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The Honorable Beverly Eaves Perdue  
Governor of North Carolina  
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

VIA HAND DELIVERY

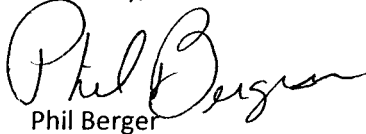
Dear Governor Perdue:

Thank you for your letter dated July 12, 2012<sup>1</sup> expressing your support for provisions of President Obama's "American Jobs Act of 2011."

President Obama submitted the "American Jobs Act of 2011" to the United States Congress on September 12, 2011. It was defeated in October 2011 in the Democratic controlled United States Senate. Since that time, President Obama, members of Congress and successful entrepreneurs have worked together to develop the bipartisan "Jumpstart our Business Startups (JOBS) Act" (the "JOBS Act;" H.R. 3606). H.R. 3606 would increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies. On March 6, 2012, the JOBS Act was adopted by the United States House of Representatives by a strong bipartisan vote of 390 to 23 (19 not voting).

The JOBS Act is awaiting a hearing in the United States Senate. At a time when North Carolina's unemployment rate remains above nine percent we must respectfully decline your invitation to join in expressing support for a jobs bill that has been rejected by Congress, particularly in light of the delicate efforts to pass bipartisan job creation measures.

Sincerely,

  
Phil Berger

  
Thom Tillis

<sup>1</sup> The General Assembly increased state-funded teachers by 2,057 and overall full-time education personnel by 4,613. State enacted budgets for K-12 have been the following: FY2009-10 \$7.456 Billion; FY2010-11 \$7.085 Billion; FY2011-12 \$7.464 Billion; FY2012-13 \$7.506 Billion.