

June 12, 2008

Mr. George L. Schroeder, Director
Legislative Audit Council
1331 Elmwood Ave, Suite 315
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 10, 2008 regarding the personnel survey to be conducted by the Legislative Audit Council. I stand by my response of June 2, 2008 that listed in a very detailed format many of our objections to the manner and form of the survey. I see nothing in your current letter or in the three minor revisions to the survey that would change my opinion of a poorly camouflaged attempt to mask a biased and one sided survey. Garnering participation by another state agency also beholden to the legislative branch does magically transform this biased document.

I regret that the LAC has become involved in the political agenda of a few. That is the history behind this audit. Notwithstanding, for months now we have wasted tens of thousands of dollars of taxpayer resources responding to fishing expeditions by the legislative branch, including your agency. Our cooperation has been thorough, extensive and expensive. We have gone beyond simply making information available to the legislative branch; we have created new summaries and compilations of information. All of this time and all of these resources would have been better spent in support of our mission.

However, we are not required to affirmatively participate or even endorse a biased and one-sided survey intended to force employees to cast blame for "working conditions" on the executive branch while ignoring the legislative policies and neglect that are largely responsible for those conditions. To do so would make us complicit in a misleading and dishonest activity, something I will neither allow nor encourage.

As regards the pre-notification message, I will make available to you, or to members of your staff, during this agency's normal operating hours the computer system of this agency so that members of your staff may directly send your message to our employees. To do so you should directly contact Mr. John Ward, Director, Division of Resource and Information Management who will accommodate your request. Mr. Ward may be reached at telephone number 803-896-2100.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Jon Ozmint

cc: Senator Mike Fair
Mr. Scott English
Mr. Daniel Murphy