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

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

Dear Senator Berger and Representative Tillis:

G.S. 7A-343 provides that the NCAOC 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, we have determined that the conversion of a certain position is necessary for more cost effective attorney representation in the Guardian ad Litem program (GAL). As such, we are requesting the conversion of one GAL contract attorney position into a GAL staff attorney position. This position will be focused on services in District 12. It is our belief that converting this contractual position to a permanent position will result in increased efficiency in meeting the growing demands of the juvenile court system.

Please do not hesitate to contact McKinley Wooten, NCAOC's Deputy Director for Program Services, or me if we can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of John W. Smith, written in a cursive style.

John W. Smith

cc: McKinley Wooten, Deputy Director NCAOC

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