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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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Dear Mike:

Enclosed please find the Opinion of this office relating to required relocation assistance by the University of South Carolina in any project or program involving the acquisition of real property for public use, whether or not the project or program is federally aided. After considerable discussion with the Attorney General and others and further reading of the laws involved, I arrived at a conclusion different from that preliminarily announced over the phone.

I regret the delay in responding to your request but our recent move and my trial and hearing schedules simply did not allow an earlier completion. In the event that you have further questions or wish to discuss the same further, I should be happy to meet with you.

In checking, I determined that the Highway Department has for years provided relocation assistance where required in every highway project whether or not federally funded and, frankly, any other policy or law might well be subject to constitutional attack. I trust the enclosed will provide the guidance and information requested, but if I can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to call upon me.

With warm personal regards,  
Yours very truly,

John P. Wilson  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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