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**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2014 8:06 AM  
**To:** Angela.Bryant@ncleg.net; Nathan.Baskerville@ncleg.net;  
**Subject:** Please support NCCAT

Dear Ms. Bryant and Mr. Baskerville,

I am a first grade teacher in Vance County. It has come to my attention that the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) a wonderful professional development facility for the teachers of North Carolina will be eliminated as of June 30, 2014 under Governor Pat McCrory's recommended budget. NCCAT gives NC teachers programs to enhance their development as teachers and life long learners. I have been extremely fortunate in that I was able to attend NCCAT in 2006 for "Connect to Your Future: Celebrating Success in the Classroom" as a third year teacher. This program gave me the ability to make connections with other new teachers and give me the reassurance and skills that I needed at that time. It also gave me wonderful resources for my classroom that I still use today. I was also able to attend NCCAT again in 2008 when I was preparing for my National Board Certification which I achieved in part due to this NCCAT seminar. This workshop gave me the perspectives of other Nationally Board Certified teachers and a further understanding of what I needed to do. I was again able to attend NCCAT one more time in 2011 for a seminar titled NCCAT Wiki, Wacky, What? which opened my eyes to the many ways which I could help my 21st century learners through the technology that is so much a part of their everyday lives. Please consider including funding for NCCAT in the state budget for 2014-2015. Please also consider reclassifying NCCAT as a recurring part of the budget. This is one of the great things NC offers its teachers. In this day and time with so many teachers leaving this wonderful state it would be a shame to take this away from the teachers who choose to stay here and shape the youth that will be our future. Thank you for your time and considering NCCAT as a valuable resource that needs to continue to be funded.

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Dear Dr. Thompson,

Don't hesitate to let me know how I can help.

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