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Dear Mr. Harrison:

Pursuant to our telephone conversations of yesterday, I am enclosing a copy of an earlier opinion rendered by this Office concerning the validity of a proposed reduction in salary of a county elected official serving the unexpired portion of a predecessor's term. I think that the authority cited therein applies to either a proposed increase or a proposed decrease in the salary of a county supervisor during the particular term of a supervisor irrespective of the number of incumbents who may serve during that term. [Section 4-9-410, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA](#), 1976, as amended, provides in part that:

The council shall not reduce or increase the compensation of the supervisor during the term of office for which he was elected. [Emphasis added.]

Because this prohibition is tied to the supervisor's term and not to the supervisor himself, my opinion is that the general rule cited in the enclosed opinion applies. Cf., 63 AM.JUR.2d Public Officers and Employees § 371 at 854 (1972).

With kind regards,

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Senior Assistant Attorney General

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