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The Hon. Nikki R. Haley  
State House, First Floor  
1205 Pendleton St.  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

I write today to request that you sign S. 777 and S. 778 into law. These are two important bills which the Probate, Estate Planning and Trust Section of the South Carolina Bar worked diligently to move through the legislative process. No one opposed either bill at any point in the legislative process, and the South Carolina Banker's Association was very supportive of S. 778.

S. 777 is technical in nature and provides additional and alternative requirements for matters involving payment of benefits from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

S. 778 is the South Carolina Uniform Power of Attorney Act, an act tailored to best benefit South Carolinians. For example, S. 778 reverses the current presumption that powers of attorney are not durable unless specifically stated. Under S. 778, an executed power of attorney would endure during a person's period of incapacity rather than catching a citizen in a situation where her power of attorney document would not be in effect when the person is vulnerable.

Thank you for your consideration of these two bills. We again respectfully request you sign both S.777 and S. 778.

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Wells  
Executive Director

