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Mr. Mitch Daniels, Director Office of Management and Budget New Executive Office Building 725 17th Street Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Daniels:

This letter is to notify you that North Carolina will no longer participate in the Executive Order (EO) 12372, ("Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs and Activities") process. As you know, participation in the program is voluntary, and many states no longer participate. Up until this time, North Carolina has participated in intergovernmental review from the former OMB Circular OMB-95 requirements through the transition to the existing EO process. We appreciate the support and assistance your office has provided during this period. Nevertheless, we now withdraw as an efficiency matter.

The state will continue to maintain an Environmental Review Clearinghouse in the North Carolina Department of Administration for intergovernmental review and comment of documents prepared under the State (and National) Environmental Policy Acts.

Your assistance in notifying the appropriate federal agencies of this change as soon as possible is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions please contact Ms. Chrys Baggett, Environmental Review Clearinghouse, NC Department of Administration at 919-807-2425.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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