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The Honorable Joseph H. Jefferson, Jr.
Subcommittee Chair
House Legislative Oversight Committee
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Dear Representative Jefferson:

Thank you for your letter regarding the make-up of the SCETV Commission Advisory Council and required Inter-agency Collaboration. The Subcommittee requested information on the demographic composition of the Advisory Council members including race, gender, and age (in ranges).

The information that is currently gathered about Advisory Council members does not include these details. Advisory Council members are selected to serve based on recommendations of the ETV Commission members to the ETV Commission Chair and are voted on by the Commission as a whole. Recommendations for the Council members to this point have been made largely based on individuals' areas of expertise (broadcasting, education, emergency preparedness, technology, and community service).

Although the Commission does not currently collect information on the demographic composition of the ETV Commission Advisory Council, we realize that it is important for this to be considered and captured going forward. We agree that a range of diversity on the Advisory Council is key to ensuring the agency gets input with consideration given to multiple factors. The ETV Commission will continue to be considerate of diversity when making recommendations for Council appointments. The ETV Commission Chair will request that the Advisory Council members provide demographic information via a survey that will be sent to them.

The Subcommittee also requested information on SCETV's requirement to collaborate with state agencies. We collaborate with the South Carolina Department of Education, the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy, the Education Oversight Committee, and the Department of Administration which provide funding via provisos to SCETV to deliver programs and services for teachers and students, along with transparency, infrastructure and emergency services throughout the state. The nature of our services also requires us to work with multiple other agencies on partnerships as well.

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Thank you for your questions, we look forward to discussing these items at our meeting with you on September 6th.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Jay West