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An update from the North Carolina House
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Greetings from Raleigh!

Dear Constituent,

Raleigh, North Carolina - Things continue to be busy in the halls of the North Carolina General Assembly. I want to try and update you on several key issues this week.

Of course all issues we discuss in the General Assembly will impact all of us throughout District 113 and North Carolina; however, there are issues that come up from time to time that directly impact those of us here in District 113. One of those issues is the Boylston Creek reclassification. I am including another update on that legislation just in case many of you did not see it last week.



House Bill 62 is the specific piece of legislation that deals with this reclassification. As you will recall this legislation prohibits the reclassification of Boylston Creek. I have always and continue to believe that this issue is a private property rights issue. After much discussion in committee and on the floor of the North Carolina House, this bill passed its' second and third readings last week. It is now in the North Carolina Senate, awaiting appropriate committee hearings and discussion on the floor. I will continue to keep you updated about its progress.

Senate Bill 8 continues to receive a lot of attention in both chambers of the North Carolina General Assembly. Specifically, Senate Bill 8 seeks to alter the existing law in North Carolina impacting public charter schools on many different levels. First and foremost this legislation seeks to remove the current cap on the number of charter schools that can exist in North Carolina. There are other provisions contained within the bill to include establishing a commission charged with approving new charters as well as monitor existing charters, strengthening the standards for granting new charters, to clarify the funding formula for charter schools and other alterations to the provisions governing charter schools. Senate Bill 8 is a perfect of example of how legislation can change as it works its way through the North Carolina House and the North Carolina Senate. I will keep you posted on the suggestions, proposals and recommendations related to this piece of legislation. I encourage everyone to visit www.ncleg.net and learn more about Senate Bill 8.

There was a bit of history this past week on the floor of the North Carolina House. We

discussed the Governor's veto of House Bill 2. As you will recall this piece of legislation allows individuals and businesses the right to choose health insurance and health care. It passed both chambers of the North Carolina General Assembly and was recently vetoed by the Governor. While the override measure did not pass in the North Carolina House we did vote unanimously to suspend Rule 18 which keeps the bill alive. I will certainly keep you posted on the progress of this historic measure.

Clearly we continue to work on the budget each day we are in session. In order to tackle this issue in an efficient and effective manner we must think outside the box and willingly look at all programs throughout state government. I have said it before and I will continue to say it; we must examine those programs that work and support them and eliminate those programs that do not. As I have said the proposals and recommendations listed through our Justice Reinvestment work will allow us to address criminal justice and public safety issues in a more efficient and effective manner. The two are definitely connected. It is important that we provide safe places to live and work for all people throughout North Carolina. It is also important that we achieve these goals while also being good stewards of the taxpayer's dollars.

Each week as I travel to Raleigh and each day as I walk on the floor of the North Carolina House of Representatives I am reminded of what an amazing experience you, the people of District 113, have blessed me with as your elected representative. I know that we are in an historic time in our state, but I also know that we have been presented with an opportunity to do what needs to be done to make our state's future bright and strong. I would thank you once again. I know that by communicating and working together we can make that lasting difference. Please continue to keep your feedback, input, concerns and questions coming my way. And remember, if you are in the Raleigh area please stop by the office and visit with us.

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