**From:** esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com
**To:** "Beau Mills"; "Philip Isley"
**Cc:** "Christy, John A"; Brownie W. Newman
**Subject:** FW: CLIA Letter for Governor Cooper
**Date:** Friday, April 17, 2020 2:51:19 PM
**Attachments:** CLIA letter to Governor.pdf
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Beau and Philip – see below and attached. We've got a possibility of setting up a local testing operation but need to be fast tracked to get this facility certified. Brownie Newman, our County Commission Chair, copied here, asked me to try to route this request to the Governor as it is believed that he has the authority to get the certification completed. Brownie reached out to the local legislative delegation (see below) and asked me to reach out to my contacts. He just wants to exhaust all possible routes to the Governor. Do you have a suggestion for who to forward this to? I also copied Drew Christy, the Governor's director of the western office.

I appreciate your help with this.

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**From:** Brownie W. Newman <Brownie.Newman@buncombecounty.org>
**Sent:** Friday, April 17, 2020 11:28 AM
**To:** Rep. John Ager <john.ager@ncleg.net>; Rep. Brian Turner <brian.turner@ncleg.net>; Rep. Susan Fisher <Susan.Fisher@ncleg.net>; Sen. Terry Van Duyn <terry.vanduyn@ncleg.net>
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**Subject:** Fwd: CLIA Letter for Governor Cooper

John, Brian, Susan and Terry:

I wanted to share with you a copy of a letter we are working to deliver to Governor Cooper or a senior member of his team regarding an initiative that could significantly increase testing for COVID-19 in Buncombe County. See attached. This would enable us to quickly set up a new testing facility in the community that would enable large scale, same-day testing at lower cost. It could make a big difference in fighting COVID-19 and allowing us to reopen businesses and community activities.

Esther is working to get this to the Governor or key people on his team. We wanted you to be aware of this effort and ask if you had any suggestions for what may be the best way to bring this issue to the Governors attention for potential action. We believe he has the authority to approve this as part of his emergency powers. Or perhaps he could get it approved by requesting help from the appropriate agency decision-makers.

I will keep you posted with our effort to elevate this issue. If you have any specific suggestions, that would be great.

Brownie Newman
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

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