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Chief Mark Keel  
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Dear Chief Keel:

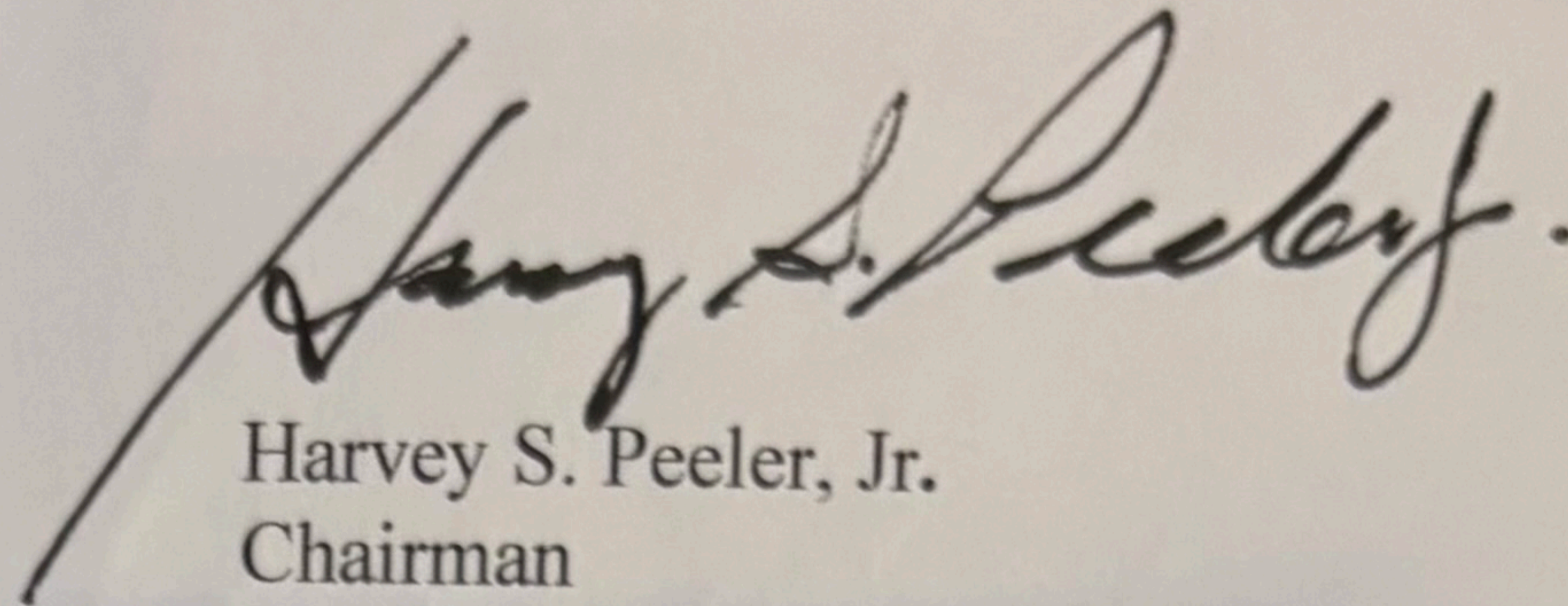
I am writing in my capacity as Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee to respectfully request that your office review certain allegations that were made during the Committee's meeting held yesterday, April 7, 2026. The concerns were of direct appropriations in the annual General Appropriations Bill for a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

During the Committee's deliberations on the appropriations legislation, testimony and statements were presented alleging that a House member had secured or attempted to secure line-item appropriations directed specifically for the benefit of that member or an entity closely associated with the member. These allegations raise serious questions regarding potential conflicts of interest, compliance with state ethics laws, and the integrity of the legislative appropriations process.

In light of the gravity of these matters and their potential implications for public trust in state government, I respectfully request that the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division conduct an appropriate review to determine whether any violation of state law has occurred. My office stands ready to provide the Committee transcript, any supporting documentation presented during the meeting, and any other materials that may assist in your review.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this important matter. Should you require any additional information or wish to discuss this request further, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at (803) 212-6640.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Harvey S. Peeler, Jr." with a stylized, cursive script.

Harvey S. Peeler, Jr.  
Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee

cc: The Honorable Thomas C. Alexander, President of the Senate  
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Speaker of the House of Representatives