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Governor Roy Cooper
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Dear Governor Cooper,

The North Carolina Council of Churches, on behalf of those whose signatures appear below, respectfully request that you establish a task force to investigate activities in North Carolina related to the CIA's Rendition, Detention, and Interrogation program conducted between 2001 and 2006. The 2018 report by the non-governmental North Carolina Commission of Inquiry on Torture (NCCIT), which was delivered to your office in October 2018, outlines substantial evidence of unlawful conspiracy to kidnap and other human rights violations. The report documents the extra-judicial renditions to torture at least 48 men and one woman, using aircraft based at the Global TransPark in Kinston and the Johnston County Airport, operated by the CIA-affiliated Aero Contractors firm.

The people of North Carolina need transparency and accountability from both the state and federal governments concerning our involvement in the post-9/11 U.S. torture program. The misuse of North Carolina's infrastructure, whether operated by the state or by Johnston County, must be addressed by state officials. We urge you to follow the NCCIT's recommendations by rejecting publicly the use of our state for torture and cruelty, investigating the well-documented cases in the NCCIT report, and acting to prevent the use of North Carolina aviation facilities for future human rights violations.

Our faith teaches us that torture, in addition to being illegal, is immoral. According to military experts, it is also ineffective at obtaining reliable intelligence. Since 2005, people of faith have protested the use of North Carolina's public property for rendition and torture. While we pray for those rendered for torture in Aero Contractors jets, prayer is not enough. We urge you to change our state's stance toward the abuse of God's creation, and we seek your help to ensure that this activity is never repeated.

We trust you will respond positively to our call to shine the light of truth on these events so North Carolinians can work toward our responsibility to help redress the wrongs.

Sincerely,