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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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\*1 Honorable Harriet H. Keyserling  
Representative  
District No. 124  
330B Blatt Building  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Representative Keyserling:

This letter is to confirm our telephone conversation of this date. You have inquired if the Republican Party can nominate by county convention a candidate to run for your seat.

South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 7-11-30 provides in part

. . . that in the event that a party determines that nomination for the office of State Senator and of members of the House of Representatives shall be by convention, such nomination shall be made by the State Convention.

The time set by statute for the convening of the State Convention is on a date between April First to April Fifteenth. South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 7-9-100.

Therefore, a county convention could not nominate a candidate for the House of Representatives and if the nomination were to be made by convention, it would have to have been made by the date of the closing of the State Convention.

Sincerely,

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