitate a more efficient fall meeting. Accordingly, please do not hesitate to share clarifying or relevant information with the Committee. If SC Housing provides a written response, please remember the Committee does not accept any confidential material, which may not be posted online, from an agency under study. (See Committee Standard Practice 9.2.2.)

Public input is a cornerstone of the oversight process. Input from people, including state employees, who interact with state agencies may help direct the Committee to potential areas for improvement. Public input is encouraged, and participation in the legislative oversight process should not generate any credible allegations of retaliation. The House Legislative Oversight Committee appreciates SC Housing's continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process. Thank you for your service to the people of South Carolina.

Sincerely,



Wm. Weston J. Newton

Enclosures

cc: With enclosures - SC Housing Board of Commissioners
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