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Tom Rabon
Chair, NCWorks Commission
c/o North Carolina Department of Commerce 4301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4301

Sent via email to NCWorksCommission@commerce.nc.gov

Dear Chair Rabon:

On behalf of Orange County, I write to express the County's intention to transition from our current local workforce area to the Capital Area Workforce Board with Wake, Johnston, Chatham and Lee counties with the intention to form a new local workforce development board. We have consulted with leaders of the Capital Area Workforce Development Board, and they agree to this realignment. Our goal is to make the new local area effective on July 1, 2023.

To help inform this decision, I and Orange County staff have consulted with my fellow county commissioners, and leaders involved in education, workforce and economic development in my community, including J. B. Buxton, President, Durham Technical Community College, and Aaron Nelson, CEO, The Chamber for a Greater Chapel Hill- Carrboro.

We have also communicated with the appropriate local elected officials and area stakeholders in the other counties involved, and there is consensus on this course of action. We believe that this new area will follow the guiding principles for alignment established by the NCWorks Commission earlier this year, especially by (1) decreasing redundancy among local workforce development boards within economic development areas; (2) better aligning community college and workforce development board service areas; and (3) matching local workforce development board outreach to area jobseeker and business customer needs.

We look forward to collaborating with the Capital Area Workforce Development Board, the NCWorks Commission and the North Carolina Department of Commerce on the process of transitioning to a new local area as we seek to strengthen workforce and economic development.

Thank you for your consideration and partnership.

Sincerely,

Renee Price
Chair, Board of County Commissioners
Orange County

CC: Dr. Annie Izod, NCWorks Commission
Darrell L. Frye, Chair, Randolph County Board of Commissioners
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