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The Honorable Glenn F. McConnell President *Pro Tempore*, South Carolina Senate Senate District 41 Charleston County 101 Gressette Building Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Senator McConnell,

The South Carolina Insurance Fraud Division's 2010 Annual Report illustrates my office's commitment to the fight against insurance fraud. Despite limited resources, our office is doing everything possible to protect our citizens. Through prosecution and public education we are making a difference in our communities.

In 2010, the Attorney General's Insurance Fraud Division secured 75 criminal convictions resulting in \$320,716.16 in court ordered fines and restitution. Additionally, close to \$100,000.00 was collected for civil fines and restitution.

The Attorney General's office received 596 complaints regarding insurance fraud in 2010. The breakdown of the complaints received is as follows: Automobile 54%, Personal/Commercial Property 17%, Workers' Compensation 8%, Health/Medical 10%, Disability 4%, Life Insurance 3%, Premium Fraud 2%, and Other 2%.

Our office remains steadfast in this fight, and we will continue to bring the perpetrators of insurance fraud to justice. We strive to make the victims of fraud whole by ensuring the courts order restitution be paid to them.

The year 2010 was one of great accomplishments and challenges. The Insurance Fraud Division of the Office of the Attorney General made great headway in the protection of South Carolina's citizens by aggressively prosecuting fraud cases.

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As Attorney General, I am proud of these figures, but please be reminded that this problem will persist if we do not remain vigilant in our fight against insurance fraud.

Sincerely, Wilson

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