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Dear South Carolina Cancer Alliance Members and Friends:

I am delighted to provide an introduction to this novel way of displaying the excellent data collected through the South Carolina Central Cancer Registry in order to highlight the needs of communities. It is important for states to have a document to share with all stakeholders. South Carolina has emerged as a leader in documenting challenges, acknowledging accomplishments, and providing a roadmap to a future of reduced cancer burden – especially in groups and places that suffer the most extreme cancer disparities. Although South Carolina counties vary significantly across the incidence and mortality statistics obtained from the SC Central Cancer Registry, it is evident that you have begun to address issues at the community level as well as statewide.

The SC Cancer Report Card, 2010 reflects the efforts of the many partners who come together under the umbrella of the South Carolina Cancer Alliance (SCCA) to lessen the burden of cancer for their communities. The breadth of organizations incorporated is striking. As truly a statewide coalition, SCCA is used as a model coalition for other states. The SC Cancer Report Card represents an important example of the benefits from working together as concerned citizens, health care providers, researchers, cancer survivors and family members, and representatives of South Carolina state government.

I applaud you for carefully defining the problem and setting the path to solutions. You have incredible potential to make an even greater impact in the future. The CDC is pleased to be a part of this effort. We look forward to your continued progress.

Sincerely,

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