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Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking*

Washington, D.C. 20531

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

Dear Governor Haley:

On July 14, 2011, the United States Department of Justice's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) notified you that South Carolina had substantially implemented the provisions of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. In that letter, we encouraged South Carolina to work with SMART office personnel to maintain South Carolina's substantial implementation status and requested that South Carolina keep the SMART Office apprised of its progress in implementing any remaining SORNA requirements. We also offered to continue to provide any necessary or requested technical assistance towards that end.

As you may be aware, the Supplemental Guidelines for Sex Offender Registration and Notification (issued January 7, 2011) provide that jurisdictions that have substantially implemented SORNA have a continuing obligation to maintain their system's consistency with current SORNA standards and to establish that their systems continue to meet SORNA standards by providing requested information to the SMART Office. To that end, as the next deadline of July 27, 2016 approaches, we are asking that you provide the SMART Office with any new information that has had, or may have, an effect on South Carolina's substantial implementation of SORNA **since July 27, 2015**. Namely, we wish to be informed about any legislative changes, updates to registration and/or notification policy or procedures, and any legal rulings that may have an impact on your registration and notification practices.

Alternatively, if South Carolina has not adopted any relevant changes, please provide to the SMART Office, on or before July 27, 2016, a certification on official letterhead that South Carolina continues to substantially implement SORNA, and has made no significant changes to its registration and notification system since the SMART Office's most recent substantial implementation determination.

In addition, please provide in your response whether your state requires 21-day advance notice of international travel. If so, please attach any relevant statutes, administrative guidance, notification forms, or other materials documenting this requirement.

The requested information or certification may be directed to the SMART Office by email at AskSMART@usdoj.gov or by fax at (202) 354-4200 or by mail to the Director, SMART Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, 810 7th St., NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20531.

Should you have any questions concerning this request or your state and SORNA implementation, please send inquiries to Scott Matson, Senior Policy Advisor, at scott.matson@usdoj.gov or (202) 305-4560. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you as we work together to implement SORNA and protect our communities from sexual violence.

Sincerely,



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