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The Honorable Henry McMaster
Attorney General of South Carolina
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Dear Mr. Attorney General,

South Carolina's unfortunate prominence in local and national media for the last several days has, through the actions of and statements made by Governor Sanford and others, highlighted a number of events which give rise to numerous and serious questions about the lawful nature of the acts and actions of the Governor, his staff and member of his cabinet. While this episode might provide comedic fodder for political pundits and late night comedians, my constituents and I, and the citizens of this state, are not laughing. After reading the extensive media reports and public statements made by Governor Mark Sanford, questions regarding the appropriate and lawful use of public funds and equipment, potential violations of ethics and campaign practices and the role and involvement of cabinet officers and/or employees all present troubling issues.

I therefore request you take immediate and appropriate action to empanel the State Grand Jury to investigate the possible misuse of state property, finances, abuse of power, and the negligence of duties in the Office of Governor. The recent events have left many unanswered questions and I am sure you agree with me that the people of South Carolina expect and deserve an open, honest, and transparent government, a standard that should apply from dog catcher all the way up to the office of Governor. I thank you for your prompt attention to this pressing matter.

With kindest regards, I send

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Boyd Brown", written in a cursive style.

H. Boyd Brown