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Dear Friends:

I wish to discuss with you some of the legislation and policy that Governor Pat McCrory signed into law recently. While the session has been adjourned for almost a month now, Governor McCrory is still analyzing the legislation that passed during the closing weeks of the session. He must make a decision to deliberate the use of his veto powers or sign certain pieces of legislation into law. Additionally, if he does not sign or veto, legislation will become law on October 30, 2015.

A key policy that I am pleased to see pass with bipartisan support is the Department of Motor Vehicles' ability to allow citizens to sign their documents online and renew their driver's license from the comfort of their own home. Citizens will no longer have to wait in line to make sure their information is up to date or take time off from work to make the dreaded trip to the DMV to renew their license.

House Bill 540 is legislation that will request the Library of Congress to replace the statue of Charles Aycock, former governor of North Carolina, with a statue of Reverend Billy Graham. A philanthropist and humanitarian, Billy Graham has been lauded for his selfless work among both his church and the Christian faith. This bill passed the North Carolina Senate with unanimous support.

I cannot achieve anything without the support of my constituents. Thank you all very much for your support!

Please continue to refer to the North Carolina General Assembly website www.ncleg.net. You will be able to track legislation, sign up for committee notices and review the in depth citizen's guide.

I encourage you to contact us with your thoughts, comments, or suggestions. Please feel free to have others join in on conversation by sending contact information to Joyce.Waddell@ncleg.net.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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- [**E-Signatures/Vehicle Title and Registration \(SB 370/S.L. 2015-270\)**](#) – This legislation will provide for electronic signatures on applications and electronic notifications to the Department of Motor Vehicles. It allows citizens to avoid costly traffic and saves the state money as a whole. The new items that SB 370 is applicable to are: an application for a certificate of title, a registration plate, a registration card, and any other document that will be approved by the DMV. I voted in support of this legislation. Governor Pat McCrory signed this bill into law on October 12, 2015.
- [**North Carolina Farm Act of 2015 \(SB 513/S.L. 2015-263\)**](#) – Senate Bill 513 is a regulatory bill regarding the agricultural resources of North Carolina and its impact on North Carolina businesses. It provides regulatory relief to the agricultural community of North Carolina by providing for various transportation and environmental reforms. I voted in support of this legislation. Governor Pat McCrory signed this bill into law on September 30, 2015.
- [**Taxation of Tribal Land and Tobacco Products \(HB 912/S.L. 2015-262\)**](#) – This legislation has been enacted to exempt personal property located on tribal lands from property tax. It allows the Department of Revenue to enter into an agreement with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians regarding the taxation of tobacco products, and to amend the requirements for distillery permit holders to sell spirituous liquor distilled on premises to visitors of the distillery. I voted in support of this legislation. Governor Pat McCrory signed this bill into law on September 30, 2015.
- [**Billy Graham/National Statuary Hall \(HB 540/S.L. 2015-269\)**](#) – This legislation requested the joint committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of the statue of Charles Brantley Aycock in National Statuary Hall with a statue of the Reverend William Franklin “Billy” Graham Jr. Born and raised in Charlotte, NC, Billy Graham preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to more than 200 million people in 185 countries and territories. I voted in support of this legislation. Governor Pat McCrory signed this bill into law on October 2, 2015.
- [**Elections \(HB 373/S.L. 2015-258\)**](#) – House Bill 373 is an act to establish procedures for the conduct of the 2016 presidential primary. This bill will shift the primary dates from May 15, 2016, to March 15, 2016, and require candidates to submit their intention to run by December 16, 2015. New voters will have up to sixty days before the election to register to vote. Photo ID is required for voting. Governor Pat McCrory signed this bill into law on September 30, 2015.

In Charlotte, NC



Senator Joyce Waddell speaks about the need to keep excellent teachers in North Carolina at Montclair Elementary School on October 17, 2015.



Senator Joyce Waddell explains the minimum wage bill to Union workers on October 17, 2015.

In Gastonia, NC



Senator Joyce Waddell address the members of the North Carolina Association of Educational Office Professionals, District 2, about the many important educational issues that face North Carolina on October 16, 2015.

In the Media

[Click this link to view the news clip and online publication on, "Teachers rally for more legislative support in NC." Senator Joyce Waddell shares her concerns on the need to support teachers in the classroom.](#)


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From the desk of Senator Joyce Waddell

Protect North Carolina workers Act



RALEIGH, NC – Although the session may have ended, North Carolina Senate and House GOP leaders have yet to complete the finishing touches on what has been an embarrassing session for human rights violations. Throughout the session, GOP leadership has voluntarily infringed upon the rights of voters, the rights of women, and now the rights of immigrant workers. The GOP stand accused of targeting undocumented workers by forcing local governments to prosecute hard-working individuals instead of building stronger relationships with immigrant communities. House Bill 318, the Protect North Carolina Workers Act, is designed to disallow the creation of sanctuary cities, cities in which the police force is not required to waste time prosecuting non-violent, hard-working individuals; rather than focusing on the tenets of small government they supposedly stand by, the state leaders have once again shown their propensity to meddle in the affairs of individual city governance.

that everyone who comes here to work and benefit the state should be welcomed and never singled out for persecution. The GOP has decided to take matters into their own hands regarding the day-to-day operation of our local towns and cities and has robbed these individual towns of their right to governance. We ought to be supporting the hard-working people of North Carolina regardless; if you are willing to try and make North Carolina a better place, then you should be able to make it your home. This awful piece of policy was rammed through both the House and Senate after coming out of committee and failed to garner full party support from the GOP in both chambers and now sits on the desk of Governor Pat McCrory. I voted against this legislation when it was brought to the Senate floor," said Sen. Joyce Waddell.



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"We owe it to everyone in North Carolina to ensure

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