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The Honorable Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore, North Carolina Senate  
Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

The Honorable Joe Hackney  
Speaker, North Carolina House of Representatives  
Co-Chair, Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

Dear President Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

G.S. 7A-343 provides that the AOC Director's duties include analyzing the use of contractual positions in the Judicial Department and, after consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, converting contractual positions to permanent positions when the Director determines that it is in the best interests of the Judicial Department to do so. This letter is intended to meet the consultation requirement prior to converting certain contractual positions to permanent positions.

At this time, the Judicial Department is in agreement with the Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission that the conversion of a portion of the contractual appropriation to a permanent administrative staff position is necessary to support the work of the Commission. A letter from the Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission describing this need is attached. It is our shared belief that the permanent position will result in increased efficiency for the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph A. Walker", written over a light gray rectangular background.

Ralph A. Walker