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Mr. Jon Ozmint, Director
SC Department of Corrections
4444 Broad River Road
Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Mr. Ozmint:

As you are aware, the Legislative Audit Council is conducting a review of the Department of Corrections (SCDC). One of our audit objectives is to review agency personnel procedures in the areas of hiring and promotions. In addition, the list of inquiries we received from the audit requesters asked us to determine "… whether there is a perception by SCDC employees that a culture of harassment, intimidation, and favoritism pervade the employment practices of SCDC."

In order to address these areas, we plan to conduct a survey of SCDC employees to determine their views on agency practices. We will be conducting this survey in conjunction with the University of South Carolina's Institute for Public Service and Policy Research, which has conducted similar surveys of other state agencies. We plan to survey a random sample of approximately 1,200 of SCDC's employees and hope to be sending these surveys to staff sometime in early June.

To accomplish this survey we will need to obtain names and home mailing addresses for all SCDC staff, preferably in Excel format. Perry Simpson of my staff has already been in contact with Dan Murphy about obtaining this information. If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact Perry at (803) 253-7612. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

George L. Schroeder
Director
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