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Hello Lt. Governor Bryant!

It was a pleasure to hear you speak and very nice meeting you at the Wake Up Carolina breakfast this past Monday! What a coincidence that our Lt. Governor practices pharmacy and understands the growth of the opioid crisis as well as the importance of stopping this astounding problem! Our state citizens are fortunate to have you in this leadership role, especially during this critical time!

We would be most honored for you to come visit us at MUSC's Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs to show you around our facilities and tell you more about the world class work being done to combat alcohol and drug use disorders. I mentioned briefly to you, we have had some discussions with Senator Paul Campbell and Sen. Hugh Leatherman about the need for more funding for research and prevention education. Senator Campbell was very supportive of our Center and the need for more funding of this seriously underfunded medical discipline. North Carolina tacked on to its DUI fines an extra fine of \$100 to support alcohol research. It gives their Center about one million dollars more per year to advance research, treatment and prevention of addiction in NC. This money has been transformational to their Center.

We welcome you to come visit to learn more about the significant advances our faculty have made in research, prevention, education and patient care. We are committed to helping combat this huge public health problem and would love to set up a time for some of our faculty members to meet with you and show you around. Please let me know who I should contact to arrange your visit.

Best wishes,

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