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NC Tax Code

This tax season marks the final year North Carolina taxpayers will file their income taxes under the state's old tax code. By next year the increased tax load for many North Carolina taxpayers will be apparent as a result of the tax plan passed by state leaders last year. Today, the Budget & Tax Center released a report that highlights how the tax plan passed last year shifts the responsibility of paying for public investments to middle- and low- income taxpayers while providing generous tax cuts to the wealthy and profitable corporations. The report highlights various elements of the tax plan that fundamentally changes the state's tax system and, subsequently, who pays taxes in North Carolina. The new tax code in our state is unfair to the majority of hardworking citizens. The overhauled code provides more loopholes and exemptions for corporations and special interests, and increases the burden on the majority of North Carolinians. Our state's citizens understand that the benefits of our society come with costs, and they certainly don't mind paying in their fair share. Unfortunately, the governor's tax plan requires that those citizens pay more than their fair share in order to benefit a small minority in our state. I urge GOP lawmakers and the governor to reconsider their proposed overhaul, and weigh alternatives that would be fairer to the majority of North Carolina taxpayers.

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Education and North Carolina

A study released this week has placed the future of educator's salaries in jeopardy in our

state. The study suggests that North Carolina should only consider raising salaries for teachers at risk of leaving the industry—and teachers that are at risk are defined as educators with less than ten years' experience. This is not a policy that encourages excellence in our education system. The governor and lawmakers should be doing everything possible to encourage North Carolina educators to be the best they can be, including restoring increased pay for teachers with master degrees and a salary increase for all North Carolina educators across the board. While special interests reap the benefits of the governor's tax overhaul next year, educators in our state will languish under nearly a decade of flat incomes. That's not good for our children or the future of the state's economy. It's time that we take education seriously, and view our system as an investment worth having rather than a simple line item on a budget.

[Early Voting Enters New Phase](#)

Launched 14 years ago when Democrats controlled the N.C. General Assembly and the governor's office, early voting this year will undergo its first major revisions under Republican oversight of state government. The GOP-controlled General Assembly and Republican governor are instituting changes that will shorten the duration of the early voting period by a week. Also, citizens who are not registered to vote will no longer have the option of showing up during early voting to register and vote on the same day. Early Voting starts on April 24, 2014 and ends on May 3, 2014, available sites where you can vote are below.

Mecklenburg County Primary Election May 6, 2014

- 1. Hal Marshall Annex 618 North College St. Charlotte 28202**
- 2. Ballantyne Village Way 14825 Ballantyne Village Way Charlotte 28277**
- 3. Beatties Ford Library 2412 Beatties Ford Rd Charlotte 28216**
- 4. Cornelius Town Hall 21445 Catawba Ave. Cornelius, NC 28031**
- 5. Independence Library 6000 Conference Dr. Charlotte 28212**
- 6. Main Library 310 N Tryon St. Charlotte 28202**
- 7. Matthews Library 230 Matthews Station Street, Matthews 28105**

The Primary Election Day is May 6, 2014 and all precincts are open. How you vote or for whom you vote is certainly your own personal decision, but we hope that you will exercise this right and privilege at every opportunity.

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Please remember that you can listen to committee meetings and press conferences on the General Assembly's website at www.ncleg.net. Once on the site, select "Audio," and then make your selection – House Chamber, Senate Chamber, Appropriations Committee Room or Press Conference Room. A schedule of committee meetings and other events is also available on the website.

