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The Honorable Peter Orszag, Director
The Office of Management and Budget
725 17th Street, Northwest
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Dear Mr. Orszag,

This letter is written regarding Section 1607 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). As you know, this provision requires the Governor of the State to certify that: (1) the State will request and use funds provided by this Act; and (2) the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

On behalf of the people of South Carolina, please allow this letter to certify that we will accept funds and use them to create jobs and promote economic growth to the extent that our state and respective agencies and governmental programs are able to do so. Although we have questioned the effectiveness of this legislation, we have said all along that we will not prevent the state from certifying and receiving stimulus dollars which are scheduled to come to the state programmatically through existing federal formulas. We, therefore, would ask that this letter serve as a Section 1607 certification and that funds be released to the appropriate state agencies to spend in accordance with guidelines set forth in the ARRA and by federal agencies.

Let me be equally clear though that this letter in no way represents an **application** for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds. These monies are further defined as Educational Stabilization and Governmental Services funds in the US Department of Education guidelines issued on April 1, 2009. As you may be aware, our administration continues to have reservations about accepting these funds. If those reservations are satisfied by policy makers within the General Assembly of South Carolina, then at some later date my administration will apply for those funds.

In the interim, we remain committed to working with our General Assembly to use certified funds allocated in a responsible manner despite our reservations with regard to their ability to produce the intended effect of a more stable national economy. Thank you for your attention to these matters and we look forward to working with your administration in finding ways to make both the state I represent, and our country, stronger economically.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mark Sanford", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford