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The Honorable Roy Cooper
North Carolina Office of the Governor
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor Cooper:

On behalf of the people of Davie County, thank you for your efforts in addressing the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to working with the State of North Carolina to develop a measured plan to reopen Davie County after Executive Order 121 expires or is rescinded.

We understand Executive Order 121 was necessary from a public health perspective to slow the spread and buy time to gather critical data. Based on the State's efforts to date, the COVID-19 has been relatively contained except for a few areas with denser populations. Davie County has not escaped the devastating effects of the virus but through the efforts of our public health department in conjunction with emergency management, our cases have been mitigated.

The public health issue must take precedent over the economy. That said, we need a clear path forward to slow the economic damage being felt by our citizens throughout Davie County. Our citizens, like many North Carolinians, are on the brink of lifetime financial hardships. Absent clear guidance on reopening North Carolina increases the chance of these financial hardships becoming irreversible.

We absolutely appreciate the complexity of your decision. As the local government of Davie County, the Davie County Commissioners in conjunction with Davie County Public Health's local expertise should have direct input into a phased plan for reopening Davie County.

Thank you for your leadership and the efforts of your team during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Terry N Renegar, Chair
Davie County Board of Commissioners

