

May 4, 2015

The Honorable Pat McCrory
Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor McCrory: 

On behalf of the North Carolina Chamber, representing 35,000 members that employ 1.26 million workers in North Carolina, I am writing to make you aware that, after thoughtful deliberation, the NC Chamber will add its name to an amicus brief, along with seven other organizations representing a wide variety of businesses, in support of the constitutional authority granted to the legislature to establish and appoint boards and commissions.

The decision to sign on to the amicus is consistent with the organized business community's long-standing support for the important role of the Rules Review Commission (RRC). The lawsuit places the existence of the RRC, along with other important commissions in jeopardy.

The RRC has been a priority issue for the business community for 25 years. It is the key to ensuring that state agencies confine their rulemaking to matters within their authority, that they do not exceed their scope, and that their rules are clearly stated to the regulated community.

The RRC serves as a valuable check and balance between the legislature and the executive branch. It provides citizens and business with a mechanism to express support or concern over rules proposed by state agencies or commissions. It provides a way to ensure that proposed rules are consistent with legislative intent and do not exceed the scope of authority of the agency or commission.

The RRC also provides the valuable role of review of all rules and regulations every 10 years to make sure they remain relevant and avoid duplication with Federal rules. The authority was granted to them by the legislature in 2012 in a broad-based regulatory reform package.

The North Carolina Chamber support, in the form of an amicus, is not a reflection on the work of you or your administration. Rather, it is to ensure that, in the future, the RRC remains as a valuable and consistent mechanism to maintain the integrity of the rulemaking process and ensure for citizens and business that rulemaking is consistent and predictable.

Sincerely,


S. Lewis Ebert
President and CEO

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