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The Honorable John Taliaferro West, IV South Carolina House of Representatives Legislative Oversight Committee Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee Post Office Box 11867 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Chairman West,

Thank you for your letter dated August 19, 2019 transmitting a number of requests for information following the August 12, 2019 Subcommittee hearing, and other requests for additional information.

SCDMH has already begun to prepare the answers to the questions and gather supporting documentation. Given the breadth of the subject matter to which the questions relate, and the depth of an appropriate response, SCDMH is respectfully requesting an extension from the original date for submission, September 3, 2019. SCDMH requests that it be allowed to submit the answers to the questions with supporting documentation as completed, but prior to the date of the next Subcommittee hearing, September 16, 2019. We will be providing much of the information by the September 3, 2019 deadline.

Thank you, again, for providing SCDMH with the opportunity to share with the Subcommittee its successes and challenges, and for the Subcommittee's dedication to legislative oversight and support.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 803-898-8319 if you have any questions, or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Binkley, JD Interim State Director

MISSION STATEMENT

To support the recovery of people with mental illnesses.

