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Ms. Laura Zink Marx
President & CEO
United Way of North Carolina
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Cary, NC 27511

Dear Ms. Marx:

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Subcommittee on the Use and Distribution of Federal COVID Funding requests your appearance to testify on November 17, 2021, from 9:30am to 10:00am in the Legislative Building Auditorium.

In your role as President and CEO of The United Way of North Carolina, you have a unique insight into the needs of some of North Carolina's most vulnerable tenants. In your testimony, we look for you to provide insight into the following topics:

- An overview of the Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) 1.0 emergency rental assistance program from your perspective as a community provider and the NC211 call center administrator;
- An overview of the NC211 Counts database and the process for collection and analysis of this data; and
- An update on the current need for rental assistance in North Carolina, and how this need has evolved over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please read 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 a Subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations must file with the Subcommittee Clerks a written statement of proposed testimony. **This must be filed by close of business on the Friday before your appearance. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the exclusion of your written testimony from the hearing record and/or the barring of your oral presentation of the testimony.** Your oral testimony should not exceed five



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minutes and should summarize your written remarks. Responses to questions at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes per response.

A witness appearing before the Subcommittee must include with their written testimony, a current resume 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 Subcommittee.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (docx) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to NCGAGovOps@ncleg.gov no later than 5:00pm on Friday, November 12, 2021. Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting the Subcommittee Clerks in advance of the hearing.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Haley Phillips at (919) 301-1458.

Sincerely,

Sen. Chuck Edwards
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