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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Christian L. Soura  
State Director  
South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Post Office Box 8206  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Director Soura:

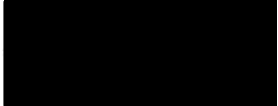
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Ms. Catherine Heigel

Director

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

2600 Bull Street

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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**Mr. Bryan P. Stirling, Director**  
**Department of Corrections**  
**Post Office Box 21787**  
**Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

Dear Director Stirling:

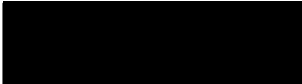
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Mrs. Susan Alford  
State Director  
South Carolina Department of Social Services  
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Columbia, South Carolina 29202-1520

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