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# **My NCGA Committee Appointments**

Peace. I was appointed to the following committees for the 2023-2024 Long Session.

• Military and Veterans Affairs (Vice-Chair) I am proud and honored to serve as Vice-Chairman of this prestigious committee. North Carolina strives to be the most veteran and military friendly state in the nation. I am a decorated Air Force combat pilot and I have sponsored numerous bills to benefit our military veterans. The military is critical to our economy and to our state identity. I look forward to protecting this legacy and passing laws that serve our military families and help them prosper while dealing with all of the challenges involved with military service.

 Agriculture (Member)
Farming is one of our state's most important industries. Having earned my Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Education, specializing in Animal Research, I understand the value of the \$13 Billion in agricultural products sold in our state. Farmers provide an essential service to North Carolina and Agriculture is our #1 industry. We have over 50,000 farms, more than 250 farmers' markets and an average economic impact of \$91.8 billion. Protecting our natural resources while feeding the world is a top priority for our state. I look forward to working with Democrats and Republicans alike to help foster arowth in this industry.

#### • Appropriations (Member)

Lawmakers face a long list of important topics that are essential for our state. I am focused on your priorities and what can improve our communities. The Appropriations Committee is about setting priorities for the state. Lawmakers spend over \$25 billion of your tax dollars. It is important that your input is heard.

#### • Appropriations, General Government (Member)

When it's working correctly, state government serves citizens in a lot of different ways and through a lot of different agencies: Housing Finance, Department of Insurance, and Department of Military and Veteran Affairs - just to name a few. On this committee, I will help decide how we invest in all of these areas and help shape how state government works for all of us.

#### Banking (Member)

Banking is a major industry in North Carolina and Charlotte is the second largest financial industry city in the United States after New York. Banks and related industries employ many North Carolinians. This committee considers issues that may help banks function better or may help consumers who rely on banks. As a Representative from Charlotte, I look forward to serving on this committee and working to make banking better in North Carolina.

#### • Insurance (Member)

Some of the most significant financial transactions in a person's life relate to insurance. I look forward to working for lower insurance costs and improving consumer education so people can make the best decisions on what insurance their family needs.

#### UNC Board of Governors Nominations (Member)

The University of North Carolina System of higher education is led by a Board of Governors. This committee makes nominations for individuals to serve on the Board of Governors. We need a diverse Board that is independent of political influences to lead our universitie

### House Democrats File Bill to Codify Roe v. Wade into State Law

This week I co-sponsored HB 19 to protect people's freedom to access abortion care in North Carolina by enshrining the protections of the U.S. Supreme Court cases, Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey, into state law

For almost 50 years. North Carolinians have had the freedom to make one of life's most important decisions - the decision of if, when, and how to have children. With the overturn of Roe v. Wade, North Carolina's law immediately changed as an old state statute came into effect instituting a 20 week ban on abortions. Conservative politicians in North Carolina are eager to go even further in interfering in what should be private decisions

I believe the decision about whether, when, or how to have a child is one of the most important life decisions a person can make. Politicians do not know every person's circumstances, because we haven't walked in their shoes. Every pregnancy is unique, which is why every person needs to make the decision that is best for them throughout a pregnancy, with the people they love and trust. One-size-fits-all government interference is not the answer.

HB 19 would restore North Carolina's law to what it has been for the past 50 years and I am proud to co-sponsor the bill

#### Fair Redistricting Maps for North Carolina

People should pick their politicians. With gerrymandering, it's the other way around as political leaders draw lines to pick their voters and predetermine who wins and loses. North Carolina has been first in gerrymandering for a long time, a practice started by Democrats years ago and perfected by Republicans and the start of the start o the last 12 years.

That's why I support redistricting reform and am supporting the Fair Maps Act (<u>HB</u>). The Fair Maps Act would allow the voters to amend North Carolina's Constitution to create a citizens redistricting commission. The citizens redistricting commission would draw districts that are equal in population, configuous and compact, as well as fully complying with the U.S. Constitution and federal law. The commission would strive to avoid splitting counties, municipalities or communities of interest. Twenty public hearings would be held around the state and the public would have resources available to draw their own maps, understand the process and submit comments.

Who would serve on this commission? It would have 15 members - five Who would serve on this commission? It would have 15 members – hive Republicans, five Democratis and five members who are neither Republicans or Democrats. The bill prohibits lobbylists, major political donors or relatives of legislators from serving on the commission. Adoption of a plan would require a vote of at least nine members of the commission, including at least three members from each subgroup (Republicans, Democrats and unafiliated). If the commission were unable to adopt a plan, th would hire a special master to draw the district. draw the districts.

Gerrymandering leads to bad laws and public policy. It benefits the extremes at the expense of what is best for our state. That's why we need a fair, independent process to draw district lines.

Enjoy your weekend ... PEACE!

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