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Via Hand-Delivery

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor McMaster:

The House Legislative Oversight Committee recently concluded its study of the Commission for Minority Affairs (CMA), which is enclosed for your review. As a result of the 429-day investigation, we respectfully recommend you consider replacing the members of the agency's governing board.

While we believe CMA's mission remains of critical importance to this state, the Committee has no confidence that the agency is efficiently or effectively fulfilling it. CMA is failing to accomplish some of its statutory duties while working on initiatives that do not support its core function of policy research and support for the statewide minority community. Furthermore, significant divisions among board members were evident during the legislative oversight investigation.

As the board members bear the ultimate responsibility for setting the course of the agency and choosing an executive director who can effectively lead the staff in their daily activities, we believe a change in leadership is warranted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm. Weston J. Newton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wm. Weston J. Newton

Enclosure

cc: House Legislative Oversight Committee