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Dear Colleagues,

On Tuesday, April 10, I sent you an update regarding the proposed legislation by the House Select Committee on State Owned Assets in which I said that the legislation would seriously hinder the long-term success of the UNC Health Care System.

I want to thank all of you who have reached out to me and others to voice your support for the care and service we provide for our patients. Like you, I am proud of UNC Health Care and the quality and service we provide to the people of North Carolina.

You asked what you can do to show your support – I would ask you to tell people you know about the importance of UNC Health Care and our contributions to the State of North Carolina. For example, we:

- Create value in the forms of quality health care, breakthrough science, and education for future health care providers
- Help financially support the UNC School of Medicine and UNC Chapel Hill
- Partner with state agencies to address North Carolina’s pressing health challenges including mental health and prisoner health care
- Provide more than $300 million of uncompensated care each year to treat those unable to afford health care; and
- Bring $5 billion of economic development to North Carolina every year

Our excellence is widely recognized and brings credit to the state and to your hard work. For example, we:

- Ranked #1 nationwide among academic medical centers for “patient centeredness.” See [http://unmedne.ws/uhe](http://unmedne.ws/uhe) for full details.
- Placed as the only North Carolina hospital on the 2011 “Leapfrog Top Hospitals” list for patient safety and quality. See [http://unmedne.ws/leapfrog](http://unmedne.ws/leapfrog) for full details.
- Had our HIV/AIDS research listed as the 2011 science “Breakthrough of the Year.” See [http://unmedne.ws/breakthrough](http://unmedne.ws/breakthrough) for full details.
These are just a few of our achievements that underscore UNC Health Care’s track record of success and our positive impact on North Carolina’s health, wellness and economy. You can see a more comprehensive list of our honors and awards at http://uncmedne.ws/awards.

We know that the final meeting of the House Select Committee on State Owned Assets is Monday, April 23. Following that meeting I will let you know of any new developments.

For now, I want to thank each of you for your continued service to the people of North Carolina. UNC Health Care is stronger today thanks to your continued dedication.

Sincerely,

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