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Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr.
Secretary
North Carolina Department of Public Safety
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Raleigh, NC 27699-4201

Dear Sec. Buffaloe:

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations Subcommittee on Hurricane Response and Recovery requests your appearance to testify on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Legislative Building Auditorium.

In your role as Secretary of North Carolina Department of Public Safety (DPS), you have the penultimate authority over the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR). In response to questions and concerns raised in the Sept. 14th hearing of this body, we request that you appear before the Commission to offer your testimony on NCORR's response to Hurricanes Matthew and Florence, with a specific focus on:

- Your evaluation of the success or failure of the RebuildNC program;
- Steps taken by DPS to increase accountability within the RebuildNC program and with its contractors;
- Policy, programmatic, and/or administrative changes that DPS has put forward to increase program responsiveness and accountability within NCORR;
- Your commitments to this body, and those affected citizens, on when the remaining individuals in the program (affected by Hurricanes Matthew and Florence) will have completed homes.

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 and any accompanying materials that may be presented at the hearing. **This must be filed at least five working days 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 fifteen minutes and should summarize your written remarks. Responses to questions at the hearing should be limited to no more than three minutes per response.



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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 and any accompanying presentations or materials must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (docx) or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to NCGAGovOps@ncleg.gov no later than **5:00pm on Wednesday, December 7th.** 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 Blake Belch via email at blake.belch@ncleg.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sen. Brent Jackson in cursive.

Sen. Brent Jackson
Co-Chair

Handwritten signature of Rep. John R. Bell, IV in cursive.

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