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## Greetings:

### Governor Stein's State of the State March 2025

The state of the state is strong because our people make us strong. North Carolina Strong means that we support our neighbors, invest in our workers, put our kids first, and make our communities safe. We have chosen state over party before, and it's time to do it again.

**Hurricane Helene:** Just as our neighbors in western North Carolina have supported each other, we must recommit to supporting them.

- Governor Stein has prioritized Helene relief and recovery since Day 1, signing executive orders that cut red tape, got people help, and established GROW NC.
- The legislature has made strong investments in Helene recovery, but there is much more work to be done.
- Governor Stein has invested in home repair and small business grants, and he is urging the General Assembly and Congress to commit more funding to ensuring western North Carolina emerges safer, stronger, and more resilient.

**Economy:** We must strengthen our economy by ensuring opportunities are available to every corner of our state.

**Workforce:** No state will outwork us on workforce, and you shouldn't need a bachelor's degree to get a good job that supports a family. We must expand apprenticeships and support our community colleges so North Carolinians are ready to take on the high demand, high-wage jobs of tomorrow.

**Housing:** Our housing supply is not keeping up with the growth of our population. We must cut red tape and build more housing of all kinds.

**Childcare:** Not having enough childcare slots impacts all of us. We must invest in childcare so our kids can get a strong start to their education, our parents can afford high quality care, and our businesses can count on parents not having to pull out of the workforce.

**Taxes:** We can cut taxes for working families and save money by digging into government efficiency. But we must make sure we're planning in a way that will allow us to continue to invest in our state for generations to come.

**Schools:** Our children are our most important investment. We can keep them fed, keep them safe at school, and keep our high-quality teachers.

**Teacher pay:** We must raise teacher salaries and invest in support staff so that our incredible teachers can afford to stay in the classroom.

**School meals:** When our children aren't hungry at school, their attendance, behavior, and learning go up. Free breakfast for all students means better health and educational success.

**School infrastructure:** Our school buildings need to be upgraded so that we don't have to send kids home when the heat goes out. And they need to be more secure so that teachers and students can feel safe at school.

**Cell phones:** We can help our students learn better and support their mental health by removing cell phones from classrooms.

**Public Safety:** We all want to live in safe communities, so we must invest in the people who keep us safe and take opioids off our streets.

**Law enforcement:** We must address law enforcement vacancies that make us less safe by investing recruitment and retention.

**Fentanyl:** Every death to overdose is one tragic loss too many. We must invest in prevention efforts and manpower to get fentanyl off our streets.

*Joyce Waddell*

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