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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius,

I am writing in support of the South Carolina Rate Review and IT Infrastructure Enhancement Grant. We believe the data collected through this grant will enable the South Carolina Department of Insurance to protect the state's citizens by further enhancing its regulatory (i.e., rate review) processes. The data derived from the grant activities will enable the Department to make policy recommendations aimed at stabilizing health insurance rates and prohibiting any potentially abusive rating practices.

Therefore, I am pleased to designate the South Carolina Department of Insurance as the lead agency for the rate review grant.

Sincerely,

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Mark Sanford

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