

- ◆ My name is Carol Henry. I am representing the Southern Moore Alliance of Excluded Communities.
- ◆ The Alliance is a collaborative of three historically African-American communities in southern Moore County and an umbrella advocacy organization know as Voices for Justice. The communities are Midway, Jackson Hamlet, and Waynor Road.
- ◆ The Alliance supports the formation of a commission to examine North Carolina's annexation laws without any suspension of current laws.
- ◆ The Alliance has several concerns which are explained in this letter we would like to submit about North Carolina's annexation laws and believes that further study of its full impact on all communities would be very helpful.
- ◆ Each of these communities in the Alliance is located on the outside of the boundaries of three different cities, but has been in the city's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction for more than twenty years.
- ◆ Recently, each of the communities has worked closely with the cities to get services, and to pursue annexation. Each of these communities wishes to be annexed and receive municipal services, but none of the communities meets the density requirements required for forced annexation.
- ◆ The Alliance recommends that the commission
 - i. appoint several representatives of affected low-income and minority communities be appointed to serve on the commission.
 - ii. consider the possibility of lowering the density requirements for involuntary annexation, and
 - iii. consider requiring the provision of services for voluntary annexation.
- ◆ Thank you very much for your careful consideration of these comments.