

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Tim Hill  
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
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Dear Director Hill:

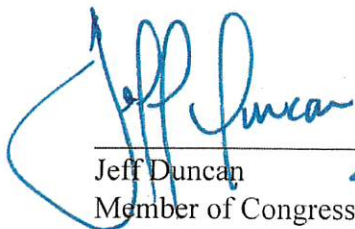
As you may be aware, the State of South Carolina, under the signature of our Governor Henry McMaster, applied to your office on August 23, 2018 for waivers of certain federal regulations and statutes necessary to implement the Preconception Care (PCC) Program under section 1115 of the Social Security Act. To date, Governor McMaster nor the state agencies responsible for carrying out these regulations have received a response.

The waiver seeks to allow South Carolina to exclude abortion providers from eligibility in participating in the state's Medicaid plan. As Planned Parenthood has been accused of serious misconduct, especially surrounding the harvesting of infant body parts for sale, we stand in strong support of this request, and ask for its immediate consideration and approval.

The murder of innocent children simply does not qualify as health care; states like South Carolina who do not want to, directly or indirectly, subsidize abortion on clear moral grounds should not be forced to do so by federal bureaucrats.

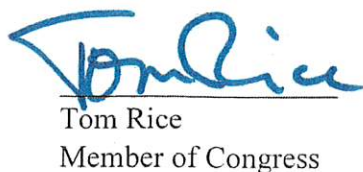
We urge you to grant this waiver forthwith, and we eagerly await your response.

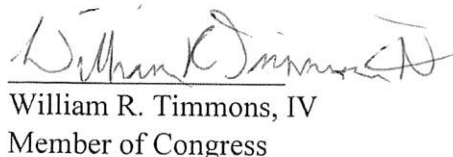
Sincerely,

  
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