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Eric Boyette,
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Sec. Boyette,

The Town of Leland is very concerned about the appearance of our area roads and the significant amount of litter that has accumulated since NCDOT reduced regular litter pickups and mowing of state-maintained roads.

The Town of Leland, which is located in NCDOT Division 3, has several state-maintained highways that serve as entrances to and major thoroughfares within our community including US Highways 17, 74, 76, and NC Highway 133. It is our understanding that contracted litter pickup has not occurred on these roads since October 2019. While we understand that NCDOT's budget has been significantly affected by recent hurricanes and escalating construction costs, we feel that maintaining the appearance of our roadways should not be disregarded when making difficult budgetary decisions.

The appearance of our beautiful state is critically important to residents and visitors alike. We fear that our littered roads could become a hindrance to economic development and lead to a reduction in the flow of tourism and real estate dollars into our state. We have already had visitors express surprise and disappointment at the amount of trash upon the roadways, and have heard of potential homebuyers choosing to look elsewhere when considering retirement destinations. For community like ours, which has grown from 2,000 people in the year 2000 to more than 23,000 today due largely to our draw as a desirable place to live, this is of great concern.

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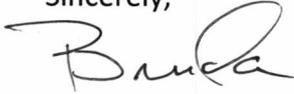
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I encourage you and the NCDOT administration to consider restoring funding for litter pickup and mowing to previous levels so that our state can once again shine. Finally, congratulations on your appointment to your new position and best of luck in the future.

Sincerely,



Brenda Bozeman
Mayor

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