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SC House Legislative Oversight Committee
228 Blatt Building
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Dear Chairman Wm. Weston J. Newton:

We appreciate your letter of apology and wish to extend our understanding of your position concerning the cancellation of our public comment meeting with the Healthcare Subcommittee of the House Legislative Oversight Committee. Staff has been instructed to share your apology with our consumers and partners who intended to speak on that day. The feedback link has also been provided and letters of testimony accepted from those wishing to provide public input, positive or negative, as well as notification that a future public comment meeting will be held if they prefer to comment in person.

We look forward to continuing to work with the Subcommittee staff in scheduling future meetings that will allow us to provide information about our agency and assist with the completion of the Legislative Oversight Study. As always, we understand the priority of the Subcommittee members and will continue to remain flexible in accommodating their scheduling needs.

Sincerely,

James M. Kirby, 


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cc: The Honorable Nathan Ballentine, Healthcare Subcommittee Chair
The Honorable Mia McLeod, Healthcare Subcommittee Member
The Honorable Walton McLeod, Healthcare Subcommittee Member
The Honorable Bill Taylor, Healthcare Subcommittee Member

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The mission of the South Carolina Commission for the Blind is to provide quality, individualized vocational rehabilitation services, independent living services, and prevention of blindness services to blind and visually impaired consumers leading to competitive employment and social and economic independence.