

Rare good news from the General Assembly!



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Steve,

Victory is in the air! Just yesterday afternoon, the Republicans in the NC House refused to pass the Senate's bill that would have made it a crime to wear a mask in public for health reasons! This triumph is a shared victory -- the result of the strong opposition my fellow Senate Democrats and I launched in the Senate and the widespread public outcry from citizens like you against this harmful bill.

We won!

I helped lead the opposition to the mask ban bill and House Republicans gave in to our demands.



When the NC Senate Republicans introduced this bill, I was among the first to unmask its dangers, stating on the Senate floor, **"You're making careful people into criminals."** So many North Carolinians - Democrats, Republicans and Independents - blasted the bill, sending letters, emails and phone calls to legislators expressing their outrage. The bill was [covered on national news](#). Today, I'm glad to be able to report that we've been successful - NC Republicans now know how dangerous it would be to criminalize N95 masks. Not only would a mask ban have been disastrous for vulnerable people, it would have damaged North Carolina's reputation and ability to attract businesses and tourism.

So, thanks to our work, the bill will be amended to allow people to wear masks to protect themselves and others. Hooray! And phew - what a relief!

This victory proves that even when challenges seem insurmountable, we can work together to stand up for what's right and make our state a better place. **Together, we demonstrated that elected officials must be responsive to the needs of the people they serve. However, our fight is far from over.** We still face an uphill battle to unseat an entrenched incumbent Republican Insurance Commissioner who is heavily funded by the insurance industry.

I am committed to working towards a future where our leaders prioritize the well-being and rights of North Carolinians over political games, but I need your help.

Will you support my campaign today? Every donation helps us unmask the truth about extreme policies and advocate for responsible leadership. Whether it's \$25, \$50, or \$250, your contribution directly supports our ability to reach and persuade voters across North Carolina.



We've seen that when we work hard and keep fighting, good things happen. Let's keep this momentum going and ensure that our message of fair, transparent leadership is heard. Together, we can make a real difference.

Breathing a little easier,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natasha".

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