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July 24, 2024

Mr. Michael Moore, County Administrator
Beaufort County Government
Post Office Drawer 1228
Beaufort, South Carolina 29902

Dear Mr. Moore:

On or about July 23, 2024, Beaufort County Council released its "report concerning council actions relating to procurement and purchasing issues" based upon their review of "numerous presentations, reports, and other data concerning Beaufort County procurement and purchasing."

Most concerning is County Council's admission that "Beaufort County Staff failed to adhere to the County's procurement and P-Card guidelines." However, this is in direct contradiction to its previous admission of violation of procurement and P-Card Guidelines, wherein County Council concluded that there was "no evidence of criminal activity."

Having said the above and to demonstrate "County Council's commitment to...integrity, transparency and uniformity," I am requesting an unredacted and complete copy of all "presentations, reports, and other data" previously denoted by communications of the chairman and/or county council concerning the taxpayer funded audit performed by Haynsworth, Sinkler & Boyd.

In other words, an unbiased review of these requested materials should ensure, and put to rest any concerns regarding speculation that any malfeasance on behalf of County Staff was detected or is contained therein.

I look forward to your timely response and welcome any discussions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Hatfield
Chief Deputy



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