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May 20, 2009

The Honorable Glenn G. Reese
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Dear Senator Reese:

In a letter to this office you requested an opinion regarding the law enforcement authority of the Town of Campobello as to areas of I-26.

In reviewing your letter, I contacted the Mayor and Chief of Police of Campobello and was informed that the Town of Campobello had in fact annexed the areas lying within the 3 mile marker to the 5 mile marker of I-26 into the Town. Therefore, that area would be considered within the law enforcement jurisdiction of the Town police. See : S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-110 (municipal police officers "...shall exercise their powers on all private and public property within the corporate limits of the municipality...."). As to the areas between mile marker 2 and 3, I was also informed that the Town has entered into a contract with the Spartanburg County Sheriff pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 5-7-30 to expand the jurisdiction of the Town police. Such provision provides authority for a municipality to "...provide police protection in contiguous municipalities and in unincorporated areas located not more than three miles from the municipal limits upon the request and agreement of the governing body of such contiguous municipality or the county, including agreement as to the boundaries of such police jurisdictional areas, in which case the municipal law enforcement officers shall has the full jurisdiction, authority, rights, privileges and immunities...which they have in the municipality...." Therefore, consistent with such understanding, in the opinion of this office, it appears that the Town of Campobello would have law enforcement authority in those areas between mile markers 2 and 5 of I-26.

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With kind regards, I am,

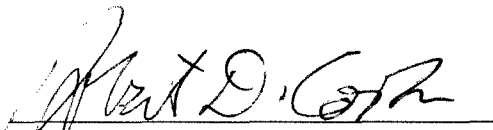
Very truly yours,

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