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Dear David and Ashely

I finally had time to scan the list of grants and was alarmed to see two requests that are totally inconsistent with what the SCAC wishes to promote:

- Proud Mary in Spartanburg
- Gay Men's Chorus in Greenville

While these organizations have every right to promote their agendas privately, it is not the role of a state funded agency to promote them. I cannot support these requests. In the future, I would appreciate your bringing controversial requests to the commissioners' attention in advance for discussion. What if I had not seen these two line items and had approved them? I could not defend these programs to concerned legislators who could pull funding for the entire Commission over support of these organizations.

I wanted to apprise you of my position in advance of the actual voting as a courtesy to you.

I look forward to seeing you next week in Sumter.



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