



## North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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Aldona Z. Wos, M.D.  
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April 1, 2013

The Honorable Thom Tillis, Co-Chair  
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations  
Room 2304, Legislative Building  
Raleigh, NC 27601

The Honorable Phil Berger, Co-Chair  
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations  
Room 2008, Legislative Building  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Speaker Tillis and President Pro Tempore Berger:

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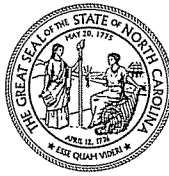
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The Honorable Marilyn Avila, Chair  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health  
and Human Services  
Room 2217, Legislative Building  
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

The Honorable William Brisson, Chair  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health  
and Human Services  
Room 405, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

The Honorable Mark Hollo, Chair  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Health  
and Human Services  
Room 639, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Representatives Avila, Brisson and Hollo:

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The Honorable Louis Pate, Chair  
Appropriations on Health and  
Human Services  
Room 1028, Legislative Building  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

The Honorable Ralph Hise, Chair  
Appropriations on Health and  
Human Services  
Room 1026, Legislative Building  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2808

Dear Senators Pate and Hise:

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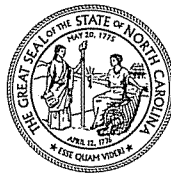
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The Honorable Justin Burr, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services  
Room 307A, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925

The Honorable Nelson Dollar, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services  
Room 307B1, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603-5925

The Honorable Louis Pate, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services  
Room 1028, Legislative Building  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

Dear Representatives Burr and Dollar, and Senator Pate:

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