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Greetings!

We truly appreciate everyone's involvement.
This War on Oppression will only be won as one
mass movement.

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Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible, starting at the local level and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

Spotlight

Advocacy Matters!



Inflation Reduction Act Rally Speech Capitol Hill

By DonnaMarie Woodson

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022, it was my honor to speak on Capitol Hill with U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), and Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD)

And Distinguished Guests:

U.S. Representative Peter Welch (D-VT-AL)
U.S. Representative Susie Lee (D-NV-03)
U.S. Representative Lauren Underwood (D-IL-14)
U.S. Representative Susan Wild (D-PA-07)
David Mitchell, Patients for Affordable Drugs
Richard Fiesta, Alliance for Retired Americans
Emily Gee, Center for American Progress
Dr. Jessica Ice, Patient Storyteller from West Virginia
DonnaMarie Woodson, Patient Storyteller from North Carolina

***Press Release from Protect Our Care:** Health care advocates and storytellers will meet for an in-person press event hosted by **Protect Our Care** to celebrate the **Inflation Reduction Act's** game-changing measures to drive down health care costs for millions of working families and seniors nationwide. During the event, speakers will discuss how the bill lowers premiums, gives Medicare the power to negotiate, caps drug costs for seniors, and reduces disparities in health care. These savings will begin as soon as next year.



Below is my speech in its entirety:

“As a 2-time Cancer Survivor, a Senior on Medicare with a diabetic husband, The Inflation Reduction Act is a God send. It improves the lives of millions of seniors by lowering prescription drug costs and improving access to health care coverage. The IRA is the most significant health care achievement since the passage of the Affordable Care Act!

And the Affordable Care Act Saved My Life!!

Cancer medications and the cost of insulin are among the most expensive prescription drugs available.

No one should have to worry about rationing lifesaving medications like insulin or paying their bills while they're fighting cancer.

The provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act

- **Lowers prescription drug prices by giving Medicare the power to negotiate lower costs.**
- **Caps seniors’ out-of-pocket drug costs at \$2,000 per year and stops many of Big Pharma's outrageous price hikes.**
- **Caps insulin at \$35 per month for Americans on Medicare with diabetes.**
- **Lowers health care premiums by extending ACA financial assistance for three years.**



Thanks to Speaker Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress, my family and millions of other American families will save thousands of dollars a year on health care and will no longer have to choose between the care we need and the care we can afford.”



ALWAYS REMEMBER - ADVOCACY MATTERS!

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Editorial

Pay Attention to the Midterm Elections People



**By
Tarik Kiley
9/27/2022**

Most of us, as voters, pay a lot of attention to the presidential election cycles. This is understandably so. The president has a lot of power; the position is glamorous and holds our attention. The president of the USA is also, after all, the leader of the free world. But there are other elections, which, while not as glamorous, are equally essential for us to consider as voters.

The midterm elections are just as important because these elections determine who controls the U.S. Congress and governorships. According to CNN.com, “The Democrats’ majority in Congress is razor-thin: The Senate is a 50-50 split (with Vice President Kamala Harris’ tie-breaking vote giving them the advantage), and Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s control of the House rests on a slim margin. In 2022, all 435 House seats and 35 of the 100 Senate seats are on the ballot.

Additionally, 36 out of 50 states will elect governors.” What needs to be understood here is that while the presidential election determines who heads and wields the executive power of the federal government, the midterm elections determine who speaks for the states on the national level.



And it should also be noted that the states have a lot of decision-making power in Congress. In other words, Congress is made up of delegates from the states. They are put into power to represent their states in Congress. Couple this with governors who make

decisions on a state level, and you have the recipe for why you need to pay attention.

It should also be noted that Congress places a check on the power of the presidency. If the opposing party holds control of Congress—more specifically, if the Democratic Party loses control of Congress—it could make it more difficult to pass bills that Democrats consider a priority. Checks and balances deliberately make it so, but in our era of bitter partisan division, a divided government can be a mean one.

Many of the issues that concern us are decided at the state level, too. This includes abortion rights (i.e., since the overturn of Roe vs. Wade), climate change, healthcare, voter suppression, and other issues. Still, according to the UAB Institute for Human Rights Blog, “midterm elections historically have 10-20% lower voter turnout than presidential elections.” The fewer people who vote in an election, the less likely that election outcomes will represent the will of most of the American people. When you don’t vote, you are essentially taping your mouth shut.



The American people are also living in a time of the resurgence of far-right extremism. If the American people do not vote, then it is possible that they will get representatives from those who did

vote, who are also extreme and dangerous for American democracy. One can look at all the chaos that Donald Trump caused as president. There is a very real probability that MAGA Republicans may be able to win Congressional seats, not to mention governorships, and once again dig into implementing their extremist agenda.

Voting is still one of the best ways for your voice to be heard. Is your priority bashing immigrants and banning books, or is your priority affordable healthcare? This is important to consider because your vote will set Congressional priorities. So, pay attention to the midterm elections, people, and vote.

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Announcements



Democrats of North Mecklenburg:

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 PM

Zoom Register Link:

[Register](#)

Unity in Community Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 PM

Part 1 of a three-part Candidate Forum Series
NC Senate D41, NC House Districts 98, 106, 107

Register: [Unity in Community - Oct. 6th Event](#)

Cornelius Town Hall

Democratic Women of North Mecklenburg County

October Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 12th

Caldwell Presbyterian Church

6:30 PM – Meet and Great

7:00pm Program

Announcements



Senior Democrats of Mecklenburg County

Monthly Meeting

October 14th at 11:30 AM

ZOOM

The NCDP Coordinated Campaign

Blue Unity 2022

- Helping Cheri Beasley, the statewide judicial candidates, and other down-ballot candidates (including Christy Clark).
- Here's a link to see upcoming Blue Unity in 2022 volunteer options.
- Virtual phone banking is underway! Visit this link to sign up for a shift or two.



Please submit your group events to donnamarie93@gmail.com by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.

Happenings Gallery!

Cheri Beasley Fundraiser with Attorney General Loretta Lynch



Cheri Beasley, Me



Me, Collette Alston, Loretta Lynch, Willie Fleming



Loretta Lynch and Cheri Beasley



Senate Candidate Cheri Beasley

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