



North Carolina General Assembly
Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

January 23, 2025

Stephanie McGarrah
Deputy Secretary
Department of Commerce
Division of Community Revitalization
4301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-4301

Dear Ms. McGarrah:

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations: Subcommittee on Hurricane Response and Recovery requests your appearance to testify on Thursday, January 30, 2025, in the Legislative Building Auditorium. The hearing begins at 9:00 a.m. and should conclude by 12:00 p.m.

As the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Division of Community Revitalization, you have the best understanding of the plans, goals, and vision of the newly-established program. In your testimony, the Subcommittee asks for you to address the following topics:

- Lessons from the North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency and the North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office on organization, program enrollment, funding, process flow, and delivery;
- Current planning for the Housing Urban Development Action Plan, including timing, activities, and grant amounts;
- Plans for reporting program updates to the General Assembly, Governor's Recovery Office for Western North Carolina, Governor Stein, and the people of North Carolina; and
- Other topics as appropriate.

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 a written statement of proposed testimony. **This must be filed by close of business two 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 five minutes per response.



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Further, a witness appearing before a subcommittee of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations 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. The Subcommittee reserves 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 when authorized by the Subcommittee, or at any time when examined under oath.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (docx), Microsoft PowerPoint (pptx), or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to NCGAGovOps@ncleg.gov no later than **Tuesday, January 28, 2025.** Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting the staff member below 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brent Jackson".

Sen. Brent Jackson
Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenden Jones".

Rep. Brenden Jones
Co-Chair