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Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking*

Washington, D.C. 20531

December 10, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

On July 26, 2011, the United States Department of Justice's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) notified you of its determination that South Carolina had substantially implemented the provisions of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), Title I of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. As part of our annual implementation assurance review, on April 30, 2015, the SMART Office requested that you provide any information regarding South Carolina's substantial implementation of SORNA that may have changed since July 27, 2014. In the event that your state had not adopted any changes relevant to its substantial implementation status, the SMART Office requested that you certify that fact in a letter back to our office.

On July 22, 2015, Nicholl Ransom, Sex Offender Registry Program Coordinator, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, sent a letter to the SMART Office in which she outlined improvements to its registration information collection process and certified that South Carolina had not adopted any significant changes relevant to its substantial implementation status.

Based on the information provided in your July 22, 2015 response, the SMART Office has determined that South Carolina continues to substantially implement SORNA. We encourage South Carolina to continue to work with SMART office personnel to maintain South Carolina's status as having substantially implemented SORNA, and to address any outstanding areas in which your state may deviate from SORNA.

Should you have any questions concerning your state and SORNA implementation, please send inquiries to Scott Matson, Senior Policy Advisor, at scott.matson@usdoj.gov or (202) 305-4560. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you as we work together to implement SORNA and protect this nation's citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luis C. deBaca", written over a horizontal line.

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