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VIA EMAIL and U.S. MAIL  
Director Leroy Smith  
Department of Public Safety  
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Blythewood, South Carolina 29016

Dear Director Smith:

On May 5, the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee met to continue its study of the Department of Public Safety. A legislative oversight review includes assessing the agency's responsiveness to the needs of the state's citizens. As a legislator, I am mindful that many of our citizens are state employees, and I sincerely appreciate the service and dedication of the over 1,200 Department of Public Safety state employees. At the next subcommittee meeting with the agency, I intend to make inquiry about issues of importance to these state employees, including, but not limited to, the agency process and procedures for hiring and firing, how the agency addresses employee disciplinary matters, and information employees with grievances are permitted to share without fear of retaliation.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

Kirkman Finlay III  
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton  
The Honorable William K. Bowers  
The Honorable Raye Felder  
The Honorable Edward R. Tallon Sr.