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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 The Honorable Jean H. Toal
Member
House of Representatives
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Dear Jean:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter which Cam Littlejohn has sent to Rob McFadden which is self-explanatory and which concerns the bingo bill.

I would like to suggest that an additional section, which is set forth on the enclosed separate page, be incorporated in the bill. The reason for this is that I feel confident that unless the right of inspection exists, the 'charitable organizations' will, in fact, not be that anymore than is General Motors; for example, there is a big operation in York County now which I am looking into under the provisions of Section 12-745 which authorize me to investigate the control and management of any nonprofit corporation and which I anticipate will probably reveal a large amount of income being received and a relatively small amount being devoted to charitable purposes. Of the latter, I have credible information that about \$8,000.00 has been donated to charities, but I feel also that a vast amount of money is taken in so that the charitable contribution is probably a small portion.

I have placed the supervision in this Office, simply because of the investigative authority already possessed by me. I have no strong feelings about this and it can be vested in any organization you may think proper, but I do feel that inspection is necessary.

It may be desirable to exempt religious organizations and I presume that this would be a valid exemption.

Your consideration will be appreciated.

With best wishes,
Cordially,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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