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Honorable Maggie W. Glover Senator, State of South Carolina Post Office Box 142 Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Senator Glover:

In a letter to this Office you questioned which Senator has the appointing authority as to magisterial appointments.

While I acknowledge the input that Senators provide in regard to recommendations for such appointments, S.C. Code Section 22-1-10 provides:

The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint magistrates....

Such is consistent with Article V, Section 26 of the State Constitution. Therefore, while a Governor may rely on recommendations from Senators, he has the authority to make the appointment.

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I have attempted to contact you by telephone this week to discuss your question with you. If there are any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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