

# OUR CAROLINA PROMISE

A STATE THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE



for

## OUR HEALTH & SAFETY



### **EXPAND MEDICAID TO SAVE LIVES AND KEEP HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE JOBS IN OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES**

More than 600,000 working people fall in the health care coverage gap. Let's close this gap by accepting federal funds meant to help working families who earn just a little bit too much to be eligible for Medicaid but still can't afford to pay for health care. Expanding Medicaid would ease the burden on rural hospitals, create 40,000 jobs, save lives, and connect people with quality mental health care. It's time we help people get the quality health care they need.

### **PASS COMMON SENSE GUN SAFETY LAWS**

Democrats and Republicans can find common ground to ensure that deadly weapons don't end up in the wrong hands or in our schools. Common-sense reforms like strengthening background checks, banning bump stocks, and empowering people to ask the courts to take guns temporarily from an individual who is a danger to themselves or the community can help save lives. Let's not wait for a tragedy to spur us to action – let's work together to prevent a future tragedy.



### **FIGHT THE OPIOID CRISIS AND INCREASE PROGRAMS TO PREVENT DRUG ADDICTION**

Too many in North Carolina are suffering from opioid addiction. From 1999 to 2016, more than 12,000 North Carolinians died from opioid-related overdoses. This epidemic is devastating families and communities and overwhelming medical providers. We need to continue to address this epidemic head-on by expanding opioid treatment programs, expanding Medicaid, and offering compassion not jail sentences to those suffering from addiction.

### **ENSURE CLEAN AIR AND SAFE DRINKING WATER**

From the Blue Ridge mountains to the Outer Banks, North Carolina's natural treasures are the most beautiful in the country. We need to protect them and ensure that our citizens have clean air and drinking water free from pollutants like GenX. That begins with reversing harmful cuts to the Department of Environmental Quality; since 2013, 70 water quality and water resources positions have been cut from state environmental stewards. Democrats will fight to tackle emerging threats, such as GenX, and clean up old ones, like coal ash.