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Via Email

Chairman Kenneth Battle
Director Thomas J. Smith
South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs
2221 Devine St., Ste. 408
Columbia, SC 29205

RE: Follow up from Subcommittee's November 28, 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. As discussed at our meeting on November 28, please provide the following information to the Subcommittee by Friday, December 8, 2017:

Native American Recognition Process

1. Documentation of any acknowledgement of South Carolina's Native American recognition process as a best practice or model to be emulated by other states.

Acquisition of State Data

2. A list of South Carolina state agencies that have not cooperated with CMA requests for data, the name of the individual contacted, and the stated reason for not providing the data.
3. Draft language for a legislation change that may assist CMA to obtain the necessary data from other state agencies to accomplish its statutory duties.

Grant Applications

4. A list of grants that CMA staff members have applied for in the last four fiscal years, and whether each was awarded. Please include grants applied for on behalf of SCMEN, Carolina Bridge Project, or any other nonprofit operated within the CMA.

SCMEN Conference Registrations

5. For the last three SCMEN conferences:
 - a. Number of registrants;
 - b. Estimated number of participants (excluding agency staff) who were not registered;
 - c. Fee paid by each registrant (please do not include information identifying individual participants); and
 - d. Conference evaluation results, if available.

Online Human Trafficking Reporting

6. Can human trafficking allegations in South Carolina be reported online? If so, what is the status of the accessibility of this tool from the CMA website?

Nonprofit Organizations

7. The Subcommittee has received the 2015 and 2016 Form 990-EZ for the SC Microenterprise Network (SCMEN). Have any other state or federal tax forms ever been filed for SCMEN, Carolina Bridge Project, or any other nonprofit organizations operated within the CMA? If so, please provide those forms.
8. Please provide the budgets for SCMEN and Carolina Bridge Project for the years in which they operated.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process. We look forward to continuing our discussions of the Commission for Minority Affairs at the next Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday, December 19, 2017.

Sincerely,



Bruce W. Bannister
Subcommittee Chair

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