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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Phil Berger, President Pro-Tempore of the Senate
Representative Tim Moore, Speaker of the House of Representatives

FROM: *Thomas Check*
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SUBJECT: Expenditures for Emergency Capital Projects --- UNC-Charlotte

In accordance with G.S. 120-76.1 the following expenditures were approved without consulting the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations because of an emergency that posed an imminent threat to public health or public safety.

UNC-Charlotte: Emergency Capital Improvement Declaration

UNC Charlotte Belk Tower

A May 2015 investigation by the University maintenance and engineering staff revealed several areas of concern related to the structural integrity of the UNC Charlotte Belk Tower.

Subsequent inspections and consultation with SKA Consulting Engineers, Inc. and university staff have determined the severely deteriorated structure poses: (i) an immediate and present life/safety danger to students, university personnel, and campus visitors; and (ii) the potential to damage five other State buildings located within the fall radius of the tower structure.

The forty-five-year-old, decorative tower structure is in an extremely poor condition, is a hazard, and no longer serves a useful purpose. UNC Charlotte facilities staff has coordinated demolition with D.H. Griffin Wrecking Company to demolish the structure during the December holiday shutdown. The estimated demolition cost is \$128,000, which will be funded with Facilities and Administrative receipts.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 919-807-4738.

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