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**sent via email**

Lisa Cauley  
Division Director, Human Services  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
820 S. Boylan Avenue, McBryde Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Director Cauley:

The Committee appreciates NCDHHS's review of the Dominique Moody case and the Department's May 20, 2026, corrective action letter to Mecklenburg County.

**Pursuant to §120-14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the House Oversight Committee requests your appearance to testify on June 4, 2026, at 9:00 am in the Legislative Building Auditorium.**

The Committee requests that your testimony address NCDHHS's review of the Dominique Moody fatality; the Department's corrective action letter; the violations of law, rule, or policy identified by NCDHHS; Mecklenburg County's corrective action obligations; the Department's oversight authority under G.S. 108A-74; and any statutory changes needed to better protect children.

The Committee is aware of the Protective Order entered in *State v. Tery'n McKnight*. The Committee does not seek testimony that would violate any court order. The Committee does expect testimony regarding the Department's review, the corrective action letter, county child welfare failures, State oversight authority, corrective action requirements, enforcement tools, and potential policy reforms.

The Protective Order prohibits the release of the CMPD criminal investigative files and related materials requested from CMPD. It does not prohibit the Committee from holding an oversight hearing. It does not prohibit testimony concerning NCDHHS's



review, NCDHHS's findings, Mecklenburg County's corrective action obligations, State oversight authority, publicly available information, or potential legislative reforms. Accordingly, you are expected to appear and testify regarding this matter.

**Please read the remainder of this letter carefully to ensure that you comply with all hearing requirements and that you understand your rights as a witness.**

Each witness who is to appear before the House Oversight Committee must file with Committee Staff a written statement of proposed testimony. This must be filed by no less than one week prior to the hearing. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the exclusion of your written testimony from the hearing record, the barring of your oral presentation of the testimony, or both. Responses to questions at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes per response.

A witness appearing before the Committee must include with their written testimony a current résumé summarizing education, experience, and affiliations pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing.


Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel to advise them concerning their constitutional rights, but accompanying counsel shall not directly respond to questions. We reserve the right to place any witness under oath. Finally, witnesses may obtain a transcript copy of their testimony given in open, public session, or in a closed session only when authorized by the Committee.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (docx), PowerPoint (pptx), or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to committee staff no later than **Monday, June 1, at 12:00 noon.**

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting Committee Staff in advance of the hearing.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Moorefield at (919) 301-2025 or [Mary.Moorefield@ncleg.gov](mailto:Mary.Moorefield@ncleg.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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