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### The latest news for you

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## Representative Nasif Majeed District 99



PEACE. During this past NBA All-Star Weekend, I had the pleasure to meet with some of our local all-stars.

The Community Giveback Event, sponsored by Spectrum and ESPN, was a community celebration featuring giveaways, music, student performances, and several celebrity guests.

This wonderful event was held at First Ward Creative Arts Academy in uptown Charlotte, where many of the students there were able to showcase their talents.

I love seeing our young people blossom and look forward to being able to attend more events like this one.

### Updates from Raleigh:

The action inside the State Legislature resumed at full speed this week. We have a lot of challenges ahead of us but hopefully party differences can be put aside and business can be completed. An important legislative focus is to have informed and active constituents. Accomplishing this requires legislators and constituents to communicate on a regular basis. I am listening!

This 2019-2020 Long Session will have legislators meeting in Raleigh four (4) days per week likely until August.

As a life-long resident of North Carolina, I am proud to represent constituents in Mecklenburg County. I have an open door policy and will always make time to listen to my constituents and engage in open discussions with you. If you are in the Raleigh area, please feel free to stop by; I would love to hear from you.

Please share our newsletter with your family, friends, and neighbors in an effort to understand the work that is going on in Raleigh on your behalf. Together we make our community and state a wonderful place to live, work and play. PEACE.



**Common Sense Gun Safety Reforms Proposed on First Anniversary of Parkland Shooting**

Last week was the first anniversary of the shooting in Parkland, Florida that killed 17 people and injured 17 more. Since Parkland there have been 350 mass shootings in the United States, nearly one a day. One hundred Americans die from gun violence every day, over half are suicides.

We need to take common sense steps to prevent a mass shooting like Parkland from happening in North Carolina and to reduce gun violence deaths.



Last month, both House and Senate members held a joint press conference to announce the filing of a Medicaid Expansion bill in each Chamber.

[House Bill 5](#), and its companion bill [Senate Bill 3](#), would provide much needed health care coverage for 500,000 uninsured North Carolinians.

[House Bill 86](#) contains a number of common sense policy proposals that respect the tradition of responsible gun ownership while promoting gun safety and keeping dangerous weapons out of the wrong hands.

Specifically, [HB 86](#) does the following:

- Universal background checks for all gun sales.
- Ban bump stocks.
- Raise the age for purchasing and possession of an assault weapon from 18 to 21.
- Limiting the size of ammunition magazines.
- Promote responsible safe storage.
- Require a permit for the purchase of an assault weapon.
- Allow law enforcement to destroy seized weapons.

Gun safety is not a partisan issue. I look forward to working with my House colleagues on all gun safety solutions that make sense and make our communities safer.



*FYI - a companion bill or companion measure, is a bill introduced in either the House or Senate which has identical or similar language to another bill introduced in the other Chamber. They will then introduce their bills independently of one another.*



**House and Senate legislators announcing the filing of House Bill 5 and Senate Bill 3.**

Additionally, expanding Medicaid would bring \$4 billion dollars in federal funding into North Carolina's economy each year.

The bills target mostly low-income workers and their families. For example, a family of three with household income between \$29,435 and \$39,148 would be eligible for coverage under the plan. The uninsured in this group often are self-employed or work for small business that do not provide health insurance benefits.

There is energy on both sides of the aisle for expanding Medicaid. Now is the time to find a bipartisan way to close the Medicaid coverage gap in North Carolina.



**Governor Cooper Names Justice Cheri Beasley the First African-American Female Chief Justice in North Carolina History**

Last month, Chief Justice Mark Martin announced his retirement from the bench. The voters will elect his replacement in the 2020 elections, but until then Governor Cooper has appointed Associate Justice Cheri Beasley to the position. Justice Beasley will then run for a full eight year term in 2020.

Justice Beasley has served on the North Carolina Supreme Court since 2012. She was previously an Associate Judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, and before that served as a District Court Judge. She is a graduate of Rutgers University and received her J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law. Justice Beasley will serve as the state's first African American female Chief Justice of North Carolina.



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