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February 19, 2009

Stuart Drown, Executive Director
Little Hoover Commission
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Dear Mr. Drown:

Thank you for your letter of February 6, 2009. It has been the State and Consumer Services Agency's (SCSA) privilege to work with the employees of the Department of Technology Services (DTS), Office of Information Security (OIS) and the Department of General Services (DGS) Telecommunications Division.

We have been very fortunate to work with an unmatched group of dedicated public servants and look forward to their continued success as they become part of the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) as proposed by the Governor. Accordingly, here are the responses to your questions.

Transferring the DTS and DGS's Telecommunication division statewide will enable the State CIO to centralize information technology efforts and to better manage statewide resources. No risks have been identified regarding this proposal.

Transferring the ISO under the CIO will provide more centralized policy and planning authority for the State CIO. No risks have been identified regarding this proposal.

Current law provides for the CIO to develop and implement IT procurement policies, i.e., what should be purchased. However, how these purchases should be conducted will continue to fall under the prerogative of the Department of General Services (DGS) Procurement Division.

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In so far as the Office of Privacy Protection (OPP), which formerly resided within the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), will now report directly to the SCSA. The OPP is responsible for assisting, providing education and recommending policies to the public as a whole, as contrasted with DCA's main responsibilities, which are licensing and enforcing the laws applicable to various professional occupations.

Although my staff have come to know, work with and value the dedicated staff at DTS, DGS Telecommunications, and the Information Security Office, we expect no significant impact to the SCSA staff as the result of this consolidation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading "Rosario Marin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the name.

Rosario Marin, Secretary
State and Consumer Services Agency