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Joel Ford [joeldford@gmail.com]

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Joel D. M. Ford
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Greetings Constituents and Friends,

In what was supposed to be a very short Legislative Short Session, it turned out to be a rather longer than anticipated Legislative Session. However, we have finally come to a close and we are now settling into the legislative interim period. We may have come to a close, but we still have a lot of work to do on behalf of North Carolinians.

Many North Carolinians are left in bewilderment about the fate of Medicaid, the future of our state's education system, jobs, and our shrinking state revenue. With these issues left unresolved, the legislature needs to come together to solve these major problems. Together, I believe we can reach common sense solutions to the task at hand. North Carolinians are looking for solutions that align with our state values and improve our economy.

As always, please continue to refer to the North Carolina General Assembly www.ncleg.com, to track information on committee meetings, bill status, legislative updates, etc. The North Carolina state government www.ncgov.com is helpful for in-depth information regarding our state resources.

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Legislative Summit: August 18-21, I had the honor to attend the National Conference of State Legislatures Summit in Minneapolis, Minnesota. State legislatures and staff came together to discuss critical issues that face our nation as a whole. During the conference we discussed ways to improve our education system and how to improve our economy.



Bruns Academy: On August 26, I attended an event at Bruns Academy to help distribute school supplies to students before starting a new academic year. AT&T provided school officials with a supply of uniforms, backpacks, & undergarments for students attending the Academy.

Suit Up Charlotte! On September 6, I was honored to be a guest speaker at the Suit Up Charlotte 2nd Annual Men's Summit. This summit consisted of a broad conversation regarding the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as well as a dialogue concerning Division of Work Force Solutions.

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Energize Charlotte: On September 18th, I served as host for 'Energizing Charlotte,' A Community Conversation About Energy, Opportunity, and Workforce Readiness held at the NASCAR Hall of Fame Museum. Discussion encompassed the rapid growth of the City of Charlotte and its demand from the energy industry as well as employment opportunity for the city. This event was an informational setting that allowed community leaders, energy executives, school board members, and elected officials to come together to learn how to prepare for new jobs in the energy industry.

SPECIAL THANKS

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Thank you for continuing to voice your issues, thoughts, and concerns through your many e-mails, phone calls, and office visits during this legislative Short Session. I appreciate receiving input from you and am honored to be representing our district. Please feel free to contact my legislative clerk, Jackie Ray, in Raleigh, as I commit time in the district.



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