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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the South Carolina Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan. The plan provides a road map for statewide cancer prevention and control strategies through 2010. The plan was prepared by the SC Cancer Alliance with staff support from the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) with funding Support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The DHEC Cancer Control Advisory Committee also reviewed and sanctioned the plan.

Volunteers from each SCCA task force prepared drafts of each section, which were then reviewed and revised by the task force membership. The SCCA coordinating council reviewed and approved the final document. The plan has had broad and diverse input and will be a valuable document to guide the strategies to reduce the burden of cancer in South Carolina. All members of the SCCA are committed to use this plan to recruit additional partners and to implement cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, patient care, policy and advocacy, and survivor support programs and strategies. While the task of reducing the burden of cancer is great, the enthusiasm and willingness of the SCCA membership to champion the cause of comprehensive cancer control is even greater.

We trust you will find this publication to be relevant and useful. It has been produced as a loose-leaf notebook so that modifications can easily be made as objectives are accomplished and updated. The SCCA wants to keep the document current, consistent with best public health practices, and state needs. Additional copies may be obtained electronically on the SCCA web site at www.sccanceralliance.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Ureda".

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