



## Legislation Text

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**TITLE:**

Town Council Endorsement of Letter to Governor Cooper from the Orange County Climate Council

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this item is to authorize Mayor Lavelle to sign the attached letter from the Orange County Climate Council as an additional endorsement.

**DEPARTMENT:** Town Council

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Council Member Sammy Slade, Mayor Lydia Lavelle - Staff Support: Laura Janway, Cathy Dorando

**INFORMATION:** In their meeting on May 28th, the Orange County Climate Council reviewed a draft letter to Governor Cooper that makes a case for linking COVID-19 relief funding to broader improvements to public health and resilience. The final version (attached) is being sent to the four Orange County local government elected boards to ask for their endorsement before sending them to the Governor.

The Climate Council's action was made in the understanding that time remaining during this fiscal year is short, and that not all local governments might get the chance to review the letter and consider endorsing it. The Council decided that time was of the essence to send the letter to assist in framing the economic recovery around both short-term and longer-term interests, and that the support of the local governments who are members of the Council was essential.

**FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the Town Council support this endorsement.