



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
20301 MAIL SERVICE CENTER • RALEIGH, NC 27699-0301

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

September 9, 2010

President Erskine Bowles
The University of North Carolina
910 Raleigh Road
Post Office Box 2688
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Dear President Bowles:

It has come to my attention that there have been some disparities among some campuses in tax collections on university merchandise sales. These disparities occur whether merchandise is being sold in a retail outlet or via the internet. I urge you and the Board of Governors to review each campus policy regarding current practices, and create a standardized method of collecting sales tax from all merchandise that is sold under the control of a specific campus, including internet sales.

This policy should conform with current law and in an effort that does not place small businesses that currently collect sales tax on the same or similar merchandise at a competitive disadvantage whether in a retail or internet setting. If legislation is needed to address this issue, I am willing to include it as a part of my legislative package to present to the 2011 General Assembly.

Please keep me informed as to how you are addressing this issue with the campuses as well as possible remedies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beverly E. Perdue".

Beverly E. Perdue
Governor

cc: Hannah Gage, Chair, The University of North Carolina Board of Governors

