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Mr. Josh Fulbright, Section Chief  
Community Risk Reduction  
Office of State Fire Marshal  
141 Monticello Trail  
Columbia, SC 29203

Dear Chief Fulbright:

The Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging (LGOA) is pleased to offer this letter as a statement of support for the State Fire Marshal Office's efforts in community risk reduction for creating a "Fire Safe South Carolina."

Statistics show that South Carolina seniors, as well as seniors nationwide, are often adversely impacted by fire emergencies. Unfortunately, 66 percent of fire related fatalities are aged 50 years and older, while 25 percent of fatalities are aged 70 years and older. The South Carolina Aging Network, consisting of the LGOA and 10 Area Agencies on Aging welcomes a partnership with the State Fire Marshal to identify risks for seniors and other vulnerable populations.

The LGOA looks forward to assisting the State Fire Marshal when possible with this important project, supporting the Fire Marshal's goal to reduce fire risk and creating a "Fire Safe South Carolina".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerry Dickinson", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gerry Dickinson  
Policy Manager