

Members of the North Carolina General Assembly
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Dear Members of the North Carolina General Assembly:

North Carolinians have little faith in our government today after a decade of Republican misrule in the legislature, characterized by backroom deals and pay-to-play politics. We are running for the legislature to work for all constituents who want balanced and honest governance. That means ending the corrosive role money and special interests have played in shaking North Carolinians' confidence in government, while also protecting and expanding voting rights for every citizen. We write to you today to confirm our commitment to reform this broken system and to return power back to the people of this great state.

We commend the leadership of our Democratic colleagues in Raleigh, who have proposed bold good-government initiatives. We are dedicated to passing these reforms under a new Democratic majority beginning in January. Reforming Raleigh is the foundational step toward solving some of North Carolina's most pressing challenges, such as expanding Medicaid and lowering the costs of healthcare and prescription drugs; fully funding and strengthening our public education system; developing communities that are resilient to climate change; and building an economy that enables working families to thrive. We are therefore committed to enacting the following policies upon taking the majority:

1. End the discriminatory and divisive practice of political gerrymandering that currently allows the undemocratic practice of politicians picking their voters, rather than ensuring that voters fairly choose their representatives
2. Increase transparency and defend North Carolinians' right to know the original sources of all political spending that tries to influence our votes
3. Strengthen current laws that restrict corporations and lobbyists from making political contributions to influence elected officials
4. Restore and strengthen the 2002 Judicial Campaign Reform Act that allows statewide judicial candidates to opt into a voter-owned financing program, funded entirely by attorney fees and an optional tax checkoff, so candidates can run campaigns that are not beholden to special interests that will appear before their courts
5. Increase voter participation by establishing comprehensive online voter registration, requiring employers to give employees time off to vote, and declaring Election Day a state holiday
6. Remove discriminatory barriers that prevent thousands of North Carolinians from freely and fairly exercising their right to vote

If North Carolinians elect a Democratic majority this November, we must heed their call to create a new path forward for the Old North State that works for everyone—not just for big donors and special interests. We must restore faith in our government. It is time for North Carolina to lead the nation toward a revitalized, just, and trustworthy democracy.

Signed,

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