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Senator Joel Ford December 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your support and prayers over the past six years while serving as your State Senator in District 38. I am grateful for those who worked tirelessly to spread our message of hope and a vision for our future. The outpouring of support I've received during this past year has humbled me, and I know my job is not done. Our State has incredible potential, and I will continue to work to see that potential become a reality. I'm honored to have had the trust and confidence of those I've served these past six years, and I'm in debt to everyone who has given me that strength, conviction and resolves to be Charlotte's champion in Raleigh. Putting Charlotte first has always been my priority.

As a public servant, advocating for successful legislation has always been my undertaking. With the highest honor, I am proud to have co-sponsored the **Autism Health Insurance Coverage**. My proudest moment has been the **allocation of \$600,000 to C.W. Williams Community Health Center** for various repairs and upgrades. Also, I am appreciative of using my platform to advocate for the enactment of Senate Bill 579 "**The Catherine A. Zanga Medical Marijuana Bill**." Additionally, I was able to **secure \$350,000 for the Renaissance West Community Initiative (RWCI)** from the NC Department of Commerce. It was vital for me to secure funding for RWCI because these funds will ensure children and families of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area will continue to receive quality affordable housing, education, health, wellness, and opportunities.

Most of all, with the recent passing of my mother Helena R. McClure, I wanted to honor her legacy by serving others, and so, I thank my family for their sacrifice, love, and unwavering devotion. I look forward to spending more time with my wife and daughter and finding future occasions to build stronger communities and greater opportunities for the people of Charlotte and the state of North Carolina. I wish my successor, Senator-Elect Mujtaba A. Mohammed, all the best in his new endeavors in the General Assembly.

Thank you and God bless,
Joel Ford

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On Friday, December 21, 2018, Governor Roy Cooper vetoed **House Bill**

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1029, [Bipartisan State Board Changes](#), and **Senate Bill 469**, [Technical Corrections](#). While the media coverage of House Bill 1029 may lead the public to believe that the purpose of the bill is to make **campaign finance investigations** confidential, the actual **purpose** of the bill is to bring the composition of the **State Board of Elections** in conformity with the requirements set forth in a recent law suit initiated by Governor Cooper, the **confidentiality** provision is aimed at protecting politicians against unfounded public accusations that may only amount to minor errors in **reporting campaign finances**. Senate Bill 469 makes various technical changes to the recently passed Senate Bill 824, [Implementation of Voter ID Const. Amendment](#). Despite **media speculation** that the Senate Bill 824 will cause voter suppression, this bill makes **twelve forms of ID acceptable** in verifying the voter's identity. Additionally, under this bill, an individual who is unable to obtain an acceptable form of identification may obtain one for **FREE**.

On Thursday, December 27, 2018 both the House and the Senate voted to override the Governor's veto of both House Bill 1029 and Senate Bill 469. As such, both bills are now **law** in the state of North Carolina.

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