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Office of the Attorney General

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*1 Section 11-9-15 does not prohibit official from appearing officially before organizations using discriminatory practices.

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Dear Henry:

Jim Holly of this Office has stated that you have requested information concerning your appearance before a Rotary Club for the purpose of making a presentation relating to the general scope of the activities of South Carolina ETV.

In my opinion, the intent of [Section 11-9-15, Code](#) of Laws, 1976 (the codification of Section 6 of the 1978-79 General Appropriations Act), is not to prohibit appearances by persons who are making presentations as to the scope, purpose and function of agencies such as yours. The governmental processes are served by such procedures, which are informative of the work which the various agencies undertake to do, and I do not think that the provisions of the statute are aimed at prohibiting this practice. Discussion with various sponsors of the law emphasizes the correctness of this conclusion and I have taken into consideration also the application of the principles embodied in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

In my opinion, you may make such presentations and appearances irrespective of the membership policies of the sponsoring entity.

With best wishes,
Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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