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Senator Krawiec and other Members of the Joint Health and Human Services Committee,

On behalf of Stokes County Government and the Stokes County Department of Social Services, this letter is to formally represent our support, inclusion and participation in the Child Welfare/ Behavioral Health Pilot presentation, entitled Building Stability for Foster Children. We have been a contributing member of a Triad Region workgroup established more than 18 months ago to build a pilot model that creates easier access to comprehensive health services for children in foster care.

We regret that we are unable to be present in person today, but ask that you support this model that creates a better continuity of care, providing an alternative to therapeutic foster care and assuring services are available without disrupting their foster care placement in order to have access to those services needed to treat trauma.

With Respect,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stacey S. Elmes".

Stacey Elmes

DSS Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jake Oakley".

Jake Oakley

County Manager