

**LETTER FROM MEMBERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS
TO LEADERS OF THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Dear House Speaker Thom Tillis and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger,

As members of county boards of elections, we appreciate the many demands made upon you and the State budget. To use available resources wisely, we encourage the General Assembly to release the Title II funds in the Help American Vote Act (HAVA) account in North Carolina. It is our understanding that the funds could be released by providing an appropriation of about \$660,000 in additional Maintenance of Effort funding to the State Board of Elections. The appropriation would make available \$4 million in Title II funds that could be used for vital assistance to counties for administering the 2012 elections.

We expect a large voter turnout, especially in the fall, and many counties will be holding elections with new district lines, split precincts, and other changes that complicate voter education and administration. In addition, many counties face very tight budgets and need assistance to provide adequate Early Voting facilities to relieve the pressure of long lines on Election Day. According to the State Board of Elections, the HAVA Title II funds can be used for (a) poll worker training and technical support, (b) licenses, maintenance and testing of voting equipment, and (c) support for additional Early Voting sites.

As board of elections members from across the state, we urge you to find a way to release the HAVA funds.

Thank you!

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