WASHINGTON - **Rep. Brad Miller** (NC-13) and **Rep. G.K. Butterfield** (NC-1) sent a letter Friday asking the National Laboratories Director at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to make available officials to answer questions for local elected leaders and the public about the community impact of the proposed National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NABF).

In the letter to Director James Johnson, Congressmen Miller and Butterfield wrote that citizens have asked and continue to ask local elected leaders about the possible hazards to the environment or public health that the operation of the facility might present. Miller and Butterfield are asking DHS officials to visit Granville County, or at the very least, hold a conference call to answer questions.

The Butner site in Granville County is one of five locations DHS is considering for its new animal disease research center to replace the aging center currently located off the coast of New York and Connecticut on Plum Island.