November 18, 2016
Via Hand Delivery

State Board of Elections
441 N. Harrington Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the statutes of North Carolina (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-182.7 "Ordering Recounts"), I hereby request that a mandatory recount be ordered by the North Carolina Board of Elections into the preliminary results of the general election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 to select the Governor of North Carolina. As the second-place finisher in the preliminary results of that election, I note that the difference in the announced vote totals between the first and second place finishers was less than 10,000 votes and, thus, I am statutorily entitled to a recount of the announced vote.

With serious concerns of potential voter fraud emerging across the state, it is becoming more apparent that a thorough recount is one way the people of North Carolina can have confidence in the results, process and system.

I further note that I am filing this recount request prior to the full completion of each of the county canvasses across North Carolina. However, to ensure compliance with the timing requirements for this request contained in GS 163-182.7(c), I am filing this request with the State Board of Elections with a plan to file a supplemental request upon the full completion of the county canvass in each of North Carolina's counties.

Sincerely,

Governor Patrick L. McCrory