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July 27, 2015

K. Earle Powell, Executive Director  
Legislative Audit Council  
1331 Elmwood Avenue, Suite 315  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Powell:

This letter is to request the Legislative Audit Council (LAC) to determine the amount of state funds allocated to the two Planned Parenthood facilities in South Carolina; to determine if the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), a state-funded institution, procures fetal body parts for research and if so, what is the source of the fetal organs and body part; and to identify the South Carolina hospitals that perform abortions and whether the hospitals receive or supply fetal body parts for research or other purposes.

There is indication that government funding of the two Planned Parenthood centers in South Carolina is not fully documented or accounted for in detail. Information provided by South Carolina Citizens for Life (SCCL) Executive Director Holly Gatling highlights three areas of concern:

1. Although the two Planned Parenthood centers in South Carolina advertise that they accept Medicaid clients, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) website shows only one S.C. Medicaid reimbursement in 2010. This is a single payment of \$35,635.68 to the medical director of the Columbia affiliate. There are no reimbursements listed for the Planned Parenthood affiliate in Charleston. It seems implausible that Planned Parenthood of

Columbia received only one Medicaid reimbursement and Planned Parenthood of Charleston received none.

2. According to its own Form 990 for 2010, Planned Parenthood Health Systems Inc. of Raleigh, N.C., reported income of \$403,789 in Medicare/Medicaid funding; and \$228,858 in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The two S.C. affiliates are in the Raleigh network. Again this raises questions about the accuracy of reported Medicaid reimbursement to Planned Parenthood in South Carolina.

3. Another troubling figure is the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) budget that shows more than \$1.5 million allocated for "pregnancy prevention." The 2009 DSS budget included \$1,093,944 of recurring state funding for "pregnancy prevention" and \$457,728 in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families for "pregnancy prevention." Did any of this money go to Planned Parenthood?

In addition, we request that the LAC investigate whether MUSC uses harvest fetal organs for research and if so, what is the source of its fetal organs.

According to an October 2, 2013, letter from Mark S. Southmann, Ph.D., interim President of MUSC, "The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has an agreement with Charleston Women's Center, a DHEC-compliant family planning center. MUSC faculty members provide staff for clinics that residents participate in order to complete their training. No state dollars are used to either pay faculty members or fund abortion."

While we do not intend to question Dr. Southmann's veracity, we want verification that no state funds are involved in the relationship between MUSC and the Charleston Women's Center, a free-standing abortion facility where one of the abortionists, Gary Boyle, pulled a loaded gun on members of the public who were praying peacefully on the public right of way. It is reprehensible that DHEC continues to license the facility.

Finally, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) appears to be withholding information about abortions done in hospitals. The 2014 DHEC report failed to identify the hospitals in which abortions were performed and the information was denied to Holly Gatling upon written request. DHEC should expand (not limit) its abortion reporting to include documenting any state-funded facility that distributes the organs (or any body parts) of aborted babies and the facilities that procure fetal body parts.

Thank you for your attention to this request for an investigation into the state funding of the two Planned Parenthood facilities in South Carolina, the state funding of MUSC as it relates to

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the possible procurement of fetal body parts from the Charleston Women's Clinic (or other suppliers), and the failure of DHEC to make public the abortion report as it relates to hospitals.

Sincerely,



Representative Garry R. Smith



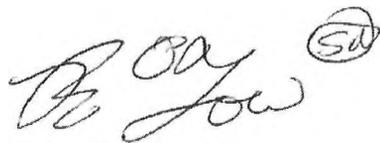
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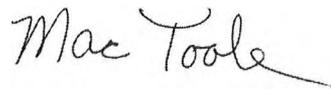
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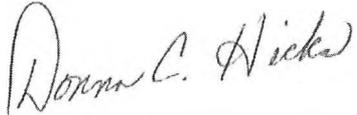
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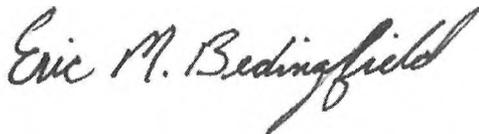
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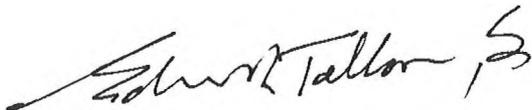
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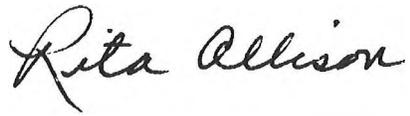
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Representative Eric M. Bedingfield

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Representative Edward R. "Eddie" Tallon, Sr.

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Representative Mark N. Willis

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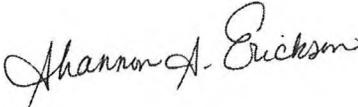
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Representative Don L. Wells

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Representative Samuel Rivers, Jr.

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Representative Shannon S. Erickson

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Representative William M. "Bill" Chumley

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Representative J. Gary Simrill

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Representative Nathan Ballantine