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Daniel B. Shonka, Board Chair
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Dear Chairman Shonka:

On behalf of the Education and Cultural Subcommittee, thank you, and the staff of John de la Howe for your participation in this process. I appreciate your February 21, 2018, letter. It is responsive to some of the questions below, and it will be shared with the remainder of the Education and Cultural Subcommittee. In preparation for our next meeting, the Subcommittee requests your input. Specifically, we would like your response to the following questions:

- In light of the feasibility study completed last fall, and other options presented over the past five years related to use of the property and the agency's programming, has the John de la Howe Board of Trustees determined a new strategic direction for the agency?
 - If so, what is that direction?
 - What other options were considered?
 - Has the board sought a legal opinion on the consistency of this, or other considered options, with Dr. de la Howe's will?
 - Has a plan for implementation been developed? If so, please provide that plan.
 - Are there any statutory or regulatory barriers to implementing the chosen direction, or any of the other options considered? If so, please detail those barriers and any recommendations for amendments.
- Under the agency's current structure, does the board have any recommendations for statutory or regulatory changes that would increase the agency's ability to fulfill its mission?

We welcome you to provide a response at the Subcommittee's next meeting, or you may provide a response in writing. The Subcommittee's next meeting with John de la Howe staff is scheduled for _____. The topic of the meeting will be recommendations. Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. H. Jefferson, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Chandra E. Dillard
 The Honorable Tommy M. Stringer
 The Honorable Jay West