



*A BETTER
CAROLINA*

*2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA*

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North Carolina is attracting new citizens from all over the country due to its pro-freedom and fiscally responsible policies.

To continue making the Tar Heel State one of the top relocation destinations in the nation, the General Assembly must promote legislation that keeps the state attractive to businesses and families.



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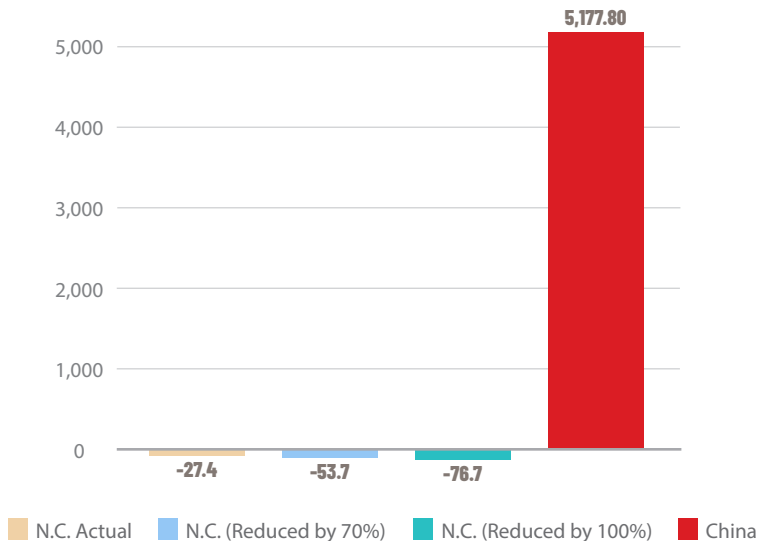
1. ENERGY

ENSURE A RESPONSIBLE ENERGY FUTURE FOR NORTH CAROLINA

- » Advocate for “least-cost, most reliable” energy plans.
- » Defend the rights of NC ratepayers by monitoring the implementation of the Carbon Plan (HB 951).
- » Provide energy choice and innovation opportunities to North Carolina citizens.

NORTH CAROLINA V. CHINA: CHANGE IN CO₂ EMISSIONS SINCE 2005 (MILLION METRIC TONS)

China CO₂ emissions continue to rise, dwarfing the modest impact of even a 100% carbon-neutral North Carolina



SOURCES: US ENERGY INFORMATION AGENCY; BP STATISTICAL REVIEW OF WORLD ENERGY

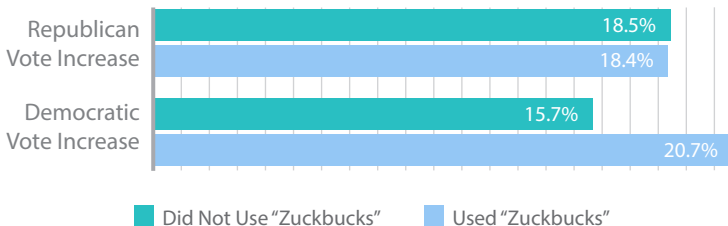
2. ELECTIONS

SAFEGUARD FREE ELECTIONS THROUGH TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- » Prohibit private funding for election administration.
- » Ensure the legality of ballots and registrations.
- » Protect the right of North Carolinians to observe open processes at early voting sites and absentee ballot voting poll tapes at county board of elections offices on election night.
- » Amend the state Constitution to clarify that only U.S. citizens can legally vote in elections, and remove a Jim Crow era literacy test requirement.

“ZUCKBUCKS” AND VOTER TURNOUT

Percentage change for Democratic and Republican attorney general candidates in 2016 and 2020 election



<i>Used CTCL Funds?</i>	<i>Republican Vote Increase</i>	<i>Democratic Vote Increase</i>	<i>Average by CTCL Funding Status</i>
Yes	18.4%	20.7%	19.6%
No	18.5%	15.7%	17.2%

NOTE: “ZUCKBUCKS” REFERS TO CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE (CTCL) FUNDING

3. RULES REVIEW REFORM

LIMIT BUREAUCRACY, PRESERVE THE REPUBLIC

- » Reduce the sunset period for rules from 10 years to five.
- » Constrain the Rules Review Commission's ability to approve high-cost rules without authorization from the General Assembly.
- » Prohibit executive agencies from implementing any policy, guideline, or interpretive statement without first adopting it as a rule.

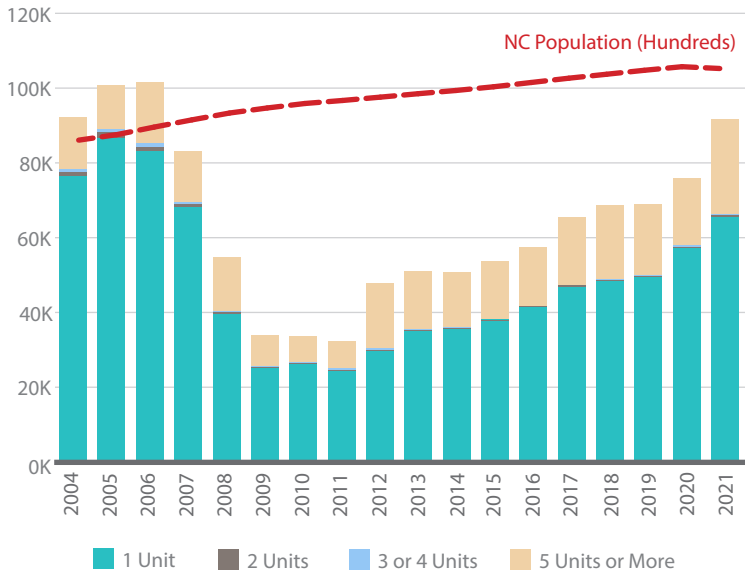


4. HOUSING

KEEP HOUSING AFFORDABLE

- » Ensure a balance between the rights of homeowners and the authority of local governments.
- » Legalize middle housing, such as duplexes, triplexes, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) across the state.
- » Limit the ability of municipalities to impose arbitrary minimums on lot sizes, home sizes, and parking.

NEW HOUSING UNITS BUILT IN NC, 2004-2022



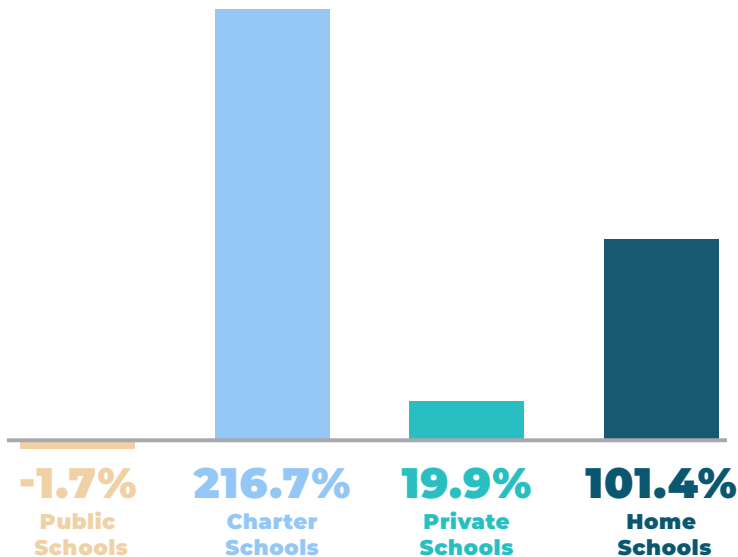
SOURCE: CENSUS.GOV

5. EDUCATION

FUND STUDENTS, REFORM SYSTEMS

- » Promote educational choices for all families.
- » Codify the rights of parents and guardians to direct their children's education and well-being.
- » Ensure school transparency regarding curriculum and school operations, which can give parents and guardians peace of mind that their children are receiving a quality education.

2012-2022 CHANGE IN ENROLLMENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS V. SCHOOLS OF CHOICE



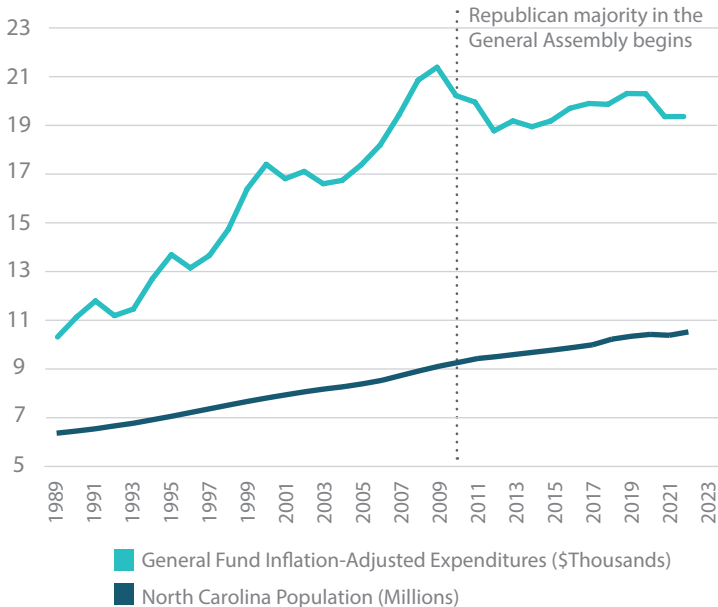
SOURCE: NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, NORTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF NON-PUBLIC EDUCATION

6. BUDGET AND TAXES

PROTECT THE NORTH CAROLINA BOOM

- » Only fund core government services, limit borrowing, build up the rainy-day fund, and use non-recurring money for non-recurring expenses.
- » Repeal the privilege tax to increase occupational independence.
- » Restrain the growth of government through a constitutional amendment that would protect future generations of taxpayers.

NORTH CAROLINA POPULATION VS. GENERAL FUND GROWTH: 1989 - 2022



SOURCE: JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION ANALYSIS

7. 2ND AMENDMENT

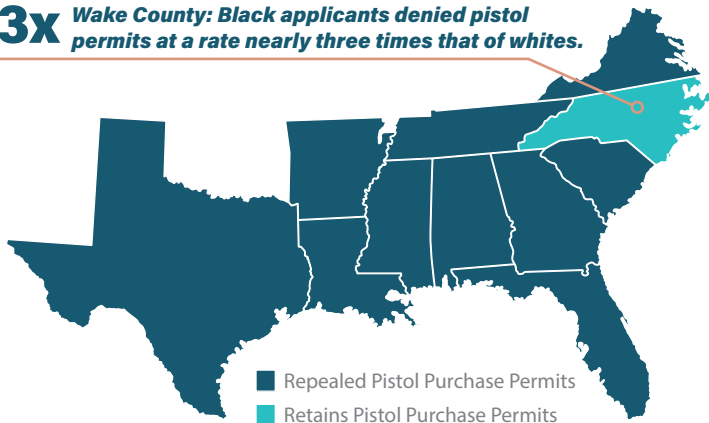
ADVOCATE FOR THE 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS

- » Repeal the Pistol Purchase Permit, a relic of the Jim Crow Era that requires citizens to obtain a license to purchase a pistol.
- » Promote responsible gun ownership and ensure the freedom of North Carolinians to exercise their 2nd Amendment liberties.

“THE KLAN’S FAVORITE LAW”

North Carolina is the only state in the South that has retained their Jim Crow Era pistol purchase permit law

3x *Wake County: Black applicants denied pistol permits at a rate nearly three times that of whites.*



1919 *Pistol Purchase Permit Law Implemented in N.C.*

2021 *Gov. Roy Cooper Vetoed Repeal*

NOTE: FEDERAL LAW ALREADY REQUIRES BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL FIREARM PURCHASES THROUGH LICENSED DEALERS.

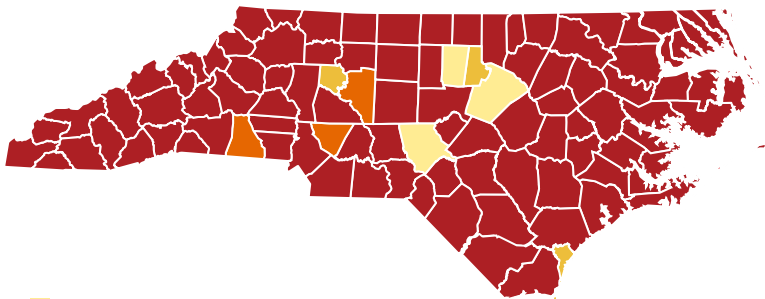
8. HEALTH CARE

INCREASE HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS

- » Repeal Certificate of Need (CON) laws to increase access and competition of health care procedures and facilities.
- » Unleash telehealth by allowing providers from other states, who are in good standing, to treat North Carolinians.
- » Remove outdated supervisory requirements that limit the ability of advanced practice registered nurses to offer care.
- » Reject Medicaid expansion.

COUNTIES DESIGNATED AS HEALTH CARE DESERTS

91 North Carolina counties have shortages in all three health areas: primary care, dental, and mental health.



- Health Care Desert in 1 Category (Dental)
- Health Care Desert in 2 Categories (Dental and Mental Health)
- Health Care Desert in 2 Categories (Primary Care and Dental)
- Health Care Desert in 3 categories (Primary Care, Dental, and Mental Health)

SOURCE: NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

9. WORKER FREEDOM

PROTECT WORKERS

- » Reduce occupational licensing barriers to increase opportunities for North Carolina workers.
- » Pass a “Right-to-Earn-a Living” Act.
- » Protect North Carolina’s “Right-to-Work” status by enshrining it in the Constitution.
- » Promote licensure portability for out-of-state workers.

\$112,000,000

*Dollars in lost economic output due to
occupational licensure barriers**



SOURCE: INSTITUTE FOR JUSTICE

***LOWER BOUND ESTIMATE**

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The logo consists of the words "A BETTER" in a light blue, sans-serif font, positioned above the word "CAROLINA" in a larger, bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. Two horizontal lines with arrowheads at both ends are integrated into the design: one above "CAROLINA" and one below it. Small diamond shapes are placed on these lines, one above the "A" and one below the "I".

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