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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
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Dear Governor Haley:

Attached is the Report of the South Carolina Health Planning Committee, a cumulative work of the Committee and its subcommittees, which includes recommendations to improve access to quality health care and the availability of affordable health insurance in our state.

These recommendations were developed following extensive research, debate, and consideration by the Committee and its four subcommittees. More than 600 hours have been devoted to the study and discussion of our health care market through public meetings and educational sessions. Thirty experts appeared before the Committee to discuss a variety of issues and multiple forms of independent research were conducted throughout the state.

The increasing number of uninsured South Carolinians and rising health care costs are of great concern to committee members. It is our goal to work together to improve the health status of everyone in our state thereby reducing the per capita cost of health care while improving access to quality care in a fiscally responsible way.

On behalf of the members of the South Carolina Health Planning Committee and its subcommittees, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to participate in such an important debate regarding the future of health care in South Carolina. It is our intent that the recommendations and background materials presented herein will be helpful as the state proceeds to address these issues.

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Gary R. Thibault, Chairman
South Carolina Health Planning Committee

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