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September 30, 2015

<u>VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL</u> 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:

On behalf of the entire Ad Hoc Committee, I would like to thank you for sharing your time and knowledge with the committee.

During the September 30, 2015, meeting, you kindly offered to provide this committee with the following by October 14, 2015:

- Documentation which shows the investigation and final determination of the two potential abortions at Planned Parenthood paid through Medicaid which were discovered by your agency yesterday afternoon;
- Number of abortions paid through Medicaid which are within the Hyde Amendment during FY 2011 through FY 2015 broken down by Option 1 (if the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest) and Option 2 (if the pregnancy would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed);
- List of cities, counties and zip codes in which the 222 abortions paid through Medicaid during FY 2011 through FY 2015 were performed based on the address you have for the provider; and
- Number of individuals under the age of seventeen who have obtained abortions paid through Medicaid during FY 2011 through FY 2015.

You are welcome to provide this data in all separate documents or combine any of the information into one excel document. This information, along with the PowerPoint presentation provided by the agency during the meeting and this letter, will be posted on the committee's website. After reviewing the information, the committee will determine whether it needs you to appear at the next committee meeting. Therefore, please tentatively hold your calendar open on Thursday, November 12, 2015, the date of the committee's next scheduled meeting.

This ad hoc committee looks forward to working with you and the agency staff during the legislative oversight process and to receiving the follow up information.

| Sincerely, | / |
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cc: The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton The Honorable Nathan Ballentine The Honorable Robert L. Ridgeway III The Honorable Mia S. McLeod The Honorable Walton J. McLeod The Honorable Bill Taylor The Honorable James E. Smith, Jr. The Honorable Raye Felder The Honorable Tommy M. Stringer