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The Honorable Gary E. Clary
Ad Hoc Committee Chair
Legislative Oversight Committee
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Representative Clary:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (the "Department") recently provided information to the Senate Medical Affairs Committee regarding the Department's distribution of HPV vaccines to Planned Parenthood facilities. Although this information does not concern any state funding to an abortion provider, we wanted to also share this information with the House Legislative Oversight Committee in an effort to continue serving the committee in an open and complete manner. A summary of the information is as follows:

Two Planned Parenthood sites in South Carolina, one in Charleston and one in Columbia, previously enrolled in the federally funded Vaccines for Children Program administered by the Department. In 2012, the Charleston Planned Parenthood site ordered 10 doses of Gardasil, a cancer prevention vaccine. The Charleston site did not place any additional orders. The Columbia Planned Parenthood site, which is the only Planned Parenthood site in South Carolina licensed as an abortion clinic, did not place any orders for the vaccine. Both sites voluntarily dis-enrolled from the program in 2014.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning the vaccination information provided above.

Sincerely,

Signature Redacted

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