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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Dear Governor Haley:

The South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners, hereinafter referred to as the Medical Board, is proud to support your Domestic Violence Task Force. We appreciate the attention that the Governor's Office has brought to this significant issue and we welcome this opportunity to provide service to South Carolina citizens in this particularly important area of community health.

The Medical Board received information regarding the Task Force's progress during our meetings in 2015, specifically discussing the educational resources available to our licensees. We support and encourage our licensees to become better educated about domestic violence. South Carolina medical licensees, as healthcare providers, can play an integral role in addressing this serious public health issue, both professionally and as leaders in their communities, and members of the Medical Board strongly encourage our licensees to take advantage of continuing education offerings that focus on domestic violence. Daniel Saad M.D., who serves as a Medical Board and Task Force member, has ensured that the Medical Board received valuable educational presentations from the clinical, medical and law enforcement perspectives. Medical Board members encourage all licensees to pursue similar opportunities to better understand the multitude of issues surrounding domestic violence.

The Medical Board will propose a distribution of information to all of our licensees within the coming months detailing the continuing education available, as well as the resources available to our patients, so that our licensees may refer patients affected by domestic violence to the appropriate services. Also, the Medical Board will develop a Position Statement regarding domestic violence in South Carolina.

I look forward to my continued service on the Domestic Violence Task Force and we, the Medical Board, stand ready to advance the goal of reducing and eliminating domestic violence in our state to the fullest extent possible. It is with our greatest pleasure that the members of the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners are able to continue service to our magnificent state.

Kindest regards,

Stephen R. Gardner, M.D.
President