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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 an additional allocation of \$270,919 from the State Emergency Response Account to fund the public assistance and hazard mitigation programs related to the disaster caused by the Tropical Storm Hanna, which struck the North Carolina coast on September 6, 2008.

On October 8, 2008, a Presidential disaster declaration was authorized for the State of North Carolina due to the damage caused by Tropical Storm Hanna. The disaster declaration made the state eligible for financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). FEMA is providing a majority of the funds necessary for the recovery; however, FEMA requires that the state provide a 25% match. Prior to FY 2009-2010 the state had allocated \$931,485 from the State Emergency Response Account for activities related to this disaster. This allocation will increase the total amount disbursed for Tropical Storm Hanna to \$1,202,404. 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,


Charles Perusse

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