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VIA EMAIL

Chairman Kenneth Battle
Director Thomas J. Smith
South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs
2221 Devine St., Ste. 408
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RE: Follow up from Subcommittee's October 24, 2017, meeting with the agency

Dear Chairman Battle and Director Smith:

The Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee appreciates the agency's partnership in the oversight process. After our meeting on October 24, the Subcommittee has some follow up questions for the agency.

Please provide a written response to the following item by Thursday, November 16, 2017:

June 2015 Office of the Inspector General Performance Review

1. Please provide the Subcommittee with a description of any actions taken in response to each recommendation made in the June 2015 Performance Review conducted by the Office of the Inspector General. If the agency does not agree with any of the recommendations from this review, please provide the Subcommittee with the reason(s).

Please be prepared to discuss the answers to the following questions with the Subcommittee at the meeting on November 20, 2017.

Legal Framework

2. Please provide any recommendations, specific or conceptual, the Commission has for statute or regulation changes (i.e., deletion, revision, or addition) that may facilitate its mission.

3. What involvement, if any, have agency representatives had with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)?

Governing Board

4. How and when are members of the public and the board notified of upcoming board meetings? How are agendas and meeting minutes published?

Agency Interactions with Other Organizations

5. When was the SC Micro-Enterprise Network created? When did it receive 501(c)(3) status? What are the agency's plans for its future?
6. What kind of grants does the SC Micro-Enterprise Network receive?
7. How much money has the Commission spent on sponsorship of the SC Micro-Enterprise Network's conference each year?
8. Are there standard agency-wide procedures for referring callers to the Human Affairs Commission when appropriate? Do you document these referrals or follow up with the Human Affairs Commission to ensure they are properly received?

Agency Programs

9. Which part of your statutory mission do the activities of the Small and Minority Business Initiative serve?
10. How are the efforts of the Commission's Community Based Services Initiative distinct from other resources that nonprofit organizations in the state have access to, such as the State Library Grants Research Collection and Together SC, formerly known as the SC Association of Nonprofit Organizations?

Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process. The Subcommittee looks forward to continuing its discussion of the study of the Commission for Minority Affairs with you on Monday, November 20, 2017.

Sincerely,



Laurie Slade Funderburk
Committee First Vice-Chair

cc: Economic Development, Transportation, and Natural Resources Subcommittee Members