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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
**Federal Trade Commission**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Certificate of Need Laws and Request for Comments on H.B. 3250

Dear Governor Haley:

Thank you for your recent letter dated Nov. 13, 2015 requesting the input of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on the competitive impact of South Carolina House Bill 3250 concerning the repeal of South Carolina's certificate of need (CON) law. One of the functions of the FTC's Office of Policy Planning is to submit comments, where appropriate, to legislatures and regulators on pending actions that may have an impact on competition, such as legislation relating to CON.

We will study the legislation in question and undertake preliminary research to determine if we can be of assistance. Thank you again for reaching out to us, and we will be in touch with your office shortly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marina Lao". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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