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**Brevard, North Carolina** – I want to take this opportunity to update you, the citizens of District 113, about the happenings in the North Carolina House of Representatives since the session opened in late January. Things have certainly been busy but I am off to a great start trying to tackle the issues that are important to you and our district.

First, let me say once again how humbled I am to have this opportunity to serve you in Raleigh as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives. I recently received my committee assignments and I am excited to report back to you that I will be serving on the following committees: Agriculture, the Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Judiciary III, Juvenile Justice and Local Government II. We have important issues facing us today in North Carolina. The answers are not easy. The journey will most certainly be hard. I do believe we have an opportunity to do things better than have been done in the past – we must find long lasting solutions and stop simply patching the problems.

On February 10 I had the opportunity to participate in a press conference, with leaders from the North Carolina House and the North Carolina Senate, announcing reforms to the Department of Community Corrections. The proposed reforms seek to give Community Corrections staff and law enforcement the tools necessary to keep people throughout North Carolina safe. Warrantless searches of all probationers and mandatory drug testing of those on probation are the two key points in the reforms offered by both the Republican Caucus in the House and Senate. After serving for 31 years within the North Carolina Department of Correction, Division of Community Corrections, I understand how important it is for all law enforcement officers to have the tools they need to adequately supervise those placed on probation. There is more work to be done on this issue – but this is certainly a great start.

On February 17 I officially filed my first bill as a primary sponsor in the House. This bill (HB 206) allows affordable housing for local government employees and public school teachers in Transylvania County. I have been working with many in the community to make this bill a reality and I would encourage you to visit [www.ncleg.net](http://www.ncleg.net) learn more about the bill. It has passed its' first reading and has been referred to the Committee on Education. I will keep you posted on its' progress.

As always communication is extremely important to me. I will work hard each week to keep you posted on the happenings of the North Carolina House. I remain in constant contact with the City Managers, County Managers, School Superintendents and other district leaders via email. You can visit <http://www.unctv.org/legweek> to learn more about the happenings in the North Carolina General Assembly and to see the press conference that I participated in earlier this month. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners recently published an article about former County Commissioners that are now members of the General Assembly. You can also view this article by visiting [http://www.ncacc.org/formerccsinga\\_0209.html](http://www.ncacc.org/formerccsinga_0209.html).

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact my office. We are here to serve you and again I thank you for this opportunity.

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