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Greg Shore, Chairman
Vulnerable Adults Fatalities Review Committee
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Dear Chairman Shore:

On behalf of the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee, thank you for providing testimony at our September 16, 2019, meeting. Your testimony about the Vulnerable Adults Fatalities Review Committee's (Committee) purpose and processes was helpful as we learn more about South Carolina's systems to serve and protect vulnerable people. Subcommittee members have some outstanding questions, and would appreciate a response by October 14, 2019.

- On page two of the Committee's 2014 report, it was reported "In 2013, over 8,000 cases of abuse, neglect, and accidents involving the elderly and incapacitated adults from nursing facilities are reported to the South Carolina Long-Term Care Ombudsmen." Please provide the number of cases for 2018, or the most recent year available.
- What state agencies provide resources to support the Committee's work (e.g., meeting space and administrative support)? If possible, please specify the type of resource and quantify the value of the resource?
- If after 2009, deaths from Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities were no longer covered by the investigative scope of the SC Law Enforcement Vulnerable Adult Unit, who investigates these deaths?

The Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee approved a finding related to the Vulnerable Adults Fatalities Review Committee. The text of it will appear in the meeting minutes for the September 16, 2019, meeting. Those minutes will be considered for approval at our next meeting. If approved, staff will send you a link to the minutes. Also, the video of the meeting is posted on the Legislature's website (<https://www.scstatehouse.gov/video/archives.php?key=9795&part=1>). Our consideration of the finding begins at time stamp 1:10:30. Thank you for your service to the citizens of South Carolina and for your continued cooperation with the legislative oversight process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay West". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Jay West
Subcommittee Chair

cc: The Honorable Robert L. Ridgeway, III
The Honorable Bill Taylor
The Honorable Chris Wooten