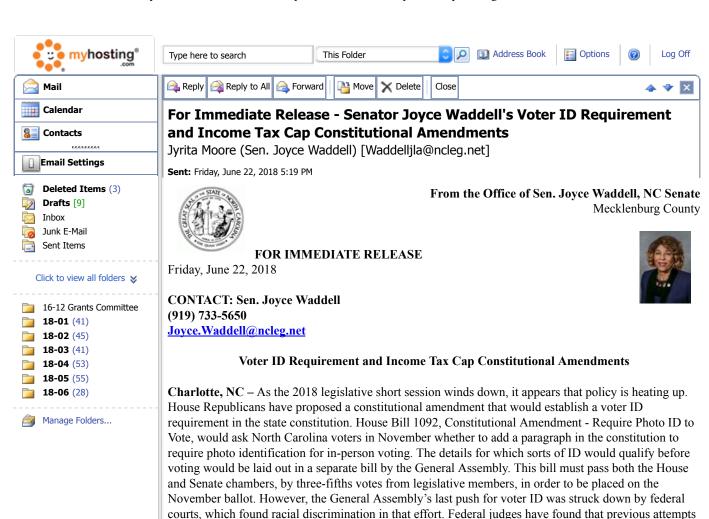
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Another proposed bill that would amend the North Carolina state constitution is Senate Bill 75, Constitutional Amendment - Maximum Income Tax Rate of 5.5 Percent. If voters approve the amendment, it would go into effect January 1, 2019. This bill would prevent the cap for state income taxes from ever being increased. Freezing the cap for income taxes would cut off a vital source of revenue and continue the path towards zero income tax that Republican legislative leaders want. Tax cuts also mean that the state has less money to invest in education, roads, and water quality. In addition, sales

taxes and local property taxes are likely to increase as a result to cuts in income tax. This, in turn, would

regarding voter ID have targeted black voters "with almost surgical precision." Historically, black communities have been disproportionately affected by changes in voter ID requirements, and this bill's ambiguous language does not guarantee that black voters will have the required identification when at

"Historically, people of color have made significant strides to be able to cast a vote. It is important that measures in our voting process remain accessible to all citizens in North Carolina. I adamantly oppose hindrance to the process already in existence. I am committed to making sure that every citizen's voice is heard on important issues and ensuring the democratic process is upheld and accessible to all people. Also, freezing the cap on income taxes would only benefit wealthy individuals and reduce the revenue available to invest in education, roads, and water quality," said Senator Joyce Waddell.

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hurt middle-class North Carolinians and low-income citizens.