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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
South Carolina State House
1205 Pendleton Street
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Dear Governor Haley:

On behalf of the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs and the individuals and families we serve, thank you for the very important funding recommendations you included for DDSN in your 2013-2014 Executive Budget.

South Carolina's families are amazing in their caregiving and dedication to their loved ones with a disability. Your budget not only responds to changing federal requirements but also recognizes that DDSN services are essential to families and not just "nice to have." It acknowledges how critical it is to sustain these vital services especially to those most vulnerable requiring 24-hour specialized care. Your recommendations will better enable the agency to provide quality services and fulfill its mission. Your budget sets clear priorities for the expenditure of funds and the focus of our energies. This is both necessary and laudable as resources are still very limited even with the new growth our state is experiencing under your leadership.

Thank you for making people with severe lifelong disabilities and services for them a priority. We are grateful for your support. We appreciate your hard work and leadership on behalf of all South Carolina citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly A. H. Buscemi PM".

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