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

Dear Governor Haley:

As Acting Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Chair of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking (ICCPUD), I would like to thank the State of South Carolina for participating in the annual surveys of state-supported underage drinking enforcement and prevention programs between 2011 and 2015. These surveys were conducted in accordance with the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP) Act [Pub. L. No. 109-422, § 2, 120 Stat. 2890 (2006)], which calls on the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to produce an Annual Report on state-level underage drinking prevention activities, policies, enforcement efforts, and expenditures.

The surveys, completed by all 50 states and the District of Columbia, were developed in coordination with the ICCPUD's federal agency partners and other interested parties. The data collected in these surveys are used to produce an Annual Report on each state's underage drinking prevention efforts, the first comprehensive document of its kind. The current Report, including your state's contribution to the survey, is available publicly at <http://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov/resources/reporttocongress/rtc2015.aspx>.

As called for in the STOP Act, SAMHSA is requesting that states complete another survey in early 2016 for the 2017 Annual Report. Last year, the individual identified as responsible for coordinating your state's response to the STOP Act survey was:


Michelle M. Nienhius, MPH
Prevention Consultant
Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)

SAMHSA will send the 2016 survey to this individual unless you designate another state contact. If you wish to select someone else, please contact Dr. Jorielle Brown at jorielle.brown@samhsa.hhs.gov no later than three weeks from the date of this letter. A sample copy of the 2016 survey is enclosed for your review. The survey will be made available to the individual you identify via e-mail and can be returned as an electronic file.

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In closing, thank you again for South Carolina's help with this critical initiative. Together we can prevent and reduce underage drinking and improve the health of our nation's youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kana Enomoto'. The signature is stylized with a large 'K' and 'E'.

Kana Enomoto
Acting Administrator

Enclosure