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The Honorable Justin Burr, Chair
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The Honorable Nelson Dollar, Chair
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The Honorable Louis Pate, Chair
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
on Health and human Services
Room 1028, Legislative Building
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Dear Senator Pate and Representatives Burr and Dollar:

I hope this letter finds you doing well, but I am afraid I write with some disappointing news. After receiving an inquiry from the Fiscal Research Division, which sought a copy of a report on oral health, I have discovered the Department failed to complete and submit that report. Session Law 2010-88 directed the Department of Health and Human Services, Divisions of Medical Assistance and Public Health, to study issues that may facilitate dental care and improve dental outcomes for the special needs population and to report findings and recommendations on or before November 15, 2011. Based on an internal investigation, it seems that members of the previous administration's departmental leadership failed initially to agree on the appropriate content for the report and, instead of resolving that disagreement, elected then not to complete and not to submit the report.

We were disappointed, as I am sure each of you are, to learn of these events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919/855-4830 or Adam.Sholar@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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