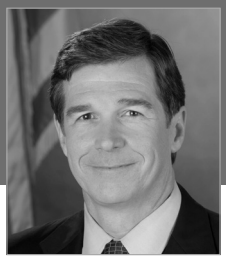
AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM WORKING AMERICA

Who Will Stand with Working Families?



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Roy Cooper (D) — Pat McCrory (R)

CREATING JOBS

North Carolina's unemployment rate is now less than half of what it was during the height of the recession, but the current rate of 4.7% still leaves the state ranked 25th in the nation, lagging behind neighboring states like Tennessee and Virginia, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. *(Bls.gov, retrieved 8/25/16)*

Roy Cooper has committed to accept federal funds for Medicaid expansion. These funds will create 43,000 health care jobs and bring more than $2 billion in federal money every year. Cooper also vowed to repeal the job-killing legislation, House Bill 2, and restore the child-care tax credit to help working families. *(Charlotte Business Journal, 7/13/16; NCJustice.org, accessed 8/23/16)*

Gov. McCrory signed House Bill 2 into law. This legislation has harmed North Carolina's economy and pushed out jobs. As a result of HB 2, our state has lost over $40 million in business investment—resulting in a loss of over 1,250 jobs. An additional $20 million in business investment and 550 more jobs are at risk. (PolitiFact.com, 4/22/16; The Williams Institute, 5/11/16)

HEALTHIER NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina has the opportunity to provide health care access to an additional 500,000 people by expanding Medicaid through existing health care legislation. Not only would this save the state $318 million between 2016-2020, it would create 43,000 new jobs in the next four years. *(NCJustice.org, accessed 8/23/16)*

Roy Cooper is a vocal advocate for the expansion of Medicaid. Out of the 500,000 North Carolinians this expansion would provide coverage for, more than 300,000 have no other insurance option available. Accepting this expansion would help prevent more than 1,000 unnecessary deaths and save 14,776 families from receiving catastrophic medical bills. *(The News and Observer, 6/23/16; NCJustice.org, accessed 8/23/16)*

Pat McCrory refused to expand Medicaid, which would help 27,044 diabetics get their medication and provide 40,000 North Carolinian women preventative screening. By doing this, Gov. McCrory is also leaving $2 billion on the table every year, which could ease the financial strain on our hospitals. Four hospitals in Georgia and one hospital in Virginia have already closed due to their state's refusal to expand Medicaid. *(The News and Observer, 6/23/16; NCJustice.org, accessed 8/23/16; HealthInsurance.org, accessed 8/23/16)*

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

North Carolina ranks 42nd when it comes to school finance, a ranking based on funding equity and spending. The effects of this ranking are amplified when you consider that states with higher per-pupil expenditures tend to have higher student achievement. In North Carolina, we spend $2,792 less than the national average for each of our students. *(EdWeek: Quality Counts 2016; NEA.org, accessed 8/16/16)*

Our state ranks 42nd in the nation for teacher pay and 14.8 percent of our teachers left their positions in 2015 alone. Roy Cooper is committed to making education a priority in North Carolina by raising teacher salaries to the national average, boosting kindergarten funding and helping to ease student loan debt. *(Abc11.com, 5/3/16; The Citizen-Times, 3/9/16)*

Though North Carolina has fallen behind in school investment, Gov. McCrory supports legislation that puts $4.7 billion in federal education funding in jeopardy. Our state uses these federal funds to pay teachers and aids, subsidize nutrition programs for low-income students, support economically disadvantaged students, and assist students with disabilities. *(The Williams Institute, 5/11/16; Abc11.com, 5/5/16)*

Roy Cooper for Governor

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Tuesday, Nov. 8
Poll hours: 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Your vote is a personal decision. **Working America has done the research and found that Roy Cooper is the best choice for Governor.** Paid for by Working America. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee. NCDH-107-16

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