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Governor Pat McCrory  
Office of the Governor  
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-0301

Re: North Carolina Department of Corrections - Home Leave Program

Dear Governor McCrory:

The North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys has uncovered information regarding a policy in the North Carolina Department of Corrections that is disturbing and potentially dangerous to public safety. Home leaves are being allowed for convicted criminals. Enclosed you will find a copy of the DOC policy which permits inmates to check in and out of North Carolina prisons.

Our investigation has revealed that 149 convicted felons were permitted to leave DOC facilities last weekend. Most had long criminal histories, and the convictions for which these criminals are currently incarcerated include, but are not limited to:

36 inmates	-	Murder
4 inmates	-	Manslaughter/Death by Vehicle
39 inmates	-	Drug Trafficking/Sale/PWISD
25 inmates	-	Robbery
19 inmates	-	Habitual Felons

Our investigation further revealed that 13 of these individuals had been sentenced to life in prison. More than 2000 criminals have taken advantage of this policy since 2008. What shocks the conscience more than the release of these dangerous individuals, is the fact that victims and prosecutors are not aware of their presence in the community.

The North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys requests that this policy be rescinded immediately. These criminals should serve the sentence which was lawfully imposed on them because of their illegal behavior, and public safety should not be put at risk so felons can roam our streets.

Sincerely,



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President,  
North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys

Enclosure

cc: Secretary Kieran Shanahan  
Senator Thom Goolsby

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