



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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January 31, 2014

The Honorable Marilyn Avila, Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
And Human Services
Room 2217, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

The Honorable Mark Hollo, Chair
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health
And Human Services
Room 639, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

The Honorable William Brisson, Chair
Appropriations Subcommittees on Health
And Human Services
Room 405, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Representatives Avila, Brisson and Hollo:

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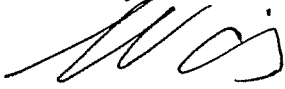
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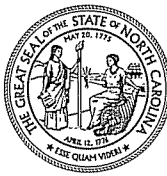
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The Honorable Ralph Hise, Co-Chair
Appropriations Committee on
Health and Human Services
Room 1026, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

The Honorable Louis Pate, Co-Chair
Appropriations Committee on
Health and Human Services
Room 1028, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Dear Senators Hise and Pate:

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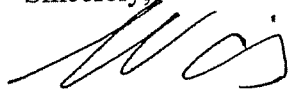
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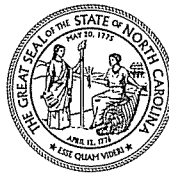
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The Honorable Ralph Hise, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
Health and Human Services
Room 1026, Legislative Building
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

The Honorable Justin Burr, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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Room 307A, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

The Honorable Mark Hollo, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on
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Room 639, Legislative Office Building
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Dear Senator Hise, Representative Burr, and Representative Hollo:

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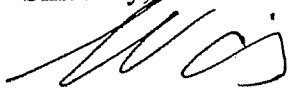
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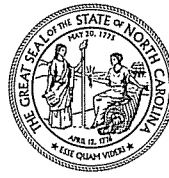
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Mr. Mark Trogdon, Director
Fiscal Research Division
North Carolina General Assembly
Room 619, Legislative Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Mr. Trogdon:

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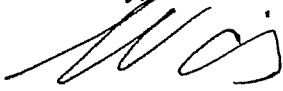
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