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## Dear Mr. Spratt:

As I was the attorney who corresponded with Mr. Elliot, Mr. Cam Lewis has referred your recent letter to me for reply. Mr. Elliot was serving in four offices at the time of his election to the Horry County Council. He informed me that one of these positions was the Chairman of the Economic Opportunity Commission, which was an elected office. It was my understanding from my conversations with Mr. Elliot, that this was a public commission. If instead, this organization is a private, non-partisan eleemosynary corporation exercising none of the sovereign powers of the State, it would not be an office within the constitutional prohibition.

Very truly yours,

Treva G. Ashworth Assistant Attorney General

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