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The Honorable Bill Rabon  
The Honorable David Lewis  
North Carolina General Assembly  
16 W. Jones Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Gentlemen:

Our office is in receipt of your Feb. 16, 2018 letter responding to our response to your inquiry regarding the Atlantic Coast Pipeline fund for eastern North Carolina.

It is shameful, but unsurprising, that you have turned a fund that provided such promise for North Carolina into political theater.

North Carolina faces many challenging issues that legislators have failed to address that deserve the energy and focus you have instead devoted to this partisan charade. Examples include a comprehensive public-school fix that provides school buildings and more teachers for smaller class sizes; clean water action to detect and stop GenX and other emerging compounds; securing good health care for low-income, working people plus the jobs that would be created through Medicaid expansion.

The pipeline fund was established to provide economic development opportunities and environmental protection along the path of the pipeline, simply put.

While the legislature has voted to redirect the proceeds away from economic development and environmental projects, we remain hopeful you will recognize the great need for good jobs and a vibrant economy in eastern North Carolina.

Since you have already decided where this money should go, your new questions appear to be political in nature, as well as moot, and as such our office lets the previous letter stand as its answer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristi Jones".

Kristi Jones  
Chief of Staff