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Chief Mark Keel
South Carolina Law Enforcement Division
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RE: Preliminary Criminal Inquiry

Dear Chief Keel:

We met today with Ms. Ashley Landess who delivered information to this office alleging possible criminal violations by Speaker Bobby Harrell.

Ms. Landess has brought to our attention today that there may be inherent conflicts of interest by potential witnesses with respect to any initial inquiry by the House Ethics Committee. Therefore, Ms. Landess has referred this matter directly to this office for handling as a criminal matter.

Consistent with our usual long-standing policy, we are requesting that SLED assign an agent to conduct this inquiry. I am enclosing a copy of Ms. Landess' letter to this office.

Yours very truly,

John W. McIntosh
Chief Deputy Attorney General

JWM/ds