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Dear Friends,

In January 2001, Cherie Berry was sworn in as North Carolina's Labor Commissioner. Later that month, she rescinded the one-size fits all, anti-business ergonomics standard. This courageous action set the tone for her tenure in office as she kept a campaign promise!

Since that time, the business community has benefited from Cherie Berry's common sense approach to her regulatory responsibilities. Under her leadership, the Occupational Safety and Health Division has departed from its historical adversarial role. Commissioner Berry has focused on education and training and partnerships with the business community.

And this philosophy is paying dividends – our injury and illness rate and workplace fatalities are at all time lows.

I've known Cherie for many years and it's refreshing to have a business person running the Department of Labor. And it's refreshing to know that the unions must look elsewhere for someone to carry its water. During her tenure as Labor Commissioner, Cherie Berry has received top awards from the N.C. Manufacturer's Association, Carolinas Associated General Contractors and the N.C. Association of Agricultural Fairs. In addition, in 2004, Cherie Berry was named the U.S. State Official of the Year by the National Association of Home Builders.

It remains to be seen who will oppose Cherie in the fall, but one thing is certain, the candidates lined up to defeat her have promised to increase regulations, to grow government and to let organized labor help set policy for the Department of Labor. We cannot afford for that to happen. That is why I am asking you to join me in writing a check to Cherie Berry's campaign for \$4000, \$2,000, \$1000 or an amount of your choice.

The choice this election is clear. Either we get behind a proven friend or deal with the consequences of having a big government, ergonomics supporting, pro-union Commissioner.

For seven plus years Cherie Berry has been there for us. She's earned our trust. Now is the time for us to help her. Please join me in supporting Cherie Berry in her re-election bid to remain Commissioner of Labor.

Sincerely,



Phil Kirk