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Dear Mr. Coble:

We believe that you are concerned about the health and safety of those who work at and visit the NCGA. With the recent spike in COVID cases due to the delta variant, increased numbers of hospitalizations and deaths of predominately unvaccinated individuals of all ages, we ask you to take these three steps in your position as the Legislative Services Officer:

First, consider requiring that all legislative employees be vaccinated or undergo weekly COVID-19 testing. The blueprint on how to do this can be found in Governor Cooper's Executive Order 224, Section 4.1 and 4.2. Widespread vaccination is the only way out of this epidemic.

Second, require masks be worn in all public areas of the complex by all legislative employees and every individual entering the NCGA. Mask-wearing is a simple step to protect everyone.

Third, provide timely notification to all legislative employees of positive COVID cases among legislators and staff. This will facilitate timely testing and isolation of contacts, especially important for those who have family members too young to be immunized or who are immunocompromised.

These three decisions will make the NCGA a safer environment for everyone. We look forward to your response and welcome any additional suggestions you have.

Sincerely,

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Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger  
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