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Dear Members of the General Assembly:

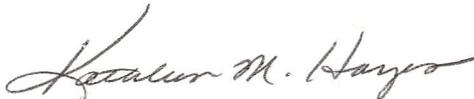
The enclosed report, which represents case activity related to the Safe Haven Act, is being submitted in compliance with South Carolina Code Section 20-7-785(K):

“(K) Annually the department shall submit a report to the General Assembly containing data on infants who come into the custody of the department pursuant to this section. The data must include, but is not limited to, the date, time, and place where the infant was taken, the health of the infant at the time of being admitted to the hospital, disposition and placement of the infant, and if available, circumstances surrounding the infant left at the safe haven. No data in the report may contain identifying information.”

This is the second report to be submitted by the agency since the revision above took effect June 2006. The time period covered is that of the state fiscal year, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Thank you for your interest and support of the children who must be placed in foster care. I look forward to working with each of you for ongoing improvement of the child welfare system.

Sincerely,



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State Director

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Enclosure

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
SAFE HAVEN FOR ABANDONED BABIES ACT - REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Date and time infant presented	Location	Circumstances	Health	Case disposition
07/17/07 at 3:00pm	Greenville Memorial Hospital Greenville, SC	Mother presented at hospital with ruptured placenta wanted to refuse c-section but convinced to allow medical attention once offered Safe Haven, alternative as originally she wanted to allow fetus to die.	24 week gestation poor to life threatening condition due to birth weight of 1.6 pounds.	DSS contacted 07/20/2007. Court order obtained. Adoptive placement at baby's discharge 10/05/2007. Adoption finalized 06/19/2008.
07/22/07 at 1:28am	Baptist Hospital Columbia, SC	Mother presented at hospital, gave birth and mother immediately left hospital following delivery. Name and address provided at time of admission were false and Police and DSS were unable to locate birth mother.	7lbs. 3oz. Full term healthy infant.	Baby discharged to foster home 07/25/2007 placed with adoptive family 08/02/2007 TPR completed and adoption finalized 07/08/2008