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Subject: RE: Draft: Statement From Gov. Nikki Haley On DHEC's Planned Parenthood Investigation

Made another tweak. Can you send that back to Rob and Chaney please?

From: Pisarik, Holly
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 4:26 PM
To: Patel, Swati
Subject: FW: Draft: Statement From Gov. Nikki Haley On DHEC's Planned Parenthood Investigation

Tweak to press release.

From: Adams, Chaney
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 9:43 AM
To: Pisarik, Holly
Cc: Godfrey, Rob
Subject: Draft: Statement From Gov. Nikki Haley On DHEC's Planned Parenthood Investigation

Holly for your review, let us know if anything needs to be changed.

Statement From Gov. Nikki Haley On DHEC's Planned Parenthood Investigation

COLUMBIA, S.C. - Governor Nikki Haley today issued the following statement in response to the findings of the Department of Health and Environmental Control's investigation of Planned Parenthood facilities in South Carolina:

"The entire country was shocked by the videos showing Planned Parenthood officers' horrifying disregard for human life. That prompted me to ask our appropriate state agency to investigate whether such wrongdoing was taking place in our state. That agency is the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). DHEC has now completed its investigation and has concluded that Planned Parenthood is in fact in violation of South Carolina laws.

"This is completely unacceptable.

"I fully support DHEC's actions, including its referral of the matter [and referral](#) to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for possible criminal [investigation](#) prosecution. South Carolina is a compassionate state, and we are a state of laws. We will not tolerate law breaking of any kind, particularly as it relates to the callous treatment of human life and remains."

Last month, Governor Haley asked DHEC to "engage in a prompt and comprehensive investigation of the policies and practices of abortion clinics in our state, prioritizing those affiliated with or owned by Planned Parenthood, its subsidiaries, and its affiliates."

In a letter to DHEC Director Catherine Heigel, the governor wrote, "Over the past weeks, I have been shocked by recent accounts of unethical practices at clinics affiliated with Planned Parenthood."

For more information on DHEC's findings, visit: <http://XXXXXX> or contact the agency's public information office at XXXXX.