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The Honorable Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore
North Carolina State Senate

The Honorable Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House
North Carolina House of Representatives

Dear Senator Basnight and Speaker Hackney:

I am writing to you as the Chairs of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations to report on the allocation of funds to fight the Evans Road Fire in Hyde County that began on June 1, 2008.

On June 13, 2008, FEMA authorized a Fire Management Assistance Declaration for the wildfire that continues to burn in Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties. The FEMA declaration will reimburse the state for 75 percent of the costs associated with fire fighting. However, ancillary costs for meals, lodging and materials incurred in support of the fire fighting effort are not eligible for federal reimbursement. Therefore, these costs must be paid for by the state. Funds have been allocated for these support activities totaling \$774,182. 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

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