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Via Email

Chairman Kenneth Battle
Director Thomas J. Smith
South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs
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RE: Follow up from Subcommittee's February 8, 2018, 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 February 8, please provide the following information to the Subcommittee by Friday, February 16, 2018:

1. Information about the outcomes of the Florida program on which the Commission for Minority Affairs (CMA) African American Affairs tutoring program is modeled.
2. The following information related to the NxLevel microenterprise training funded by the USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant:
 - a. NxLevel training syllabus;
 - b. Breakdown of the expenditures funded by the \$52,000 grant received in FY 2016-17;
 - c. The number of graduates of CMA-sponsored NxLevel training in FY 2016-17 and FY 2017-18 to date; and
 - d. The number of businesses that have been started by graduates of CMA-sponsored NxLevel training subsequent to completion of the training.
3. A list of CMA's current partnerships with federal, state, and non-profit organizations as outlined in Objective 4.3.4.
4. A description of the performance metrics that will be included in the Working Together Works state plan for reducing poverty outlined in Strategy 4.4.
5. A list of trainings that were completed by CMA staff in calendar year 2017.

6. A brief summary of the response the agency has provided to Mr. Ronnie D. Williams of the Beaver Creek Tribe, who testified at the February 8 Subcommittee meeting regarding assistance he is seeking with a tool that he patented.

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 discussion of the Commission for Minority Affairs at the next Subcommittee meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Bannister".

Bruce W. Bannister
Subcommittee Chair

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