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Honorable Marc Basnight, President Pro Tempore  
North Carolina Senate  
Cochairman, Joint Legislative Commission  
on Governmental Operations  
Legislative Building, Room 2007  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Re: Fee Increases-Consultation With JLCGO

Dear Senator Basnight:

The 2003 Appropriations Act directed the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to increase fees for animal disease diagnostic tests and services, effective July 1, 2003.

We are prepared to consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on these fee increases at its next meeting. However, since these increases were considered by the Appropriations Committee, and the anticipated revenues were used to offset reductions in appropriated funds, we felt that we should implement these changes as soon as possible. Further details are included in the enclosed memorandum from Dr. David Marshall, State Veterinarian.

Please let me know if we can provide further information.

Sincerely,

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