

A Partial List of Sen. Phil Berger's Accomplishments Since 2011

- Water and Sewer
 - \$14.5 million in 2016
 - \$2,000,000 to the Town of Mayodan for wastewater treatment plant project (2023)
 - \$5,000,000 to Rockingham County for US 220 water and sewer (2023)
 - \$10,500,000 to Rockingham County to run water to Ruffin (2023)
 - \$1,000,000 to the Town of Stoneville for water and sewer along Highway 770 (2023)
 - \$23,550,000 to Rockingham County for water and sewer (2023)
 - \$1,600,000 to the City of Reidsville for the wastewater capital project (2023)
 - \$2,250,000 to the Town of Madison for water main issues (2023)
- First Responder and Law Enforcement
 - \$10,000 for the Rockingham County Sheriff's office to fight opioid abuse (2018)
 - \$100,000 for Rockingham County EMS equipment replacements and upgrades (2018)
 - \$50,000 to the Madison-Rockingham Rescue Squad, Inc. (2022)
 - \$500,000 to Rockingham County for fire departments (2023)
 - Secured \$13.2 million in funding to construct the new Youth Development Center in Rockingham County. Additional recurring funding has been allocated for staffing and operations.
- UNC Rockingham Health Care
 - Worked with stakeholders to ensure that the hospital could remain open in Eden.
 - \$500,000 for the Primary Care Rural Advancement Program (2018)
 - \$300,000 for capital improvements (2021)
- Workforce and Economic Development
 - \$3.2 million to support the development and implementation of a pilot apprenticeship program in targeted industries throughout the Eastern Triad region (2018)
 - \$4.5 million for the Triad Workforce Solutions Collaborative
 - Worked with state and local stakeholders to bring high-tech manufacturers and new industries to Rockingham County.
 - Worked with the North Carolina Railroad to ensure the necessary repairs were made so Purina could utilize the railroad for its shipping needs.
- \$250,000 for the James Austin Health Center (2017)
- \$50,000 for the Rockingham County greenway (2017)
- \$750,000 to the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center (2021)
- \$300,000 to the City of Reidsville for recreation projects (2023)
- \$400,000 to the Madison Mayodan Recreation Commission (2023)
- \$350,000 to the Town of Mayodan for Farris Park (2023)
- \$250,000 to the Boys' and Girls' Club of Eden (2023)
- \$250,000 to the Free Clinic of Rockingham County, Inc. (2023)
- \$5,160,000 to the Rockingham County Airport Authority for the Shiloh Airport (2023)
- \$1,000,000 to the City of Eden for Freedom Park (2023)
- \$2,800,000 to the United Way of Rockingham County for directed grants (2023)
- \$175,000 to the Town of Stokesdale for soccer field lighting and for the purchase of a utility vehicle (2023)

Republican-led Statewide Reforms and Accomplishments Since 2011

- **Balanced Budgets and Responsible Spending**

- Perhaps the most significant achievement of the Republican-led General Assembly has been passing more than a decade's worth of balanced, sustainable, and responsible state budgets.
- In the years leading up to 2011, Democrats had passed a series of irresponsible budgets that raised spending to unsustainable levels that far exceeded population growth and inflation and then relied on large tax increases to pay for them. Following the Great Recession, our state faced disaster, in large part due to the Democrats' tax-and-spend excess. And when the Great Recession hit, the state ended up in debt to the federal government to the tune of \$2.8 billion because Democrats depleted the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.
- Republicans closed a record \$2.5 billion budget deficit—which we accomplished without raising taxes.
- In that year and in the years since, legislators have reined in out-of-control spending, maintained a healthy Rainy Day Fund, and invested record amounts in education, all while cutting tax rates. The Rainy Day Fund is set to be at \$4.875 billion by the end of the fiscal year.
- Growth in state spending now aligns more closely with growth in population plus inflation.

- **Reducing the Tax Burden**

- Responsible budgeting has made it possible to return billions of dollars to taxpayers.
- In 2013, we overhauled our state's tax policies and since then we've continued to slash the tax rate whenever possible.
- The 2013 reforms helped the state pay of the federal debt early.
- Most recently, North Carolina's bipartisan budgets passed in 2021 and 2023 include more substantial tax reforms.
 - Maintaining the zero-tax bracket at \$25,500.
 - Cutting the personal income tax rate from 4.99% to 3.99% by 2026 and eventually down to 2.49% if certain revenue triggers are met.
 - Increasing child tax deduction by \$500 per child.
 - Phasing out the corporate income tax on the following schedule: 2025: 2.25%, 2026: 2%, 2028: 1%, and 2030: 0%.
 - Eliminating state income tax on military pensions.

- **Modernizing Transportation Funding**

- To combat falling motor fuel tax revenues, we have taken aggressive steps to ensure stable transportation funding. In 2021, we directed short-term car rental proceeds to the Highway Fund for an annual increase of over \$70 million.
- In 2022, transferred sales tax revenue from the General Fund to both the Highway Fund and Highway Trust Fund: FY2022-23 by 2% (\$207.6 million), FY2023-24 by 4% (\$419.6 million), and FY2024-25 by 6% (\$643.5 million)
- The 2023 Budget increased registration fees for Electric Vehicles and Plug-in Hybrids to introduce parity with taxpayers driving gasoline vehicles.

Recent Noteworthy Legislative Action

Second Amendment: Eliminated the duplicative pistol purchase permit, getting rid of an unnecessary administrative and costly barrier that was between you and your Second Amendment rights.

Parental Rights: The 'Parents' Bill of Rights' is now law, affirming that parents, not education bureaucrats, have primary authority and responsibility of their child. The bill also ensures age-appropriate instruction for students and keeps parents in the loop on any mental health changes a student may be undergoing.

School Choice: The Opportunity Scholarship Program is now open to all families, regardless of income. This expansion gives families the option to find educational options best suited to their goals and values.

Protecting Children: New protections for children include preventing men from competing against women in sports and outlawing the administration of puberty blockers and performance of gender transition surgery on minors. Children will be able to enjoy their youth free of unnecessary, permanent medical intervention.

Election Integrity: This was a major issue for Republicans during the legislative session. We passed two bills that address this. One makes Election Day the firm deadline for accepting ballots, keeps noncitizens out of the voting booth, provides new protections for poll observers, pulls our state out of ERIC, and prevents third-party money from influencing our elections. The other bill diminishes the political influence Gov. Cooper and Democrats have over election administration. We continue to monitor the implementation of Voter ID to ensure the state Board of Elections respects the will of the people who voted to put a Voter ID requirement in our state Constitution.

Citizen-only Voting: This November you'll be asked to vote on a constitutional amendment clarifying that only U.S. citizens shall be permitted to vote in North Carolina's elections.