



North Carolina General Assembly  
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SENATOR PHILIP E. BERGER  
SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER  
26TH DISTRICT

The Honorable Roy Cooper  
North Carolina Attorney General  
North Carolina Department of Justice  
114 Edenton Street  
Raleigh, NC 27602

Dear Attorney General Cooper,

As you know, there is an ongoing investigation by federal authorities, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's office, into possible criminal activity involving former Governor Mike Easley, former first lady Mary Easley, and others. A federal grand jury is convened for the purpose of receiving testimony and possible action on that testimony. Press accounts indicate that the federal authorities are concentrating on events occurring during the tenure of former Governor Easley. The federal authorities will be focused on possible violations of federal law. There is a statute of limitations of five years on federal crimes involving public corruption; there is no similar limitation for state criminal violations.

The Attorney General of North Carolina is our state's chief law enforcement official. There is credible information that actions warranting review by federal authorities occurred during the Easley administration. Given North Carolina's recent history of public corruption, it is important that possible criminal activity by public officials in North Carolina be thoroughly investigated to determine whether there have been violations of state law. I am renewing my call for a special prosecutor to ensure that state level felonies are not left uninvestigated and unprosecuted. Working with the F.B.I. and the U.S. Attorney's office, a special prosecutor would ensure that all criminal violations are investigated, even if they occurred more than five years ago or if they only involve violations of state law.

Your action on this request is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Berger", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Phil Berger

