## Public Input to the South Carolina House of Representatives Legislative Oversight Committee



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**Q1** Please share any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have about these agencies. Please note your responses will be posted online and may be included in a Committee report.

Attorney General's Office

Minority Affairs Commission

I am highly concerned for the lack of numbers on Native Americans living in the Staye of Carolina with ALL departments serving people. There is an overwhelming lack of representation in the state. SC is so far behind other states in recognizing Native American people, Federal and State tribes. There is also a hue gap in culturally appropriate Services that contributes to recidivism in prisons and a revolving door that is spinning wildly out of control in the following areas: substance use relapse, less than 1% reunification rate for families, poor services for Native American Veterans, zero services for addressing mental health, traditional medicine and maternity/lactation care, preventative services for youth, and minimal to no understanding of the function of ICWA laws, the list goes on! Please help community outreach by implementing state policies on training for culturally appropriate services to stop the revolving door by providing a continuum of care. Thank you!

Partnership with Minority Affairs is CRUCIAL in developing culturally appropriate programming for our state residents who are from. Federal or State recognized tribe. Their efforts go above and beyond the normal scope of work for an agency. There is amazing room for growth with this agency and all state departments! Please acknowledge and honor the active efforts they are making for SC Native American community by developing stronger partnership within SC State departments. There are so many opportunities that this agency can provide. I am proud to say they have reached out to the community and make efforts where other agencies have not and should be. Thank you for letting us share!

Page 3: There are three questions seeking general information.

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Q2 What is your age?	35-44 years old
Q3 Which best describes your current role?	Product or service provider or other partner to a State agency
Q4 In which county do you live?	York