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Re: City of Beaufort, South Carolina

Dear Ms Aden:

I am responding to your letter of April 23, 2014, and to our continued communications about the City of Beaufort. Thank you for your patience in this response.

We took the liberty of forwarding your letter, and the attached maps and statistics, to the South Carolina State Demographer. He has asked that we schedule a meeting at which time he will explain his findings to us jointly.

Mr. Bobby Bowers and Mr. Will Roberts are in Columbia, SC. We are willing to meet you and your local representatives at his office in Columbia if you wish. If you would rather have that meeting in the Beaufort area, please let me know and I will see if they are willing to travel from Columbia for this meeting.

We hope you will agree that this is the most logical and prudent way to proceed. We welcome your input, and look forward to hearing from you about scheduling this meeting. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Very truly yours,

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