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## VIA ELECTRONIC and CERTIFIED MAIL

Bob Stephens Chief Legal Counsel North Carolina Office of the Governor 20301 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Stephens:

This letter is a request under the North Carolina Public Records Act, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 132-1 for all documents and records relating to the following:

- Any and all information concerning, discussing, or addressing the production and/or distribution of any invitation to the public to attend The Response: North Carolina on September 26, 2015 made by Governor McCrory or on his behalf by government employees;
- 2. Any and all information concerning, discussing, or addressing the use of the Charlotte Convention Center as a location for The Response: North Carolina events on September 26, 2015;
- 3. Any and all information concerning, discussing, or addressing Governor McCrory's participation in The Response: North Carolina;

- 4. Any and all information concerning, discussing, or addressing any interactions of any kind from September 1, 2014 until the present between:
  - a. The Office of the Governor and the American Family Association or the American Renewal Project, whether in connection with the September 26, 2015 event or otherwise;
  - b. The Office of the Governor and the office of any other governor or holder of public office or public figure in connection with The Response: North Carolina event on September 26, 2015;
  - c. The Office of the Governor and the Charlotte Convention Center concerning or discussing The Response: North Carolina event scheduled for September 26, 2015.
- 5. Any and all information concerning, discussing, or addressing any funds expended, received, or budgeted by any individual, entity, agency, public office, whether public or private in furtherance of:
  - a. Governor McCrory's print invitation for the public to attend The Response: North Carolina on September 26, 2015;
  - b. The use of the Charlotte Convention Center as a location for the September 26, 2015 The Response: North Carolina event;
  - c. The participation of Governor McCrory or any other state official in The Response: North Carolina on September 26, 2015 and/or any action taken in connection with such participation;
  - d. Any security measures to be implemented in connection to The Response: North Carolina event planned for Charlotte Convention Center on September 26, 2015.
- 6. Any and all information concerning, discussing, or addressing the planned attendance and/or participation of any individual employed by the State of North Carolina at The Response: North Carolina event on September 26, 2015.

Because this request is on a matter of public concern and is made on behalf of a non-profit organization, we request a fee waiver. If, however, such a waiver is denied, we will reimburse you for the reasonable cost associated with complying with the request. Please inform us in advance if a cost will be assessed. Please send us documents in electronic form where available.

We sincerely appreciate your attention to this matter and would appreciate receiving a response to this request by **Friday**, **September 18**, **2015**. We request an expedited response in this case given

that the event is scheduled to take place on September 26, 2015. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (919) 834-3466 with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.

Very truly yours,

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