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

I never received a response from your office regarding my recent letter, but last Friday I did manage to catch your statement of refusal to empanel the State Grand Jury to look into possible misconduct within the Governor's Office.

Until the public has all the facts regarding Governor Sanford's conduct in this matter, we cannot be confident we have the whole truth of whether any laws were broken and without a proper investigation, we will never have the full facts. Specifically, I believe we need to determine whether any members of the Governor's staff provided false information to law enforcement officials, a determination which is better made by a Grand Jury, rather than the involved agency.

The people of South Carolina and I are not willing to simply trust the word of a man who has admitted to not telling the truth on this very subject and I would hope that you, as Attorney General, would hold a higher standard of truth seeking when deciding whether to conduct an investigation than a press conference and a few media stories. Serious legitimate questions remain.

Your unwillingness to look into this matter disappoints me and I certainly hope political considerations played no factor in your decision. I realize that you plan to run for Governor next year and I understand you would not want to tarnish your standing with any primary voters who might still hold Governor Sanford in high esteem. Sometimes in the General Assembly I have to

take a tough vote that I know will hurt me politically, and while it might be easier for me to simply take a walk, I took an oath to serve and so I must.

Until now I have been impressed by your non-partisan and professional tenure as Attorney General, and I hope that has not changed this close to an election year. Lady Justice is blind; she is not deaf and dumb. I agree that mixing politics and law enforcement is a bad idea. Ignoring law enforcement for political purposes is much worse and it is not acceptable. It is my hope that you will reconsider your decision in the best interests of the people you wish to lead.

With kindest regards, I send

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Boyd Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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