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Ms. Karen Nichols  
Upper Midlands Rural Health Network  
P.O. Box 1537  
Chester, SC 29706

Dear Ms. Nichols,

On behalf of the South Carolina Office of Rural Health, I am writing in full support of your application for the Rural Health Network Development Grant to enhance workforce development efforts in collaboration with your network members.

The South Carolina Office of Rural Health (SCORH) is a non-profit organization with a mission to close the gap in health status and life expectancy between rural and urban communities in the Palmetto State. SCORH has been promoting investment, opportunity and health within rural communities since 1991. SCORH has a workforce coordinator who connects physicians and advanced practice providers with positions that enable them to serve rural and medically underserved communities. She also helps medical students and residents navigate resources that ensure retention. She looks forward to additional collaboration with the Upper Midlands Rural Health Network to help this medically underserved area (MUA) of the state.

Our office is committed to supporting the Upper Midlands Rural Health Network with this project through targeted technical assistance and staff support to help with program implementation. As a member of the Upper Midlands Rural Health Network, I am very much dedicated to helping the network remain successful and sustainable. I am hopeful that you will be awarded this needed funding.

Sincerely,



Graham L. Adams, PhD  
Chief Executive Officer