

May 15, 2008

Governor Marshall C. Sanford

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Governor Sanford:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act in Chapter 4, Title 30 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, I am requesting that you provide the following:

(1) A digital copy of each and every email address to which you or your office sent the following email, or any other email address the same topic:

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Governor Asks Citizens to Make Voices Heard to Sen. Ceips
GOVERNOR SAYS HER VOTE NEEDED ON KEY RESTRUCTURING ISSUE

Columbia, S.C. - May 14, 2008 - Governor Mark Sanford today asked residents in Beaufort County to make their voices heard to Senator Catherine Ceips about the need for her vote on restructuring legislation, after she abstained yesterday from a key vote on amending the Department of Administration bill:

"This bill is not about me or this administration, as it won't even take effect until after I've left office - it's about making government more accountable to the people of this state, and about moving South Carolina one step closer to how government is run in 49 other states," Gov. Sanford said. "Whether it's been in the numerous restructuring studies over the years or more recently in the GEAR report, we've seen time and time again that our current government structure is unaccountable, because when everyone is in charge, no one is in charge. To that end, I'd ask everyone down in Beaufort County who cares about the idea of making government more efficient and more accountable to call Senator Ceips and ask her to take a stand for this bill.

"I would simply add that I read in the paper this morning that Senator Ceips left a candidate debate early, because she felt she needed to be in Columbia doing the business of the Senate. While I would certainly applaud the idea of putting one's duty as an officeholder ahead of one's duty as a candidate, it certainly raises questions when on a key vote that person chooses to abstain and in fact not take a stand one way or the other."

The bill, H.3590 - which last month unanimously passed the House - would for the first time create a Department of Administration that would house key administrative support functions currently under the Budget and Control Board. Those functions moved would include the General Services Division, the state's Chief Information Officer, Human Resources, Procurement, and the state Energy Office.

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Please include all additional information which your office may have stored for each email address, including name, address, and phone number.

(2) A copy of any and all other correspondence, including letters and/or press releases, sent to the media outlets and individuals concerning other senators and their actions at the Senate Judiciary Committee meeting held on May 13th concerning restructuring.

Like you, I believe in total transparency in government. Since these documents should be easily accessible, I would greatly appreciate a response and the requested documents within twenty-four hours of receipt of this letter, rather than the typical delays which are far too common among government entities wishing to suppress information. Your immediate response will allow me to communicate with each of these recipients over the coming weekend, as you already have, regarding their views on this important legislation, and consequently, enable the restructuring bill which you and I both support to move forward next week. Please send the requested information via email to [HYPERLINK "mailto:ccips@charter.net"](mailto:ccips@charter.net) ccips@charter.net and [HYPERLINK "mailto:ccips@sensenate.org"](mailto:ccips@sensenate.org) ccips@sensenate.org.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Catherine C. Ceips

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