



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**ROY COOPER  
GOVERNOR**

September 25, 2023

The Honorable Thom Tillis  
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tillis:

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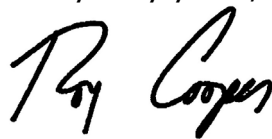
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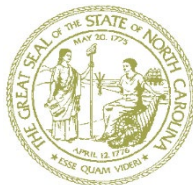
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The Honorable Ted Budd  
304 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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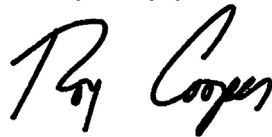
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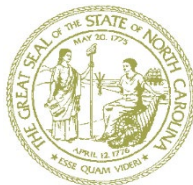
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The Honorable Don Davis  
1123 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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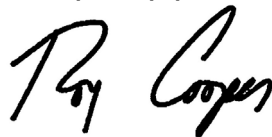
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The Honorable Deborah Ross  
1221 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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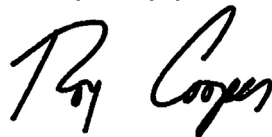
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The Honorable Gregory (Greg) Murphy  
407 Cannon House Office Building  
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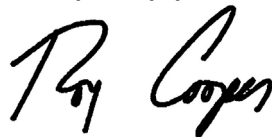
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The Honorable Valerie Foushee  
1716 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Foushee:

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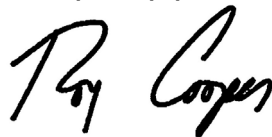
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The Honorable Virginia Foxx  
2462 Rayburn House Office Building  
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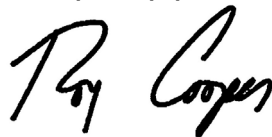
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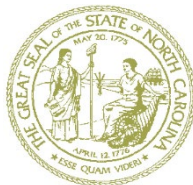
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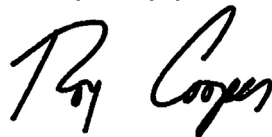
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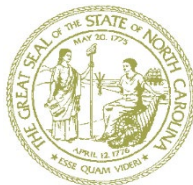
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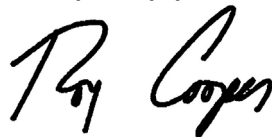
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September 25, 2023

The Honorable Richard Hudson  
2112 Rayburn House Office Building  
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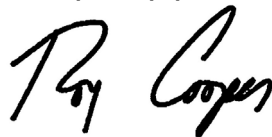
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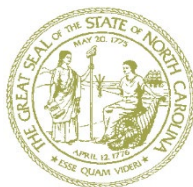
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September 25, 2023

The Honorable Patrick McHenry  
2134 Rayburn House Office Building  
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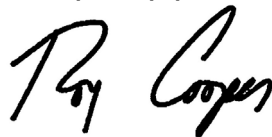
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September 25, 2023

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1505 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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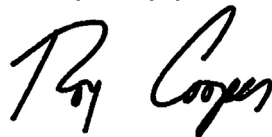
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September 25, 2023

The Honorable Alma Adams  
2436 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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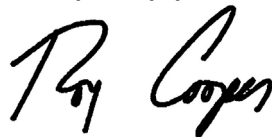
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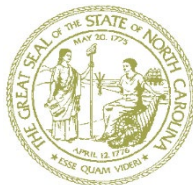
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September 25, 2023

The Honorable Wiley Nickel  
1133 Longworth House Office Building  
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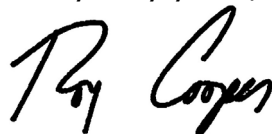
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September 25, 2023

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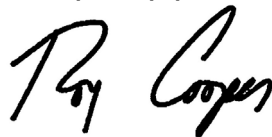
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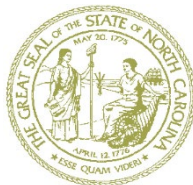
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The Honorable Dan Bishop  
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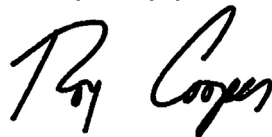
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