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The Honorable Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore
North Carolina State Senate

The Honorable Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

I am writing to you as the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to report on an additional allocation of \$522,000 from the State Emergency Response Account for the continuing efforts to control and extinguish the Evans Road Fire in Hyde County.

In a letter from OSBM dated July 21, 2008, you were informed that FEMA had authorized a Fire Management Assistance Declaration for the fire burning in Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties. The FEMA declaration reimburses the state for 75 percent of the costs associated with fire fighting. However, ancillary costs for support activities not directly related to fire fighting are not eligible for federal reimbursement. Therefore, these costs must be paid for by the state.

It has been determined that an allocation of \$522,000 is required to meet the state's obligations incurred in battling the fire. This allocation from the State Emergency Response Account will increase the total amount disbursed for the Evans Road Fire to \$4,580,137. Pursuant to G.S. § 166A-6.01 and 166A-6.02, the Governor has approved the allocation of these funds from Budget Code 19031, State Emergency Response Account.

With regards, I am

Sincerely,


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