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The Honorable Patrick Maley
State Inspector General
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Dear Inspector General Maley,

On behalf of the state agencies of South Carolina, I request your assistance in addressing a serious issue affecting state government information security.

Throughout state government, our information technology (IT) policy for security procedures and protocols has been largely uncoordinated and outdated exposing our state to greater risks of internal and external cyber-attacks.

I am committed to ensuring that state government minimize the risk of cyber-attacks and protect the personal information of our citizens kept by state agencies. Accordingly, today, I signed Executive Order 2012-10 directing the IT officers in my Cabinet agencies to take immediate action to work with the Office of the State Inspector General to review and strengthen IT security procedures and protocols.

Pursuant to your authority in Chapter 6 of Title 1 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, I ask that you make recommendations, on a comprehensive and holistic basis, to improve information security policies and procedures in our state agencies. I would appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. My staff is available to assist as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nikki R. Haley".

Nikki R. Haley