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State of South Carolina

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Dear Mr. Collins:

You have requested an opinion as to the legal status of the Beaufort/Jasper Regional Transportation Authority and whether it is an employer within the meaning of [§ 9-1-10\(5\)](#), [South Carolina Code](#) of Laws.

The Authority was created by the respective counties pursuant to [§ 58-25-10](#), *et seq.* Two members of its five-person governing body are appointed by the counties and three members are appointed by the Governor. Such authorities are vested with the powers to enter into contracts, make binding agreements, and generally take such actions in their name as are necessary to accomplish the purposes described in [§ 58-25-50](#).

On the basis of the foregoing, it is the opinion of this Office that the Beaufort/Jasper Regional Transportation Authority is a political subdivision of the State and an 'employer' within the meaning of [§ 9-1-10\(5\)](#).

Sincerely yours,

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