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Dr. Brannon Traxler
Deputy Director of Health Promotion and Services
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Dear Doctor Traxler:

I hereby authorize you to perform the duties and assume the responsibilities of Acting Director of the South Carolina Department of Public Health, effective immediately and until such time as I take different or additional action with respect to said position or until a successor is appointed and confirmed by the Senate, whichever event occurs first. This temporary designation does not alter the terms and conditions of your employment or the compensation associated with your current position.

Thank you for your willingness to continue serving the State of South Carolina in this capacity. Should you have any questions or concerns, or if I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

Henry Dargan McMaster