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Governor Pat McCrory
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Dear Governor McCrory,

We, the undersigned, are individuals who teach, study, research, publish, and serve on the Faculty Executive Committee at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We write to underscore the extraordinary value of the liberal arts curriculum that is the core of our great university. For more than two hundred years, people who have studied liberal arts at UNC-Chapel Hill have become leaders in North Carolina and around the world and excelled in every human endeavor, including business, teaching, journalism, the arts and humanities, architecture, politics, and the sciences.

Beneficiaries of our liberal arts curriculum develop skills that are useful to them throughout their lives – the ability to express themselves clearly, to read and think critically, to appreciate their place in the world, and to better understand character, ethics, innovative thinking, human nature, and different cultures. Foreign languages help students participate more effectively in the global economy. Studies of other cultures do the same thing, while helping our graduates improve society and more effectively solve the state, nation and world's greatest challenges.

Our university has always prided itself on being as economically efficient as possible. UNC-Chapel Hill has been rated as offering the best value in higher education in the United States for more than a decade. Indeed, in January, *Kiplinger's* for the 12th year in a row named Carolina first on its list of the 100 universities and colleges that provide the best value to in-state students, and second among those providing the best value for out-of-state students (*University Gazette*, January 2013). Also for the 12th consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* last fall named Carolina one of the nation's top five public universities (*University Gazette*, September 2012).

We would welcome the opportunity, Governor McCrory, to have you visit our campus so that you may get to know us – and what we do – better. We can share with you our strengths and discuss how we can build upon those to ensure that the university fulfills its mission as one of the world's greatest teaching and research

institutions. We are confident that you would leave such a visit as proud as we are to be associated with the nation's oldest public university.

Sincerely yours,

Members of the Faculty Executive Committee, UNC-Chapel Hill

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