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"It is my belief that the South Carolina Department of Social Services has the most important job in government--promoting the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and vulnerable adults. Over the last two years, the Department of Social Services has been committed to sustainable reform of its policies and practices in order to improve the quality of child welfare in the state of South Carolina. In the settlement agreement signed today, the Department takes the next step in its ongoing reforms and agrees to implement an improvement plan for children in foster care. This plan will guide the Department's efforts to contribute to improve services for children, and we are grateful to our partners across the state who will work in tandem with us to achieve the outcomes our children deserve."

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