

## What I told the News & Observer about Mike Causey's impending 17th rate hike



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Steve, did you catch the latest from the News & Observer?

"Rate Hike Mike" Causey, our current Republican Insurance Commissioner, has approved 16 rate hikes on North Carolinians during his tenure, and now his **friends in the insurance industry are pushing for a 17th**. This latest increase will hit homeowners hard, especially those on fixed incomes who are already struggling to make ends meet.



The News & Observer's article features Janet Rupert, a 71-year-old resident of Chapel Hill. Despite paying premiums and never filing a claim in almost two decades, her homeowners' insurance premiums have **skyrocketed by nearly 60%** over the past seven years.

Janet said, "**My takeaway is that we're not being represented well. It's getting to the point where we have very few options. Companies should be held accountable; I don't see that happening.**"

This is the reality facing countless families across North Carolina, and it's unacceptable.

As your next Insurance Commissioner, I will bring the accountability you deserve. Unlike "Rate Hike Mike," who has consistently bypassed public hearings in favor of private settlements, I will ensure that any **rate increase requests are subjected to thorough scrutiny**. We need to hold insurance companies accountable, making them justify their rate hikes with evidence presented under oath and subject to cross-examination.

**Steve, I wish it wasn't true, but I can't defeat Mike Causey without your financial support. His campaign is bankrolled by massive corporate insurance industry interests, and his latest financial report due this week is sure to include thousands more.**

**I'm not taking money from the insurance industry. Instead, I'm running a people-powered campaign — [can you support my work with a few dollars today to defeat "Rate Hike Mike?"](#)**

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