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October 22, 2009

Senator Martin Nesbitt, Co-Chair Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services North Carolina General Assembly Room 300-B Legislative Office Building Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Senator Nesbitt:

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In order to address this objective, there will be a delay in submission of this report until April 1, 2010 as major changes are still in the planning stages for the system regarding services. Once plans for those issues are further developed, we will be able to more accurately access the needs in order to complete this reporting requirement.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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