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The Honorable Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore
North Carolina State Senate

The Honorable James Black
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Black:

I am writing to you as the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to report on the allocation of funds to address the initial response and recovery efforts associated with Tropical Storm Ernesto, which struck the North Carolina coast on August 31, 2006.

On September 26, 2006, the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration for Duplin and Jones counties. The SBA declaration also includes seven contiguous counties. They are: Carteret, Craven, Lenoir, Onslow, Pender, Sampson and Wayne. In response to this storm, state resources were mobilized and dispatched to provide disaster management and assistance to those in the affected areas. Funds have been allocated for initial response activities totaling \$462,481 and recovery costs of \$527,970. Pursuant to G.S. § 166A-6.01 and 166A-6.02, the Governor has approved the allocation of these funds from Budget Code 19031, State Emergency Response Account.

With regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David McCoy".

David McCoy