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## For Immediate Release - Senator Joyce Waddell's Voter ID Requirement and Income Tax Cap Constitutional Amendments

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### Voter ID Requirement and Income Tax Cap Constitutional Amendments

**Charlotte, NC** – As the 2018 legislative short session winds down, it appears that policy is heating up. House Republicans have proposed a constitutional amendment that would establish a voter ID requirement in the state constitution. House Bill 1092, Constitutional Amendment - Require Photo ID to Vote, would ask North Carolina voters in November whether to add a paragraph in the constitution to require photo identification for in-person voting. The details for which sorts of ID would qualify before voting would be laid out in a separate bill by the General Assembly. This bill must pass both the House and Senate chambers, by three-fifths votes from legislative members, in order to be placed on the November ballot. However, the General Assembly’s last push for voter ID was struck down by federal courts, which found racial discrimination in that effort. Federal judges have found that previous attempts 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 the polls.

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 of cuts in income tax. This, in turn, would hurt middle-class North Carolinians and low-income citizens.

**“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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