



May 20, 2015

Dear Senator Burr:

Thank you for looking into this serious issue which we discussed a few months ago during your visit to our television station. As you now know from research, the curve of the earth and distance of the radar sites in Greer, Blacksburg, Columbia and Raleigh, leaves the area from near Charlotte to Winston-Salem insufficiently protected. These radars cannot see rotation below 8000 feet (even 10,000 feet in the extreme locations). This even led to a tornado being undetected on the northeast side of Charlotte on March 3, 2012 at 2:30 a.m. People were hurt and there was no warning. Someone could have been killed. One day without action we will not be so lucky.

We know from experience major tornadoes can and do strike this area. Between the Charlotte metro and Triad metro, there are more than 3 million people. This area desperately needs better radar coverage. To best serve the areas lacking adequate coverage, I would recommend the radar be located near Salisbury, NC (Rowan County). This would also help serve the Hickory area, which is also in a similar situation.

Thank you for serving the people of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Van Denton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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