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North Carolina General Assembly
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

RE: Report on development of training program on proper
procedures for submission of evidence to the NC State Crime
Laboratory

Dear Members:

Pursuant to Session Law 2013-360, Section 17.3, representatives from the Institute of Government, Conference of District Attorneys and the DOJ attorney assigned to the State Crime Laboratory met and planned a one half day training program to address the following items: fundamentals of Laboratory forensic science disciplines, Laboratory's electronic information system, and the Laboratory's case management guidelines.

The Conference of District Attorneys publicized this training event which was held on Friday September 13, 2013 at the NC Judicial Conference Center. State Crime Laboratory Forensic Scientists, Forensic Scientist Supervisors and Managers from the Laboratory presented on the following topics:

- Forensic Biology including Serology and DNA
- Latent Evidence including Fingerprint, Footwear and Tire track impressions
- Digital Evidence including Audio and Video analysis
- Drug Chemistry including Toxicology analysis
- Trace Evidence including Paint, Hair, Fiber, Glass, Arson and GSR analysis
- Firearms Evidence including Tool Mark analysis
- The Laboratory's electronic information system (Forensic Advantage) including discussion regarding recent upgrades to that system
- The Laboratory's case management guidelines



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The presentation on September 13, 2013 was videotaped and will be available for future training of District Attorneys on these issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. We would be happy to respond to any questions you may have regarding this report.

Very truly yours,



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