



February 17, 2020

Honorable Tim Moore  
NC House of Representatives  
16 W. Jones Street  
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Speaker Moore:

Over the last 8 months I have had the distinct pleasure to serve as a member of the East Carolina University Board of Trustees. It has been an honor to serve my university at a time when there is so much work to be done. I have had the opportunity to meet so many dedicated students, faculty and staff that truly make ECU a special place. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in such a capacity.

East Carolina is uniquely positioned in that the future of Rural Eastern North Carolina is dependent on a healthy ECU. As you know rural health care is under attack across much of Eastern NC and East Carolina along with Brody School of Medicine will be needed to forge that gap as the rural/urban divide grows with each passing day. As a first generation college graduate I understand what it means to earn a degree from a prestigious institution of higher learning and having the confidence to enter the working world. I hope that East Carolina will continue to offer students from rural areas that same opportunity. We must also understand that the cost of education is rising and becoming out of reach for many lower and middle class families. East Carolina has many challenges ahead in enrollment, finances, and employee retention but none that cannot be overcome with dedicated, committed leadership.

When I agreed to accept your appointment to East Carolina Board of Trustees it was with the understanding that I had a dedication to my family and businesses that would dictate the time that I could spend as a Trustee. The events over the last month have given me the opportunity to reflect on that and I have decided I will be resigning from my position as a trustee, effective immediately. This does not in any way change my passion and desire for all things ECU. I am forever a loyal and dedicated PIRATE.

In closing I want to again thank you for the opportunity to serve the institution that I have come to adore and love. I would also like to wish you the very best of luck in your continued pursuit of the position of Chancellor at East Carolina University.

Robert Moore  
ECU Board of Trustees