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Dear Representative Clampitt,

Congratulations on being elected to serve in the North Carolina General Assembly; and thank you so much for your service. Your leadership is more important than ever as we confront COVID-19, the most significant pandemic experienced in a century. To that end, we would be honored to have you join us virtually at the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health for:

Bending the COVID-19 Curve in NC: The Gillings Community Responds
Monday, January 25, 2021, 12:00-2:00pm, via Zoom
Registration: https://tinyurl.com/y85bncxt

Specifically, we look forward to sharing **highlights of the high impact work Gillings School people have undertaken to combat COVID-19** – including work supported by generous funding from the NC General Assembly earlier in 2020. We will also have time to answer questions and dialogue about ways we can continue to work with the General Assembly to overcome COVID-19 in North Carolina.

It may be helpful to know that the Gillings School is the top *public* school of public health, and #2 overall, in the U.S. We are a passionately *public* school of public health and home to some of *the* top COVID-19 researchers in the world. As an example, Ralph Baric, PhD, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology in the Gillings School and professor of microbiology and Immunology in the School of Medicine, partnered with Gilead Sciences to test effectiveness of remdesivir, now, the standard of care in treating hospitalized patients with COVID-19. This medication reduces severity of symptoms and length of hospitalizations. The President of the United States – and thousands of others around the world – have received this treatment.

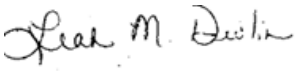
In addition to remarks from our Chancellor, Kevin Guskiewicz, PhD, below are a few highlights of our January 25 agenda, which will include brief talks, Q&A, and dialogue.

- **Gillings combats COVID-19 in North Carolina** *(Penny Gordon Larsen, PhD, Associate Dean for Research and Carla Smith Chamblee Distinguished Professor of Global Nutrition)*
- **The latest in antivirals and vaccines to combat COVID-19** *(Ralph Baric, PhD, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology, Gillings School of Global Public Health, and Professor of Microbiology and Immunology)*
- **How long will COVID-19 immunity last for those who have been vaccinated?** *(Kim Powers, PhD, Associate Professor, Epidemiology)*

- **Using water samples to identify and curb COVID-19 outbreaks** *(Jill Stewart, PhD, Professor, Environmental Sciences and Engineering)*
- **Strategies to increase vaccine uptake** *(Noel Brewer, PhD, Professor, Health Behavior*; *Lori Carter-Edwards, PhD, Associate Professor, Public Health Leadership Program)*

We have so much more to share with you! Please browse through our Coronavirus Information Portal for more. Thank you so much for considering this invitation. You can RSVP by registering **here**. We are North Carolina's school of public health, and we are committed to working together to conquer this disease. We look forward to seeing you in January!

Warm regards,



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