NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CHAMBER

February 25, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Attorney General Roy Cooper
North Carolina Attorney General's Office
9001 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-9001
RCooper@ncdoj.gov

Dear Attorney General Cooper:

Your swift reply to our letter from yesterday ducks the clear issue of whether Charlotte's new ordinance contradicts existing state criminal law. At best, your letter punts your official duties onto local prosecutors who count on you for leadership and clear guidance. At worst, you believe the City Council's actions are permissible and the ordinance can supersede state criminal law.

As the state's top lawyer and law enforcement official, your continued silence on this matter of public safety is disturbing. It is your sworn duty as North Carolina's Attorney General to take a stand on tough issues and to defend the state's existing laws. We all need to know whether you agree that Charlotte's ordinance violates the law.

With the safety and privacy of our state's women and children on the line, for once we need clear direction from you and not a political dodge. We ask for your clear position on this issue, and further, what action you will take to implement it. This information is critical to legislators, Charlotte's City Council, local prosecutors and law enforcement in this unprecedented time. Please provide this by close of business Friday, February 26, 2016.

Sincerely,

PHIL BERGER	BUCK NEWTON	SHIRLEY RANDLEMAN	WARREN DANIEL
Sen. Phil Berger	Sen. Buck Newton	Sen. Shirley Randleman	Sen. Warren Daniel

Cc: Grayson Kelley & Christy Agner