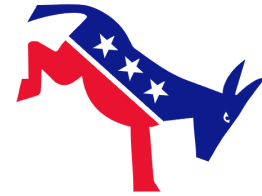


THE NEW HANOVER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY



Pat McCrory Stands with Ideologues Instead of with North Carolina's Children



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RALEIGH – North Carolina Democratic Party Chairman David Parker responds to Pat McCrory's Facebook statement about the state budget:

“Pat McCrory apparently thinks parents selling ‘world’s finest chocolate’ and holiday wrapping paper are good solutions for North Carolina’s budget woes. I don’t think the grandmothers of the state can afford that much chocolate and wrapping paper given what the Republicans are doing to Medicare in Washington.

McCrory’s attempts at playing the blame game showcase his inability to recognize issues and find creative solutions to the problems we face.

He chooses partisan sniping over real leadership and ignores the fact that his Republican cronies in the General Assembly are focusing on right-wing social engineering than on building the economy and creating jobs.

In addition, Republicans have held nearly 50,000 North Carolinians and their families’ hostage by refusing to address the unemployment funds that would not cost taxpayers one penny. Our Governor has put forth a reasonable, balanced budget that keeps North Carolina’s education system intact, saves jobs, and maintains the integrity of our citizenry.”

McCrory Statement: As the budget debate continues in Raleigh, it's important to remember that North Carolina has a multi-billion dollar deficit because of the fiscal mismanagement by our Governor since she was elected. North Carolina has also lost 300,000 jobs during the Governor's tenure, and currently there are a half million North Carolinians out of work—one out of ten of citizens. The budget debate should be focused intently on policies that create jobs and allow hard working North Carolinians to get back on their feet. And the last thing we need in these economic times is a job killing tax increase.

