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Greetings:

Senator Waddell participated and engaged in community meetings throughout the district. There were no legislative or committee meetings in Raleigh this past week.

Joyce Waddell

Medicaid Expansion

A month after the North Carolina General Assembly session ended and two weeks after Gov. Roy Cooper signed the state budget into law, the chances of a Medicaid expansion deal this summer have stalled. Medicaid expansion has been the center of legislative impasses for the past few years.

Both Democrats and Republicans now hope to broaden the qualifications for Medicaid, but the parties disagree on the finer details of different expansion plans. When the Governor signed the budget into law on July 11, he and Republican Senate and House Speaker all said they were continuing to negotiate making expansion happen this year. The policy change would expand Medicaid insurance coverage to as many as 500,000 more North Carolinians who do not currently qualify for it.

It has been reported that leadership does not believe it will happen this year. Although it would greatly help the state's bottom line. It would be great to pass it while the state can still get a signing bonus of \$1.5 billion, which could come this or next year.

Democratic Women



Mecklenburg Delegation attends a Democratic Women's event.



Senator Waddell acknowledges the hard work and dedication of the President of Democratic Women, Ms. DonnaMarie Woodson.

Monkeypox Testing

North Carolina labs have started testing wastewater for monkeypox, the latest infectious disease on the rise in the state. After two weeks, the virus had not been detected in water collected at 25 locations statewide.

There are so many tools we have to detect viruses and other diseases and health related issues. Some that we use, most of us have no knowledge of. I am glad that we do not look to just one way to stay on top of the community's health.



International Minority Coalition Award

Senator Waddell receives an achievement award from the International Minority Coalition.



Gun Laws

We have to be more accountable to each other and as a state legislator, I am committed to being more transparent about how we create new laws. With that being said, I believe we have to tighten our gun laws to ensure those who are not mature or mentally stable enough to have them.

The North Carolina Attorney General said on Sunday the state's self-defense law is "too loose," that gun laws should be tightened to reduce gun violence and school shootings. I happen to agree.

The revised law, which the Attorney General described as "stand your ground," says "that you have a presumption that you were justified, rather than having to prove you are justified. He like many others, think the law is — is too loose, and creates incentives for people to shoot first." The 2011 self-defense bill passed with bipartisan support.

Speaking at CMS School Board

Senator Waddell speaks to members of the Charlotte Mecklenburg School Board and other community members concerning capital projects and the upcoming school year.



Senator Waddell is working tirelessly for Senate District 40, but she cannot do this alone. Many of her precincts have changed which makes the election much more competitive. In November she will have an opponent running against her. Can she count on your help to continue working for the district?

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Summer is wrapping up and school is about to go back in. Please be careful as you move about the community, it does not yet appear we have the virus under control.

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