



State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR

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Dear Mr. ~~Leidinger~~:

Thank you for your letter of February 3.

The meeting with Senator Leatherman, Representative Cooper, Representative White, Director Keck and Senate and House budget staff that you reference in your letter had nothing to do with the Governor's role as Chair of the Budget and Control Board, and therefore nothing to do with Treasurer Loftis. As such, there are no relevant documents for you to review.

Additionally, I'd like to preemptively let you know that this is one of many meetings the Governor will have that involve the budget and other issues before the legislature, and, being that he is not a relevant player in those issues, Treasurer Loftis will also not be invited to attend those meetings. The Governor does not insert herself into the issues of the Office of the Treasurer that fall outside the scope of her duties as Governor, and I'd humbly suggest that Treasurer Loftis would do right by the people of this state if he adopted a similar policy.

Finally, as a point of process, if in the future you have questions about any meetings participated in by the Governor and whether or not those would be pertinent to the Treasurer, I would appreciate if you presented them to me or the Governor personally, as every other Constitutional Officer has seen fit to do, as opposed to first running to the media. In my view, that would best ensure that there is not, as you put it, any "misunderstanding" between our two offices.

I look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim".

Tim Pearson
Chief of Staff
Governor Nikki R. Haley