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The Honorable Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore  
North Carolina Senate

The Honorable James Black  
Speaker of the House  
North Carolina House of Representatives

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Black:

I am writing to notify you that the North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has contracted with the Department of Crime Control & Public Safety, Division of Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE), for 15 positions to issue permits to lottery retailers and enforce lottery regulations. The establishment of these positions is time sensitive given that ALE officers are required to complete 12 weeks of ALE Academy training and the NCEL plans to begin selling lottery tickets on April 1, 2006. Each day the lottery start date is delayed means a loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars for crucial education initiatives.

While the North Carolina State Lottery Act (Session Law 2005-344, Section 15) allows the NCEL to move forward with these positions, the Office of State Budget and Management as a courtesy wanted to notify you that these positions have been established effective January 24, 2006. Mike Robertson, Director of ALE, presented this information at the January 17, 2006 meeting of Joint Legislative Corrections, Crime Control, and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, and no objections were raised by Committee members. The position information will be submitted to the upcoming February meeting of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and can be presented at that time if requested.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter.

With regards, I am

Sincerely,

David McCoy