

# 7 MYTHS FROM THE NC GOP

*Saying them a lot doesn't make them true.*

## 1. The NC GOP increased spending on public schools. **NO THEY DIDN'T.**

- The NC GOP spent over \$100 million LESS than the Office of Management and Budget told lawmakers it would take to keep schools funded at the same level as last year.
- The NC GOP spent over \$500 million LESS on public education than lawmakers spent in 2007–2008 when you adjust for inflation.

### **RESULT**

- Thousands of teacher assistants are being laid off.
- Hundreds of teacher positions are being cut.
- Classes are getting bigger.
- Funds for supplies, school buses and textbooks are being cut.

## 2. The NC GOP cut taxes for everybody and that will turn the economy around. **NO THEY DIDN'T AND NO IT WON'T.**

- Taxes have been cut for out of state corporations and the wealthy.
- The bottom 80 percent of taxpayers will pay more under the tax shift plan, including many small businesses.
- A couple with two children earning \$60,000 with most of the income from their small business will pay \$2,700 more in state taxes. (According to the legislature's own Fiscal Research Division)
- Millionaires get almost \$10,000 a year break.

## 3. NC GOP says: Medicaid is the reason we couldn't give teachers and state employees a raise and for every other cut in the state budget. **NO IT'S NOT.**

- Medicaid didn't cost that much more than most people expected this year. Perdue administration officials told the General Assembly the savings they were building into last year's budget were simply not possible, but they passed a budget counting on the savings anyway.
- Medicaid in NC is not broken. In April 2013 Sen. Burr and the Healthcare Leadership Council recognized Community Care of North Carolina's quality and efficiency in serving the state's Medicaid population and particularly the high quality of care it delivers to patients in rural areas. The North Carolina-based CCNC has become a national model for its delivery of Medicaid services.

## 4. NC GOP says: The attacks on women's health care rights are actually about making health care safer. **NO THEY AREN'T.**

- They are about reducing access to abortion services.
- Last session the NC GOP voted to force 13 year old rape or incest victims to watch an ultrasound and talk to anti-abortion zealots before she could have a legal medical procedure even if she and her parents had made their decision.
- This year the NC GOP passed a sweeping attack on abortion rights that could close down almost every abortion clinic in the state. NC GOP Rep. Stam admitted that one motive behind the bill was to reduce women's access to abortions.

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