



**Representative W. David Guice**  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
District 113



Legislative Update Twenty-Five  
September 6, 2009

**Brevard, North Carolina** – Greetings from Brevard! I want to take this opportunity to talk with you about the many exciting things I have been involved with over the past week throughout District 113.

I have stated to you throughout my tenure as a member of the North Carolina General Assembly that it is extremely important that I talk with and hear from constituents back home about their concerns and their questions. I have been able to do that this past week. I had the opportunity to meet with and talk to community leaders, business leaders and concerned citizens in each county throughout District 113. I had the privilege of attending two economic development meetings, one in Transylvania County and one in Henderson County. As a former member of the Economic Development Advisory Board in Transylvania County this issue is extremely important to me.

I believe that as a state government we should become more responsive and responsible to the needs of our people and right now that means working hard to create and retain jobs. There are exciting efforts throughout our district to bring in and retain jobs for our citizens. I met with a local business in Henderson County that is working to create a business project that will sustain and potentially expand their business, create new jobs, work with our schools throughout North Carolina and improve awareness about alternative energy options. This is the sort of thinking that will help improve our economy in North Carolina and indeed around the nation. I look forward to working with community leaders on a whole host of issues as we move forward in the coming days, weeks, months and years.

I received word late last week from Joe Hackney, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, that I have been appointed to the Joint Legislative Corrections and Crime Control and Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee. This appointment takes effect immediately and remains in effect until January 25, 2011. As a retired employee and supervisor with the North Carolina Department of Correction I am excited to have this opportunity to work with department leaders and legislative leaders to assure that the people of North Carolina are as safe as possible. I will keep you updated about the workings of this committee and will make available any information I gain from this committee.

I have also enjoyed my time visiting the North Carolina Apple Festival in Hendersonville. As a member of the Agriculture Committee in the North Carolina House of Representatives I am keenly aware of the importance of agriculture and our agribusinesses, not only in our region but throughout North Carolina. I was able to see many old friends and meet many new people while visiting the Apple Festival and look forward to participating in the parade.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone about my upcoming town hall meetings. On Tuesday, September 8, beginning at 7pm I will be at the Rogow Room of the Transylvania County Public Library located in downtown Brevard. I plan to update you on this past year's legislative session, talk about many of the important issues that came up during the session and answer your questions. On Tuesday, September 15, beginning at 7:30pm I will be in the Polk County Middle School Auditorium in Columbus for another town hall meeting. Currently, I am working to finalize the date, time and location for a town hall meeting in Henderson

County. It is my hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend one of the town hall meetings nearest you.

I continue to be humbled by the opportunity that you have given me to represent you, the people of District 113, in the North Carolina House of Representatives. I know that by working together we can find a better way to conduct business in Raleigh. We owe this to the people of North Carolina and to future generations of North Carolinians. Please keep your input, your feedback, your questions and concerns coming my way. I look forward to seeing you on September 8 at the Transylvania County town hall meeting. Also, please continue to visit my website, [www.davidguice.com](http://www.davidguice.com), for regular updates.

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Legislative Update Twenty-Six  
September 13, 2009

**Brevard, North Carolina** – Greetings from Brevard! I want to take this opportunity to talk with you about what has happened this past week throughout District 113.

I continue to meet with community members throughout the district, hearing their concerns and listening to their feedback. This is an important process as we move towards the next legislative session which starts next May. I encourage each of you to continue giving me that important feedback. It is only by listening and talking with you that I will be able to truly be your voice in the North Carolina General Assembly.

On Tuesday night I held a town hall meeting in the Rogow Room at the Transylvania County Public Library in downtown Brevard. I made a commitment when I was given this opportunity to represent you in the North Carolina House of Representatives that I would not disconnect myself from the people and that I would always listen to your concerns. I was pleased by the large crowd that turned out to listen and bring their concerns to this public forum. I was able to update everyone on the legislative process and we spent a good amount of time talking about the process used to write the budget. As I have said for many months the process is broken and we must all stand together to make it better and more transparent.

Participants in the town hall also talked about important issues such as the out of control taxes we have in North Carolina, economic development and education. I think we can all agree that these issues are extremely important and must be dealt with in order to have a strong and bright future for all people throughout North Carolina. The current taxes that North Carolinians pay, as individuals and as corporations, are some of the highest in all of the southeastern United States. Additionally, many of our young people do not finish high school and this is simply unacceptable. We must once and for all have meaningful education reform – reform that places the importance of teaching as the first priority, not administering tests. Economic development is not only important for our district but the entire state of North Carolina. We must work to support our small businesses and help establish new ones throughout the state to put our people back to work.

I had the opportunity to visit with fellow legislators from throughout Western North Carolina on Friday at the North Carolina Mountain State Fair. My wife and I spent most of the day visiting with folks at the Mountain State Fair and enjoying the food and festivities. We are reminded so often how important agriculture is to our region and indeed our state. Within one week's time we have now had the North Carolina Apple Festival and the North Carolina Mountain State Fair. I encourage each of you to visit the fair if you are able over the next week. I also had the opportunity to visit with friends and community members in Henderson County and Polk County on Saturday. I attended the Green Creek Fall Festival in Polk County and a community dinner in Edneyville on Saturday evening. It is always great to visit with people throughout the district, listening to their concerns and to talk about how we can all work together to make our state stronger and brighter for the future.

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Legislative Update Twenty-Seven  
September 20, 2009

**Brevard, North Carolina** – Greetings from Brevard! I want to take this opportunity to talk with you about what has happened this past week throughout District 113.

On Tuesday, September 15 I held my second town hall meeting. This one took place in Columbus at Polk County Middle School. Again, I was excited to see so many people come out on a rainy Tuesday night to talk about the issues facing District 113 and all of North Carolina. Questions were raised on important issues such as mental health reform, education, economic development, the out of control spending policy in North Carolina, annexation and roads. During the town hall meeting I was able to update attendees on the events of this past year's legislative session. This town hall meeting was a great conversation about the issues and about how we can all be involved with making the process better. In the very near future I will hold my next town hall meeting in Henderson County.

Unfortunately this past week there was another example of government ignoring the opinion of the people. The State Board for the North Carolina Community College System voted this past week to admit illegal immigrants to community colleges throughout North Carolina. Polling data has consistently illustrated how a majority of North Carolinians are opposed to this policy shift. Not only have the people of North Carolina expressed their distaste for this policy, but Governor Perdue let it be known that she does not support this either. I and many others are not convinced that the State Board took into consideration all of the costs associated with allowing illegal immigrants to attend our community colleges. Of course I have no problem with people from other nations studying at our colleges and community colleges; however, I expect them to have the proper visa and paperwork in order to do so legally. As a retired member of the law enforcement community I find it hard to believe that we can willingly allow illegal immigrants to use our educational facilities when in many instances once they are educated they cannot legally work in North Carolina.

As I have said throughout my tenure in the North Carolina House of Representatives the process is flawed. I am not simply talking about the budget writing process, I am talking about the entire policy making process. The events of this past week truly exemplify how flawed the process is in our great state. Once again we can see how the will of the people has been ignored. We can do better – we must do better – all people throughout North Carolina deserve better.

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Legislative Update Twenty-Eight  
September 27, 2009

**Brevard, North Carolina** – Greetings from Brevard! I want to take this opportunity to talk with you about what has happened this past week throughout District 113.

Things continue to be busy in each county throughout the district. On Thursday I traveled throughout Transylvania County with Senator John Snow talking with community members about a whole host of issues, including economic development, environmental issues, tourism and education. As I have said throughout my tenure in the North Carolina General Assembly we face important issues on a daily basis throughout our state.

It is imperative that we find a better way to conduct the business of the people in Raleigh. One way to do this is to stay in close contact with the people. I am working hard to ensure that I remain connected to the people of District 113 as I represent you in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Since the conclusion of this year's session I have conducted two town hall meetings and I am planning a third for Henderson County. In addition, I have talked with community, business and education leaders in each county of District 113. It is my goal to listen to your needs, your concerns and to get answers to your questions. I want to truly give your voice a platform in Raleigh. So many of you have already joined me on this journey and I encourage more of you to do the same as we work to create a more efficient and people-driven state government.

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