



North Carolina General Assembly
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

September 17, 2025

sent via email

Matt Calabria

Governor's Recovery Office for Western North Carolina (GROW NC)

20301 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Mr. Calabria:

Thank you for your response on behalf of Stephanie McGarrah, Jonathan Krebs, and yourself to our invitation to testify before the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Subcommittee on Hurricane Response and Recovery requests next Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at 9:00 am in the Legislative Building Auditorium.

We will move forward with the hearing as scheduled.

Public servants from the area, State Treasurer Brad Briner, and a nonprofit partner have changed their plans so they can testify to the committee that day about what they have done, are doing, and will continue to do to help western North Carolina recover.

As you know, the lives of many western North Carolinians were upended by Hurricane Helene. In the past year, the General Assembly has provided nearly \$2.5 billion to accelerate recovery efforts. This is all while we are still dealing with the repercussions of North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) in eastern North Carolina, which overspent \$982 million in federal and required \$297 million in state funding to complete its work getting people home. It is imperative that the people of North Carolina hear from GROW NC about the status of recovery so they can be assured that such mismanagement will not be repeated.

Please let us know who will testify in your place.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent Jackson".

Sen. Brent Jackson
Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brenden Jones".

Rep. Brenden Jones
Co-Chair