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Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your letter of April 16, to the Attorney General which has been referred to me for reply.

Although the claim and delivery statutes of this State were amended last year subsequent to the United States Supreme Court decision of <u>Fuentes v. Shevin</u> to provide among other things for notice and a hearing prior to seizure of property, and a three judge Federal panel has recently declared our Distress Statutes unconstitutional insofar as they don't provide for notice and a prior hearing, I am presently unaware of any court action seeking to declare or which has declared the South Carolina Attachment Statutes unconstitutional.

Very truly yours,

James C. Harrison, Jr. Assistant Attorney General

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