

Donna Marie Lake
NC State Senate (SD 7)
Background Research Report

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SECTION A: BACKGROUND & PUBLIC RECORDS

A.1 – General Background

Identifying Information – Born in 1956; Resides in Goldsboro, NC

Name: Donna Marie Lake
DOB: August 16, 1956
Spouse: Robert Lake
Residence: 106 Cassedale Dr.
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Campaign Biography

The biography shown below is from Lake’s campaign website. In this biography, Lake describes herself as a retired combat veteran and highlights her involvement in the health care field:

Retired Air Force Colonel Donna Lake has been on the front lines of health care as a combat veteran, intensive care and community health nurse, and healthcare CEO. Currently an East Carolina University professor, Donna Lake, Ph.D., is a first generation college graduate and served 25 years in the US Air Force. Donna has firsthand experience in servant leadership, complex project management, effective communication, and is ready to work hard every day for the people of NC Senate District 7.

Having served in several combat zones, Donna is a tested leader who can maintain calm in a crisis and leads with steadiness. Donna makes precise, well thought out decisions by listening to all voices and considering all perspectives. Over a decade as a Clinical Professor with ECU College of Nursing, Graduate Programs, she has served Eastern NC by teaching 85 faculty and 450 students patient safety principles, leadership, and finance skills. Donna’s expertise has contributed to the awarding of \$5M in grant funding impacting NC.

Donna is equipped with decades of experience as a collaborative, problem-solving leader. As a previous USAF Medical CEO, she ensured the well-being of the base community (approximately 21,000 people) to include safe roads, clean water, food accessibility, disaster preparedness, affordable housing, and increased mental and dental health access. Donna also ensured that special needs children of military families had access to the right schools with the proper resources by recruiting special education professionals to the community. She facilitated communication between the military and local school board, which created ongoing dialogue and improvements within the school system.

Before moving to Goldsboro to serve at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Colonel Lake received two Bronze Stars while serving in some of the most dangerous conflicts around the globe. She knows tough times and has true grit to make things happen. In Goldsboro, Donna and her husband Bob, also a retired USAF pilot, have built their post military life and raised two children.

[“MEET DONNA,” donnalaked2020.com](http://donnalaked2020.com) (accessed on 4/9/2020)

Political and Professional Timeline

The following timeline provides dates and date ranges for events that can be confirmed.

- **1976 – Graduated Long Island College Hospital School of Nursing** ([“About,” Donna Lake, Facebook.com](#))
- **1981 – Nursing, Stony Brook University** ([“About,” Donna Lake, Facebook.com](#))
- **1988 – M. Ed., University of Oklahoma** ([“About,” Donna Lake, Facebook.com](#))
- **1982-2007 – Served in the US Air Force:** Lake served in the US Air Force as a nurse. She served in combat zones in the Balkan region and Kuwait. ([“Meet Dr. Donna Lake,” donnalake2020.com](#), [“About,” Donna Lake, Facebook.com](#), [“Air Force’s desert staging area stabilizes, readies wounded troops for transport to Germany,” Stars and Stripes, October 10, 2006](#))
- **2007-present – Clinical Professor, East Carolina University, College of Nursing:** Lake is a clinical professor at the East Carolina University College of Nursing in Greenville, NC. ([“Meet Dr. Donna Lake,” donnalake2020.com](#), [“Faculty & Staff Directory,” nursing.ecu.edu](#), [“About,” Donna Lake, Facebook.com](#))
- **2010 – PhD, Touro International University, PhD, Health Science/Health Care Administration** ([“About,” Donna Lake, Facebook.com](#), [“ECU Notes: Students pitch ideas in Pirate Entrepreneurship Challenge,” The Daily Reflector, November 12, 2017](#))
- **2017 – Fellow, American Academy of Nursing:** The American Academy of Nursing has approximately 2,400 fellows from the nursing field. Lake was one of 173 fellows in the 2017 class. ([“American Academy of Nursing Announces 2017 Class of New Fellows,” American Academy of Nursing Press Release, June 26, 2017](#), [“Academy Fellows,” aannet.org](#))
- **Member, North Carolina Future of Nursing Action Coalition:** The North Carolina Future of Nursing Action Coalition describes itself “as the driving force transforming health and health care through nursing in our state.” ([“North Carolina Action Coalition,” campaignforaction.org](#))

Local Newspapers Used for Report

The following table describes local news publications used in this background research report.

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS – SD 7

Publication	Available on Nexis?	Available on Newsbank?	Available on Newspapers.com?	Archive available on newspaper website?
Goldsboro Daily News	No	No	No*	Yes – back to 2012
The Goldsboro News-Argus	No	No	No	Yes – back to 2019
Kinston Free Press	No	Yes	No*	Yes – back to 2012
Neuse News	No	No	No	Yes – back to 2018
Greenville Daily Reflector	No	Yes	No	Yes – back to 2012

*Newspapers.com includes content from prior to 1930 from these publications, but no content that is more recent.

Professional Journal Articles and Publications by Lake

The following table lists journal articles and publications co-authored by Lake.

DONNA LAKE JOURNAL ARTICLES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Title/Publication	Author(s)	Date of Publication	Description
“Nursing Leaders in the Military Serving as Faculty.” National League of Nursing	Myrna L. Armstrong, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN; Patricia Allen, EdD, RN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN; Donna Lake, PhD, RN, NEA-BC	9/2008	Short article providing information on transitioning military nursing officers into faculty roles at nursing schools.
“Enabling nurses to lead change: The orientation experiences of nurses to boards.” Nursing Outlook	AnnMarie Walton, MPH, RN, OCN, CHES; Donna Lake, PhD, RN, NEA-BC; Connie Mullinix, PhD, RN; Deborah Allen, PhD, RN, CNS, FNP-BC, AOCNP; and Kathi Mooney, PhD, RN, FAAN	3/2015	The journal article provides results of a study conducted “to examine the orientation experiences of nurses to boards and their preparation to influence health care and health care policy.”
“Improving real-time vital signs documentation.” Nursing Management, January 2018, Volume :49 Number 1 , page 28 - 33	Fuller, Tina MSN, RN-BC; Fox, Becky MSN, RN-BC, CNIO; Lake, Donna PhD, RN, NEA-BC; Crawford, Karen MSN, RN-BC, CHTS-PW;	1/2018	The technical journal article addresses the importance of documentation of a patient’s vital signs in “identifying a patient's overall health status and physiologic signs of deterioration, and can lead to early recognition and treatment of serious conditions such as sepsis.”

Military Service Record – Military Publications Show that Lake Served as a Colonel in the Air Force Nursing Corps, that She Served as the Commander of Military Medical Facilities in the Middle East and the Balkans, and that She Received a Bronze Star for Distinguished Service Supporting Kosovo Relief Operations; Requests for Full Military Service Record Are Pending

In her campaign biography, Lake claims to have served as a colonel in the United States Air Force (USAF) and to have served in combat zones. Lake further claims to have served as a USAF medical base commander and to have received two Bronze Stars “while serving in some of the most dangerous conflicts around the globe.”

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[“Meet Donna.” donnalake2020.com](https://donnalake2020.com) (accessed on 4/14/2020)

An article from *Stars and Stripes* from 2006 states that Lake served as a colonel in the Air Force and served as the commander of a medical unit deployed in the Middle East.

HEADLINE: Air Force's desert staging area stabilizes, readies wounded troops for transport to Germany

The Air Force runs a Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility (CASF) north of Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. (The U.S. military has asked that the location be undisclosed to the public due to host nation sensitivities.)

Servicemembers wounded in Iraq or Afghanistan often are flown into the facility to await further airlift to a military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, or, from there, to get on another plane to the States, if their injuries are more severe.

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“It looks like an old-fashioned hospital unit,” said Col. Donna Lake, 386th Expeditionary Medical Group commander. “The doctor sees them, evaluates them, takes care of their medication and pain ... and gets them ready to fly again.”

*[“Air Force's desert staging area stabilizes, readies wounded troops for transport to Germany.”](#)
[Stars and Stripes, October 10, 2006](#)*

A USAF publication from 2005 states that Lake served as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Nursing Corps, that she served as the commander of a military medical facility in the Balkans, and that she received a Bronze Star for distinguished service overseas in support of relief operations for Kosovo refugees.

September: Lt. Col. Donna Lake, NC, served as commander of the Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility, Skopje, Macedonia. She also performing important nonmedical duties. The Air Force Surgeon General later awarded her a Bronze Star for her distinguished service in support of Operation Shining Hope (April–July 1999).

[A Fit, Fighting Force: The Air Force Nursing Services Chronology, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General, 2005](#)

Requests for Lake’s full military service record have been sent to the National Archives and to the Air Force Personnel Center. As of April 14, 2020, those requests remain pending. Records received in response to those requests will be added to this chapter of the report upon receipt.

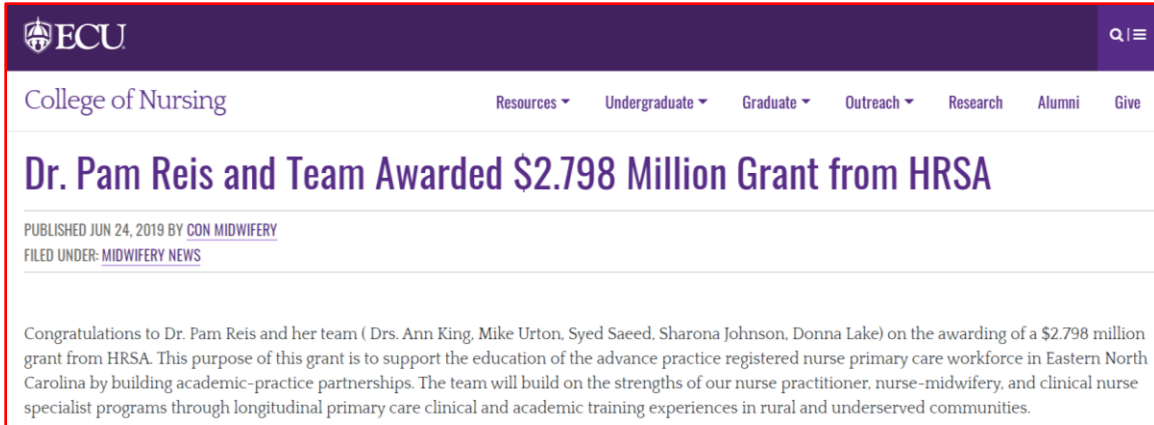
Degree/University Faculty Verification – Lake Has a PhD and Serves as a Clinical Professor at the East Carolina University College of Nursing; Lake Was Part of an ESU Faculty Team Awarded a \$2.8 Million Federal Grant in 2019

Searches of East Carolina University College of Nursing website found that Lake serves as a Clinical Professor at the ECU College of Nursing and holds a PhD, among other advanced professional credentials.

The screenshot shows the ECU College of Nursing website. The header includes the ECU logo and navigation links for Resources, Undergraduate, Graduate, Outreach, and Research. A sidebar menu lists various categories like Faculty/Staff Directory, Administration, and Staff. The main content area is titled 'Faculty & Staff Directory' and features a profile for Donna Lake, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Clinical Professor. Her contact information is listed as Office: 3139 Health Sciences Building, Phone: (252) 744-6512, and Email: laked@ecu.edu. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn are visible at the bottom of the page.

[Donna Lake, PhD, Faculty & Staff Directory, ECU College of Nursing \(accessed on 4/14/2020\)](#)

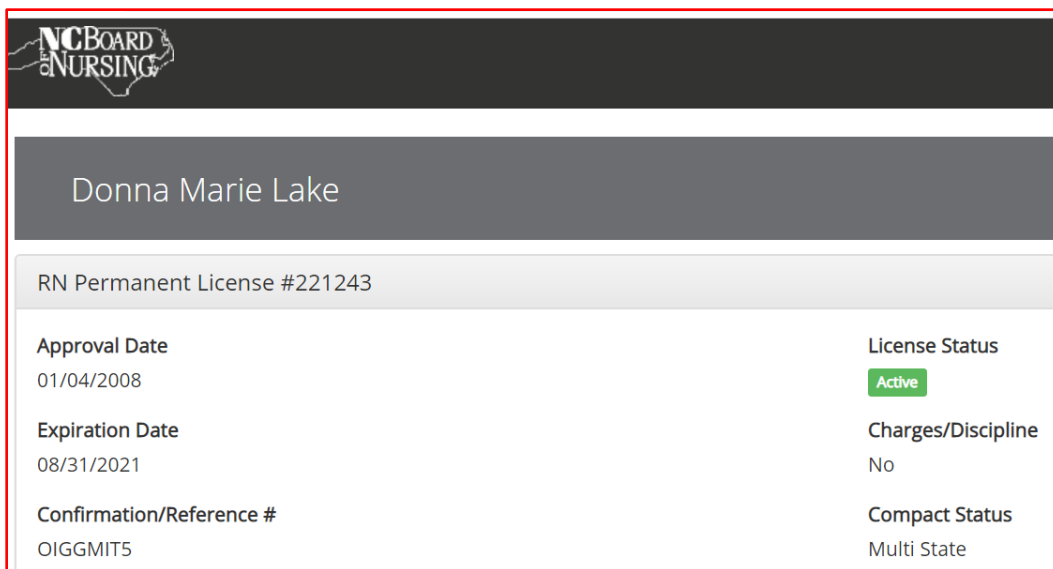
The searches also found that Lake was part of an ESU faculty team that was awarded a \$2.8 million federal grant from Health Resources and Services Administration in 2019 – HRSA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. ([hrsa.gov](https://www.hrsa.gov))



[“Dr. Pam Reis and Team Awarded \\$2.798 Million Grant from HRSA,” East Carolina University College of Nursing, June 24, 2019](#)

Professional License Verification – Lake Holds an Active “RN Permanent License” from the North Carolina Board of Nursing that Was Approved in 2008; Lake Also Holds an Active “Registered Professional Nursing” License in New York that Was Issued in 1977

Searches of the North Carolina Board of Nursing found that Lake holds an active “RN Permanent License that was approved in 2008. She previously held an “RN Temporary License” from 2007 to 2008. Neither license record shows any “Charges/Discipline” pertaining to Lake.



[Donna Marie Lake, RN Permanent License #221243, North Carolina Board of Nursing \(accessed on 4/14/2020\)](#)

The screenshot shows the NC Board of Nursing website. At the top left is the logo for the NC Board of Nursing. Below it, the name "Donna Marie Lake" is displayed in a dark grey box. Underneath, the license type is listed as "RN Temporary License #T84214". A table provides the following details:

Approval Date	06/27/2007	License Status	Expired
Expiration Date	01/04/2008	Charges/Discipline	No
Confirmation/Reference #	7HVPM8CS		

[Donna Marie Lake, RN Temporary License #T84214, North Carolina Board of Nursing](#) (accessed on 4/14/2020)

Searches of the North Carolina Board of Nursing found that Lake also holds an active “Registered Professional Nursing” license in New York that was issued in 1977.

The screenshot shows the NYSED website's "Office of the Professions" section. The header includes the NYSED.gov logo and the Office of the Professions logo. A search bar is present. The main content area is titled "Verification Searches" and includes a disclaimer: "The information furnished at this web site is from the Office of Professions' official database and is updated daily, Monday through Friday. The Office of Professions considers this information to be a secure, primary source for license verification." Below this, a table displays license information for Donna Marie Lake:

License Information *
04/15/2020
Name : LAKE DONNA MARIE
Address : GOLDSBORO NC
Profession : REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSING
License No: 295048
Date of Licensure : 04/15/1977
Additional Qualification :
Status : REGISTERED
Registered through last day of : 07/20

[Donna Marie Lake, License Information, Office of the Professions, New York State Education Department](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

A.2 – Social Media/Internet Video Profile

Summary of Social Media Accounts

The following table summarizes Lake’s personal and campaign social media accounts. Lake does not appear to have a campaign Instagram account or YouTube channel.

SUMMARY OF DONNA LAKE’S SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Type	Account Name	Hyperlink
Personal Facebook	Donna Lake	facebook.com/donna.lake.568
Campaign Facebook	Donna Lake for NC Senate @DonnaLake2020	facebook.com/donnalake2020
Campaign Twitter	@DonnaLakeNC @DonnaLake12	twitter.com/DonnaLakeNC twitter.com/DonnaLake12
LinkedIn	Donna Lake Lamar	linkedin.com/in/donna-lake-lamar-21094526

Social media posts of interest are included in subsequent chapters of this report.

Summary of Online Videos about/Featuring Lake

The following table is a selection of videos involving Lake. Lake does not appear to have a YouTube channel. There are no videos on her personal Facebook page.

VIDEOS – DONNA LAKE

Video Title (with Embedded Hyperlink)	Source	Name of Author	Date	Notes
Let's take coronavirus seriously	Facebook	Donna Lake for NC Senate	4/8/202	This video is of Lake talking about the need to protect vulnerable populations from exposure to Coronavirus. At 1:16, she states, “We know this virus is hitting our vulnerable populations because there has been a gap in care for a long time.”
APRN RURAL Scholars Information Session – January 13, 2020	East Carolina University College of Nursing		1/13/2020	This video was produced by the East Carolina University College of Nursing to discuss the new APRN RURAL Scholars grant program. Lake briefly appears in the video discussing the need disadvantaged communities have for nursing staff.

A.3 – Voter Registration & Voting History

State Board of Elections Records Show that Lake Is Currently Registered as a Democrat, Has Been Registered to Vote in Wayne County since April 2008, and Has Voted as a Democrat Exclusively since the May 2008 Primary

Records from the North Carolina State Board of Elections show:

- Lake is currently registered to vote at 106 Cassedale Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534 (Wayne County), which is located within the boundaries of State Senate District 7.
- Lake has been registered to vote in Wayne County since April 2008.
- Lake is currently registered as a Democrat.
- Lake has voted as a Democrat exclusively since the May 2008 primary election.

The following images show the voter registration records from the North Carolina State Board of Elections pertaining to Lake.

The screenshot shows the 'Voter Search' interface for Donna Marie Lake. The page includes a search bar with a 'New Search' button and a 'Voter Search' title. The voter's address is listed as 106 CASSEDALE DR, GOLDSBORO, NC 27534. The page is divided into several sections: 'SAMPLE BALLOTS (1)', 'ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE', 'VOTER DETAILS', and 'JURISDICTIONS'. The 'VOTER DETAILS' section is expanded, showing the following information:

County:	WAYNE
Status:	ACTIVE
Voter Reg Num:	000030035333
NCID:	EM91250
Party:	DEM
Race:	WHITE
Ethnicity:	NOT HISPANIC or NOT LATINO
Gender:	FEMALE
Registration Date:	04/28/2008
NCDMV Customer:	Yes

The 'JURISDICTIONS' section is also expanded, showing the following information:

Precinct:	06
VTD:	06
Congress:	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1
NC Senate:	NC SENATE DISTRICT 7
NC House:	NC HOUSE DISTRICT 10
Superior Court:	8B SUP CT DIST
Judicial:	8TH JUD DIST
Prosecutorial:	9TH PROSECUTORIAL
County Commissioner:	COMM DIST #3
School:	SCH DIST #3

Donna Marie Lake, Voter Search, North Carolina State Board of Elections (image 1 of 2; accessed on 4/14/2020)

VOTER HISTORY (11)			
If this section is blank, we do not have a record that you voted in a past election in North Carolina.			
Click Election , Voted Method , Voted County , or Voted Party to sort the information in the column.			
<u>Election</u>	<u>Voted Method</u>	<u>Voted County</u>	<u>Voted Party</u>
03/03/2020 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2018 GENERAL	ABS-CURB	WAYNE	
11/08/2016 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	
03/15/2016 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	DEMOCRATIC
11/04/2014 GENERAL	IN-PERSON	WAYNE	
11/06/2012 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	
05/08/2012 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2010 GENERAL	IN-PERSON	WAYNE	
11/04/2008 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	
06/24/2008 SECOND PRIMARY	IN-PERSON	WAYNE	DEMOCRATIC
05/06/2008 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	DEMOCRATIC

Donna Marie Lake, Voter Search, North Carolina State Board of Elections (image 2 of 2; accessed on 4/14/2020)

State Board of Elections Records Show that Lake Has Voted in All Six General Elections since 2008; Lake Has Failed to Vote in Three Out of Seven Primary Elections and Three Out of Four “Second Primary” Elections since 2008

North Carolina State Board of Elections records show that Lake has voted in all six general elections since 2008. These records also show that Lake has failed to vote in three out of seven primary elections and three out of four “second primary” elections since 2008.

- Lake failed to vote in the May 2010, May 2014, and May 2018 primary elections.
- Lake failed to vote in the June 2010, July 2012, and June 2016 “second primary” elections – all of which had at least one race for which registered Democrats in Wayne County could cast a vote. Note that the “second primary” elections in July 2014 and June 2018 did not appear to have any races for which registered Democrats in Wayne County could cast a vote. ([“Election Results,” ncsbe.gov](#))

The following image shows the voter history records from the North Carolina State Board of Elections pertaining to Lake.

VOTER HISTORY (11)			
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11/06/2018 GENERAL	ABS-CURB	WAYNE	
11/08/2016 GENERAL	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	
03/15/2016 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	DEMOCRATIC
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05/06/2008 PRIMARY	ABS-1STOP	WAYNE	DEMOCRATIC

Donna Marie Lake, Voter History, North Carolina State Board of Elections (accessed on 4/14/2020)

Wayne County Board of Elections – Search for Records Pending

An in-person search at the Wayne County Board of Elections for voter registration and voting history records pertaining to Lake is pending until further notice due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Prior Voter Registration – Nexis Records Show that Lake Was Previously Registered as a Democrat in Suffolk County, NY in 2004

Searches of *Nexis* voter registration records found that Lake was previously registered as a Democrat in Suffolk County, NY in 2004.

Voter Registrations

1. New York Voter Registration

Registrant Information

Name: LAKE, DONNA M
Residential Address: 13 MARIONETTE WALK
LINDENHURST, NY 11757-6625
SUFFOLK COUNTY
Mailing Address: LINDENHURST, NY 11757
SUFFOLK COUNTY
SSN: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: 08/1956
Gender: Female

Voter Information

Registration Date: 10/01/2004
Party Affiliation: DEMOCRAT
Active Status: INACTIVE
County: 52
County District: 14
State House District: 011
State Senate District: 004
U.S. House District: 003

Donna Marie Lake, Nexis Voter Registration (redaction added)

A letter requesting voter registration and voting history records pertaining to Lake is pending until further notice due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

A.4 – SEIs & Business Filings

Statements of Economic Interest (SEIs) – Lake Filed an SEI in January 2020 for Her Candidacy in Senate District 7

The North Carolina State Ethics Commission’s website was searched for Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) for the filer name “Donna Lake.” This search yielded a single SEI that Lake filed as a candidate for State Senate in January 2020. ([“Search Filed SEIs,” ethics.ncsbe.gov](#))

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FILED BY DONNA LAKE

Type of Statement	Date Signed	Name of Position, Board, or Commission	Full Name of Filer Shown on Statement
2020 Candidate	January 15, 2020	Candidate for NC Senate	Donna Lake

Source: North Carolina State Ethics Commission

On Her SEI Filed in January 2020, Lake Disclosed Her Position/Salary as a Professor at East Carolina University and Serving as a Board Member of a Non-Profit Hospice Care Company

Lake disclosed the following on the SEI she filed in January 2020.


Cover Page

The image below shows the top portion of the cover page for Lake’s 2020 Candidate SEI (filed in January 2020). On this page, Lake disclosed the following:

DONNA LAKE 2020 CANDIDATE SEI – COVER PAGE

Current Employer	Job Title	Nature of Type of Business
East Carolina University	Professor	Currently on leave of absence status

Source: Donna Lake, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed January 15, 2020

 <p style="text-align: center;">STATE ETHICS COMMISSION 2019 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This entire form must be completed to fulfill your ethics filing obligation.</p>	<p>For Staff Use Only Date Received:</p> <p>____ Checked for completion ____ Scanned ____ Date Incomplete Qs ____ ____ ____ Supp. sent date ____ by ____ Supp. received date ____ Entered in database ____ by ____</p>																	
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Donna Lake, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed January 15, 2020

Financial Interests/Item 6: Sources of Income of \$5,000 or More during 2019

Lake disclosed the following information under Financial Interests/Item 6 of her 2020 Candidate SEI (filed in January 2020).

DONNA LAKE 2020 CANDIDATE SEI – FINANCIAL INTERESTS/ITEM 6

Recipient of Income	Name of Source	Type of Business/ Industry	Type of Income
Donna Lake (Self)	East Carolina University	College Professor	Salary

Source: Donna Lake, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed January 15, 2020

Professional and Civic Relationships/Item 7: Officer, Employee, Contractor, or Lobbyist during 2018 for Non-Profit Organizations Operating in North Carolina (7(a)); Business Done with the State of North Carolina or State Funds Received by Each Such Non-Profit Organization (7(b))

Lake disclosed the following information under Financial Interests/Item 7(a)(b) of her 2020 Candidate SEI (filed in January 2020).

DONNA LAKE 2020 CANDIDATE SEI – FINANCIAL INTERESTS/ITEM 7(A)(B)

Name of Person	Position	Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Nature or Purpose of Organization	Describe State Business
Donna Lake (Self)	Board Member	3HC	Home Hospice Care	None or Not Known

Source: Donna Lake, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed January 15, 2020

Summary of Business Filings – Lake Does Not Serve as an Officer or Agent for Any Company

The North Carolina Secretary of State business registration database and *Nexis* corporation filings were searched for companies with officers and agents named “Donna Lake.” These searches found no results.

As noted in the prior section of this chapter, Lake disclosed on her 2020 Candidate SEI (filed in January 2020) serving as a board member for the non-profit company 3HC. Searches of the North Carolina Secretary of State business registration database and *Nexis* corporation filings for 3HC found that Lake does not serve as an officer or agent for that non-profit company. The 3HC website, however, confirms that Lake does serve on the company’s board of directors. ([“Our Leadership,” 3bc.org/about-us](http://3bc.org/about-us))

A.5 – Property Records

Current Property Ownership – Lake Owns One Residential Property in Wayne County that She Purchased in 2007; No Late Property Tax Payments

Searches of the Wayne County Tax Department, the Wayne County Register of Deeds, and Nexis real property found that Lake currently owns one residential property in Wayne County. Details about this property are shown in the following table.

SUMMARY OF REAL ESTATE OWNED BY LAKE IN WAYNE COUNTY, NC

Address	County (State)	Parcel No.	Named Owner	Date Purchased	Current Year Total Value	Notes
106 Cassedale Drive Goldsboro, NC 27534	Wayne (NC)	3610654087	Robert C & W Donna Lake	5/1/2007	\$209,140	

Source: Wayne County Tax Department, Wayne County Register of Deeds, Nexis Real Property

As noted in a separate chapter of this report, Lake has been registered to vote at 106 Cassedale Drive since April 2008. This address is located in State Senate District 7.

The following images show the Wayne County Tax Department “Parcel Data” record for 106 Cassedale Drive. This record describes 106 Cassedale Drive as a 2,119 square foot residence (excluding the garage (“FGD”), deck (“WDD”), and porch (“FOP”)) with three bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. ([“Wayne County 2019 Schedules of Values,” Wayne County Assessor’s Office](#)) The images also show that 106 Cassedale Drive has a current year total value of \$209,140.

CONSTRUCTION DETAIL		MARKET VALUE				DEPRECIATION				CORRELATION OF VALUE			
Foundation - 3	5.00	USE	MOD	Eff. Area	BASE RATE	RCN	EYB	AYB	Standard	0.33000	CREDENCE TO	MARKET	
Continuous Footing	5.00	50	01	2,307	132	105.60	246019	1986	1986	% GOOD	67.0	DEPR. BUILDING VALUE - CARD	164,830
Sub Floor System - 4	6.00	TYPE: RURAL SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL										DEPR. OB/XF VALUE - CARD	310
PLYWOOD	6.00	Single Family Residential										MARKET LAND VALUE - CARD	44,000
Exterior Walls - 09	30.00	STORIES: 2 - 1.5 Stories										TOTAL MARKET VALUE - CARD	209,140
Wood on Sheath/Plywood	30.00											TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE - CARD	209,140
Roofing Structure - 03	4.00											TOTAL APPRAISED VALUE - PARCEL	209,140
Gable	4.00											TOTAL PRESENT USE VALUE - PARCEL	0
Roofing Cover - 03	4.00											TOTAL VALUE DEFERRED - PARCEL	0
Asphalt or Comp Shingle	4.00											TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE - PARCEL	209,140
Interior Wall Construction - 5	27.00											PRIOR	
Drywall/Sheetrock	27.00											BUILDING VALUE	162,260
Interior Floor Cover - 08	9.00											OBXF VALUE	890
Sheet Vinyl	9.00											LAND VALUE	44,000
Interior Floor Cover - 14	0.00											PRESENT USE VALUE	0
Carpet	0.00											DEFERRED VALUE	0
Heating Fuel - 04	1.00											TOTAL VALUE	207,150
Electric	1.00												
Heating Type - 10	4.00												
Heat Pump	4.00												
Air Conditioning Type - 03													

106 Cassedale Dr, Property Record, Wayne County Tax Department (image 1 of 2; accessed on 4/15/2020)

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106 Cassedale Dr, Property Record, Wayne County Tax Department (image 2 of 2; accessed on 4/15/2020)

The following image from the Wayne County Register of Deeds shows the deed record by which Lake purchased 106 Cassedale Drive in May 2007.

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Doc ID: 009707120002 Type: CRP
Recorded: 05/01/2007 at 09:56:31 AM
Fee Amt: \$487.00 Page 1 of 2
Excise Tax: \$470.00
WAYNE COUNTY, NC
LOIS J MOORING REGISTER OF DEEDS
BK 2522 PG 643-644

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REV-470.00
2-17.00

RETURN TO WILLIAM D. ORANDER, III, ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 1815, GOLDSBORO, NC 27533
FILE NO. 994807A

The attorneys preparing this instrument have made no title examination of this property and express no opinion as to title unless contained in a separate written certificate.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAYNE

THIS DEED, made and entered into this 18th day of April, 2007 by and between
JONATHAN S. WILLIAMS and wife, ROSE V. WILLIAMS, hereinafter called Grantors, and
ROBERT C. LAKE and wife, DONNA M. LAKE, hereinafter called Grantees.

WITNESSETH:

That the Grantors, in consideration of Ten Dollars and other valuable consideration to them paid by the Grantees, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the Grantees, their heirs, or successors and assigns, the parcel of land lying and being in Wayne County, North Carolina, in STONEY CREEK Township, and more particularly described as follows:

BEING Lot No. 4 as shown on a plat entitled "Cassedale, Section No. Three, Stony Creek Township, Wayne County, N. C." as recorded in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 124-AA of the Wayne County Registry. And being the identical property described in a deed recorded in Deed Book 1442, Page 534 of the Wayne County Registry.

Book: 2522 Page: 643, Wayne County Register of Deeds, Recorded May 1, 2007

Searches of the Wayne County Tax Department found that Lake has made no late property tax payments back to 2007 on 106 Cassedale Drive (when she purchased this property). The searches also found that Lake has taken a Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exclusion that lowered the taxable value of 106 Cassedale Drive by \$45,000 each year since 2014. (["Property Tax Relief Programs."](http://Waynegov.com/463/Tax) Waynegov.com/463/Tax) Note that Lake and her husband are both United States Air Force veterans, so it is not clear which one of them is claiming to have a service-connected disability. (["Meet Donna,"](http://MeetDonna.donnalake2020.com) [donnalake2020.com](http://MeetDonna.donnalake2020.com))

The following image shows the 2019 Property Tax Collections Bill Detail for 106 Cassedale Drive. The image shows that Lake made a timely property tax payment and that she claimed the \$45,000 exclusion for being a disabled veteran.

Wayne County
WORTH SINCE 1784

Property Tax Bill Detail

	LAKE, ROBERT C	Property Tax		Real Property
	LAKE, DONNA WIFE			
Description:	LT 4 CASSEDALE #3	Bill Status:		PAID
Location:	106 CASSEDALE DR	Bill Flag:		
	UNINCORPORATED	Bill #:		0100131315-2019-2019-0000-00
Mailing Address:	106 CASSEDALE DR	Old Bill #:		
	GOLDSBORO NC 27534-9408	Old Account #:		
Parcel #:	0031577	Due Date:		9/1/2019
Lender:		Interest Begins:		1/7/2020

	Value	Rate	Tax Districts	Description	Amount
Real	\$209,140	.6635	WAYNE COUNTY	Tax	\$1,089.07
Deferred	\$0				
Use	\$209,140		WAYNE COUNTY	SOLID WASTE FEE	\$45.00
Personal	\$0	.0750	SAULSTON FIRE	Tax	\$123.11
Exempt & Exclusion	\$45,000				
Interest: \$0.00					
Total Assessed Value	\$164,140				Total Billed: \$1,257.18

Transaction History				
Date	Type	Paid By	Trans #	Amount
11/26/2019	PAYMENT	2019 - 406	5082973	\$1,257.18

Current Due: \$0.00

[106 Cassedale Dr, 2019 Property Tax Collections Bill Detail, Wayne County Tax Department](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

Lake Did Not Report Owning the Wayne County Property on Her Statement of Economic Interest Filed in January 2020

As detailed in a prior section of this chapter, Lake did not report owning any property on her 2020 Candidate SEI (filed in January 2020). As shown in the image below, Property Interests/Item 1 of this form specifically states that ownership of any property (“including your residence”) with a market value of at least \$10,000 must be reported.

List the full name of all adults and emancipated minors in your household. Minors are children under 18. They are emancipated by marriage, enlistment in the US military, or court order for emancipation.				
Full names of Adults and Emancipated Minors	Relationship	Employer	Job Title	Nature of Business
Bob Lake	Spouse			
The SEI and any attachments, excluding the Confidential Form, are public records. Page 1 of 10				
B. List only the initials of all unemancipated minors in your household below. A minor is a child under 18 years old.				
List the full name of each minor child on the Confidential Form at the end.				
Initials of Unemancipated Minors	Relationship	Employer	Job Title	Nature of Business
Property Interests				
1. As of December 31, 2019, did you or any members of your immediate family:				
A. have an ownership interest in North Carolina real estate (including your residence) with a market value of \$10,000 or more?				
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County	

Donna Lake, 2020 Candidate SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed January 15, 2020

Recorded Document Searches – No Tax Liens or Civil Judgments Filed against Lake; Lake Was Named in Mortgage Default and Foreclosure Documents in Nevada Pertaining to Partial Ownership (Possessory) Interest in Mt. Charleston Cabins Rental Property

The following searches were conducted for recorded/filed documents. These searches yielded the results shown in the following tables for tax liens, civil judgments, mortgage defaults, and foreclosures pertaining to Lake. Note that in-person searches at the Wayne County Clerk of Court are pending until further notice due to the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

SUMMARY OF RECORDED DOCUMENT SEARCHES FOR LAKE (1 OF 3)

Search Term	Wayne County Register of Deeds	Wayne County Clerk of Court	NC Sec. of State – Federal Tax Liens	Nexis Judgments & Liens
Donna Lake	No results	RUN PENDING	No results	No results

SUMMARY OF RECORDED DOCUMENT SEARCHES FOR LAKE (2 OF 3)

Search Term	Nexis Foreclosures	Clark County (NV) Recorder
Donna Lake	2 Results – Notice of Trustee’s Sale (Recorded 1/29/2016) and Notice of Default (Recorded 10/5/2015) which pertain to property in Clark County, Nevada. These are duplicates of the search results from Clark County, Nevada Recorder.	<p>3 Results – Trustee Deed (Instrument #201603090001326, Recorded 3/9/2016), Notice of Trustee’s Sale (Instrument #201601290000625, Recorded 1/29/2016) and Breach and Election to Sell (Instrument #20150050000715, Recorded 10/5/2015). In Nevada, a “Breach and Election to Sell” is the document filed in the event of a mortgage default. (Fee Schedule, Clark County Recorder, Effective January 1, 2020)</p> <p>These results pertain to an ownership interest in Mt. Charleston Cabins. (mountcharlestoncabins.com/) 10 other Trustee’s Sales and 10 Breach and Election to Sell were recorded the same days, but involved other individuals with similar ownership interests in Mt. Charleston Cabins..</p> <p>Based on a review of the recorded documents and the Mt. Charleston Cabins website, it appears likely that Lake and 10 other individuals each had some possessory interest in a time share/cabin for rent investment property in the mountains to the west of Las Vegas. The mortgage default and trustee’s sale most likely involved the underlying owner (master owner) of the property, and that Lake and the other 10 possessory interest owners were all named as part of the default and trustee’s sale.</p>

SUMMARY OF RECORDED DOCUMENT SEARCHES FOR LAKE (3 OF 3)

Search Term	Maryland Land Records (Prince Georges County)	Maryland Judiciary Judgment & Liens	Suffolk County (NY) Clerk – Liens and Judgments
Donna Lake	No results	No results	No results

A.6 – Court Records & Other Public Records

Civil/Bankruptcy Court Searches – Lake Was the Plaintiff in a Construction Defect Case Filed in Clark County, NV in 2012

The following searches were conducted for civil/bankruptcy court cases in which Lake appears as a party. These searches yielded the results shown in the following tables. Note that in-person searches at the Wayne County Clerk of Court are pending until further notice due to the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

SUMMARY OF CIVIL/BANKRUPTCY COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH LAKE AS A PARTY (1 OF 3)

Search Term	Wayne County Clerk of Court	North Carolina Business Court	North Carolina Appellate Court
Donna Lake	RUN PENDING	No results	No results

SUMMARY OF CIVIL/BANKRUPTCY COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH LAKE AS A PARTY (2 OF 3)

Search Term	Clark County (NV) Circuit Court	Las Vegas (NV) Township Justice Court	Maryland Judiciary Case Search	New York State Unified Court System
Donna Lake	<p>1 result – Lake was the plaintiff along with dozens of others in a construction defect case. (<i>Kenneth Bedrosian et al vs. Distinctive Homes of Nevada, Inc., Case #A-12-673234-D, Filed 12/7/2012</i>)</p> <p>The docket shows that the parties reached a universal settlement of claims and cross claims in 2016.</p> <p>Filings from this case were not reviewed.</p>	No results	No results	No results

SUMMARY OF CIVIL/BANKRUPTCY COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH LAKE AS A PARTY (3 OF 3)

Search Term	PACER Federal Courts	Nexis Legal Cases	Nexis Legal Dockets	Nexis Bankruptcy Filings
Donna Lake	No results	No results	No results	No results

Criminal/Traffic Court Searches – Lake Has Been the Defendant in at Least Six Traffic Infraction Cases in North Carolina

The following searches were conducted for criminal/traffic court cases in which Lake appears as the defendant. These searches yielded the results shown in the following tables. Note that in-person searches at the Wayne County Clerk of Court are pending until further notice due to the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH LAKE AS DEFENDANT (1 OF 3)

Search Term	Wayne County Clerk of Court	North Carolina Appellate Court	Las Vegas (NV) Township Justice Court
Donna Lake	RUN PENDING	No results	1 result – Traffic infraction for speeding 31-40 mph over the posted limit. Paid \$350 fine. (<i>State of Nevada vs. Donna M Lake, Case #207834028, Filed 2/25/2003</i>)

SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH LAKE AS DEFENDANT (2 OF 3)

Search Term	Maryland Judiciary Case Search	New York State Unified Court System	PACER Federal Courts
Donna Lake	No results	No results	No results

SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH LAKE AS DEFENDANT (3 OF 3)

Search Term	Nexis Criminal Records	Nexis Legal Cases	Nexis Legal Dockets
Donna Lake	5 results – All of which appear to be traffic infraction cases filed in North Carolina, but the specific county court is not specified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2016CR700479, Filed 1/30/2016 • #2014CR700959, Filed 11/21/2014 • #2011CR701359, Filed 11/12/2011 • #2011CR700665, Filed 2/7/2011 • #2010CR701366, Filed 2/3/2010 	No results	No results

Driving Record – Lake Has an Active License with No Suspensions, Accidents, or Restrictions; Two Violations for Improper Equipment Noted from 2014 and 2016

Lake’s driving record was received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles. The record shows that Lake holds a valid license with no suspensions, accidents, or restrictions. There are two violations for improper equipment noted from 2014 and 2016 on Lake’s driving record (which correspond to Lake’s two traffic infractions from 2014 and 2016 as detailed in the prior section of this chapter).

North Carolina Driver's License Number 31104631 was issued to Donna Marie Lake on October 24, 2008 and most recently renewed on June 6, 2016. This currently valid Class C, non-commercial license will not expire until August 16, 2024.

Biographical information contained on this record included the facts that Donna Marie Lake is a 63 year old female who was born on August 16, 1956. She stands approximately five feet and six inches in height. The address associated to the driving record is noted as 106 Cassedale Drive, Goldsboro, NC 27534.

There were no endorsements, restrictions, suspensions or accidents noted on this record

There were two violations noted on this driving record.

Two violations were for improper equipment pertaining to the speedometer. Ms. Lake was cited for these on violations on:

- 11/20/2014 in Green County
- 1/29/21016 in Wilson County

Donna Marie Lake, Driving Record, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles

Hunting & Fishing Licenses and Other Searches – No Results

Nexis Hunting & Fishing Licenses – No Results

A search of Nexis hunting & fishing licenses for records pertaining to Lake found no results.

North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry – No Results

The North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation Sex Offender Registry was searched for a “Donna Lake.” This search yielded no results.

State Contract Databases Maintained by the NC Department of Administration – No Results

Searches were conducted of the following North Carolina Department of Administration vendor databases. These searches found no results for state contracts pertaining to Lake.

- Statewide Term Contracts (ncadmin.nc.gov/government-agencies/procurement/statewide-term-contracts)
- Historically Underutilized Businesses (tps.state.nc.us/vendor/searchvendor.aspx?t=h)
- Agency Specific Contracts (ncadmin.nc.gov/about-doa/divisions/purchase-contract/agency-specific-contracts)
- North Carolina Debarred Vendors (ncadmin.nc.gov/documents/nc-debarred-vendors)

SECTION B: POLITICAL HISTORY

B.1 – Summary of Lake’s 2020 SD 7 Campaign

Lake Is a Qualified Candidate for NC Senate District 7 in the November 3, 2020 Election – Running as a Democrat

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Lake filed as candidate for North Carolina State Senate District 7 on December 2, 2019. Lake was the only Democrat to file for SD 7. Her home address of 106 Cassedale Dr, Goldsboro, NC is listed as her candidate address.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS					
CANDIDATE LIST GROUPED BY CONTEST					
CRITERIA: Election: 03/03/2020, Show Contest w/o Candidate: N, County: ALL COUNTIES, Data Source: STATE ONLY VIEW					
CANDIDATE NAME	NAME ON BALLOT	PARTY	FILING DATE	ADDRESS	
NC STATE SENATE DISTRICT 07 (DEM)					
LAKE, DONNA MARIE	Donna Lake	DEM	12/02/2019	106 CASSEDALE DR	GOLDSBORO, NC 27534

[“2020 Candidate List,” North Carolina State Board of Elections](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

In January 2020, WITN News Reported that Lake Was Running for State Senate District 7 – Described Lake as Nurse Leader, University Professor, and Combat Veteran

On July 30, 2019, *WITN News* reported that Lake was running for State Senate District 7. The article noted that Lake was an East Carolina University professor and combat veteran.

WITN News also reported that “Lake is also a nurse leader, who has completed more than 90 health care quality improvement projects at more than a dozen hospitals and health care systems.”

HEADLINE: ECU professor, Air Force veteran running for Senate seat

An East Carolina University professor and combat veteran announced she will run for a state Senate seat.

Donna Lake announced she is running for Senate in District 7. Senator Jim Perry was appointed to the seat earlier this year after Senator Louis Pate resigned in January.

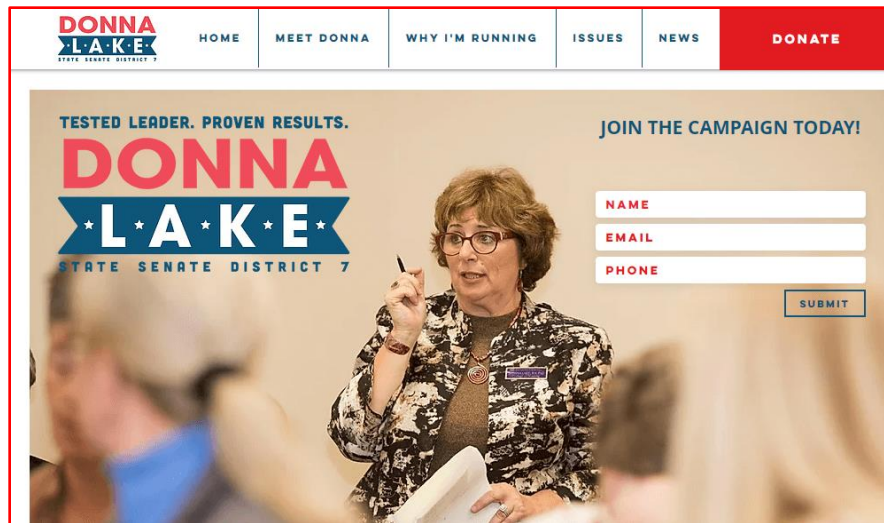
Lake is also a nurse leader, who has completed more than 90 health care quality improvement projects at more than a dozen hospitals and health care systems. She holds a Ph.D. in health sciences and management and works as a clinical professor at ECU.

The election is on November 3, 2020.

[“ECU professor, Air Force veteran running for Senate seat,” WITN News, July 30, 2019](#)

Lake Has a 2020 Campaign Website, Donnalake2020.com – Includes Her Positions on “Education,” “Healthcare,” “Better, Livable Communities,” and “Taking Care of Military Families”

Lake has a website for her 2020 SD 7 campaign. (donnalake2020.com) The website includes a biography, a section on her stance on issues, and social media links. The website does not include a list of endorsements.



[“Homepage,” donnalake2020.com](http://donnalake2020.com) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

The issues page of Lake’s website provides her platform positions on “Education,” “Healthcare,” “Better, livable communities,” and “Taking Care of Military Families.” The text of these is provided below.

Education

We need to do right by our students, which starts with doing right by our teachers. Our public school teachers deserve better pay and need to be equipped with better school resources. Studies show that smaller class sizes, access to resources like updated computers and textbooks, availability of counselors and nursing staff lead to successful, well adjusted students with higher graduation and future employment rates.

I believe we also need to invest in universal pre-K education. Early childhood education improves literacy and comprehension skills, fosters social skills and self esteem.

[“The Issues,” donnalake2020.com](http://donnalake2020.com) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

Healthcare

Across the nation we see the need for improved, expanded, transparent healthcare systems, and North Carolina is not exempt from these issues. The goal of every community should be 100% healthcare coverage no matter age, gender, or wealth.

Barriers to healthcare start with the language we use in policy - citizens need to be informed consumers of healthcare and understand the costs of services they receive. Children with disabilities should have access to specialized care. All healthcare plans should include access to mental health professionals.

We should consider value based care instead of reimbursing hospitals for volume of patients. Success in healthcare should be measured by the amount of patients who don't come back with complications. Our ultimate goal should be preventing illness and disease by promoting public health instead of treating recurring problems in vulnerable communities.

North Carolinians deserve options in healthcare - the right provider at the right time, the right service at the right cost. As we create healthcare systems we need to keep everyone in mind: infants, adolescents, men, women, and seniors.

["The Issues," donnalake2020.com](https://donnalake2020.com) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

Better, livable communities

There are a lot of components that go into making our communities better, and it starts as early as how we educate our children. Many studies show that better education leads to better overall health and quality of life. Students who attend pre-K have higher graduation rates, which paves the way for better jobs and the benefits that come with steady employment.

If we are intentional about the way we plan our rural, suburban, and urban spaces we can uplift more small businesses, farmers, and families. If we rethink our housing placement and future developments we can prevent crippling damage from severe weather and natural disasters.

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link - communities benefit from the success of the individuals who make it up. When our access to healthcare is more equitable, when our housing is more available and accessible, when our streets are safer and our water is cleaner, when our roads are well maintained, when everyone can put into their community what they get out of it, we all thrive..

["The Issues," donnalake2020.com](https://donnalake2020.com) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

Taking care of military families

The top concern of military members considering relocation to North Carolina is the education options that will be available to their children. We need to strengthen the ties between on-base education liaisons and local and state governments to be sure that needs are being met and resources are being adequately provided.

Another significant concern for military families is healthcare. Servicemen and women and their families should not be limited to the military healthcare network only, as special needs and complex health issues require special care. We must vastly improve our mental healthcare options in the military health network.

One of the largest blocks of the homeless population in the United States, North Carolina being no exception, is veterans. It is a population of people who leave the service with physical disabilities, severe mental health issues, and no job training or continued access to quality healthcare to support them in civilian life. This is both unacceptable and fixable, and must be addressed quickly as an average of four veterans per day move to North Carolina. We can increase facilities like food banks and shelters to combat the homelessness problem, as well as provide job training, transitional housing and re-entry programs for our veterans. If we diversify our housing options and create a loan system for veterans we can combat homelessness, help people find fulfilling jobs, and ease some of the burden on our healthcare system.

["The Issues," donnalake2020.com](http://donnalake2020.com) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

Campaign Finance Summary – In Her Most Recent 2020 Campaign Finance Filing Covering January 1, 2020 through February 15, 2020, Lake Reported Raising \$19,784 and Having \$44,551 Cash on Hand

Lake's most recent campaign finance filing with the North Carolina State Board of Elections covers January 1, 2020 through February 15, 2020. In this filing, Lake reported raising \$19,784.41 and spending \$1,008.71, ending with \$44,551.22 cash on hand.

SUMMARY			
	Total This Period	Total This Election	
Cash on Hand at Beginning	\$25,775.52		\$0.00
RECEIPTS	\$0.00		\$0.00
Aggregated Contributions from Individuals	\$1,122.26		\$2,767.26
Contributions from Individuals	\$18,662.15		\$41,782.73
Political Party Committees	\$0.00		\$0.00
Other Political Committees (such as PACs)	\$0.00		\$3,000.00
Loan Proceeds	\$0.00		\$0.00
Refunds/Reimbursements To the Committee	\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest on Bank Accounts	\$0.00		\$0.00
Contributions from Not-For-Profit Organizations	\$0.00		\$0.00
Outside Sources of Income	\$0.00		\$0.00
Legal Expense Fund - Other Sources	\$0.00		\$0.00
Exempt Purchase Price Sales	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total Receipts	\$19,784.41		\$47,549.99
EXPENDITURES	\$0.00		\$0.00
Operating Expenditures	\$1,008.71		\$1,608.19
Contributions to Candidates/Political Committees	\$0.00		\$0.00
Coordinated Party Expenditures	\$0.00		\$0.00
Aggregated Non-Media Expenditures	\$0.00		\$0.00
Loan Repayments	\$0.00		\$0.00
Refunds/Reimbursements From the Committee	\$0.00		\$0.00
In-Kind Contributions	\$0.00		\$1,390.58
Total Expenditures	\$1,008.71		\$2,998.77
Cash on Hand at End of Reporting Period	\$44,551.22		\$44,551.22

[Donna Lake for NC \(STA-YY343G-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed March 17, 2020](#)

B.2 – Lake’s 2020 Campaign Is Part of Democratic Efforts to Flip the NC Senate

The Progressive Group Swing Left, Whose Primary Objectives Include “Breaking Republican Control of the State Legislature,” Lists SD 7/Lake as a Targeted Race

Swing Left is a progressive political group dedicated to helping elect Democrats in competitive districts. ([*“Swing Left and the Post-Election Surge of Progressive Activism.” The New Yorker, January 26, 2017*](#))

The North Carolina chapter of Swing Left includes a primary objective of breaking “Republican control of the state legislature by flipping one or both chambers.” Swing Left’s website specifically lists six GOP-held state senate targets including Lake’s campaign for State Senate District 7.

Our primary objectives in North Carolina are to: 1) flip the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Thom Tillis, 2) win the state’s 15 Electoral College votes, and 3) break Republican control of the state legislature by flipping one or both chambers.

In the state Senate, **we are currently targeting eight districts—six GOP-held seats and two Democratic holds.** With North Carolina’s newly drawn districts, 2020’s competitive seats are scattered across the state, spanning the suburbs of Raleigh, Fayetteville, Charlotte, and Winston-Salem.

[*“North Carolina,” swingleft.org*](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020; emphasis added)

STATE SENATE CANDIDATES	
SD-7: Donna Lake	SD-19: Kirk DeViere
SD-9: Harper Peterson	SD-24: J.D. Wooten
SD-11: Allen Wellons	SD-31: Terri LeGrand
SD-18: Sarah Crawford	SD-39: DeAndrea Salvador

[*“North Carolina,” swingleft.org*](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

In November 2019, Democratic State Senator Valerie Foushee Tweeted Photos of Lake Attending Legislative Lunch and Rally to “Flip Some Seats in 2020” – Foushee Called Lake a “Wonderful Democratic Challenger” for the State Senate

On November 9, 2019, Democratic State Senator Valerie Foushee Tweeted that the Orange County Democrats held a legislative lunch and rally to “flip some seats in 2020!”



[@FousheeforNC, Twitter.com, November 9, 2019](https://twitter.com/FousheeforNC/status/1181111111) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

Democratic State Senator Valerie Foushee Tweeted photos of Lake attending the event with the caption “All wonderful Democratic Challengers for both the Senate and the House!”



[@FousheeforNC, Twitter.com, November 9, 2019](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

The Progressive Blog *Wataugawatch* Noted that Lake Was an “Insurgent Democrat” Running in a “Competitive” State Senate District

In January 2020, *Wataugawatch* posted a story analyzing the upcoming North Carolina State Senate District 7 campaign. *Wataugawatch* is a progressive blog that focuses on “up-to-date analysis of the local political landscape.”

In the January 2020 blog post, *Wataugawatch* stated that political science professor and columnist Michael Bitzer has rated North Carolina State Senate District 7 as “competitive.” ([“Michael Bitzer,” wfae.org](#)) Bitzer’s prediction “puts a good Democratic candidate within striking distance, especially if it's a blue year.”

Wataugawatch described Lake as an “insurgent Democrat” that has “been building her campaign since last summer.”

BLOG HEADLINE: The Elections of March: Republican Primary in NCS7

North Carolina Senate District 7 (Lenoir and Wayne counties, down east, with Kinston and Goldsboro as the major population centers) was rated by Michael Bitzer as "Competitive" -- the word that always draws my attention -- but also "Republican Favored." Bitzer predicted the Democratic vote share in 2020 at 47.10%, which puts a good Democratic candidate within striking distance, especially if it's a blue year.

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Incumbent Republican Senator Louis M. Pate Jr. retired from the District 7 seat in January 2019. James "Jim" Perry, a 46-year-old Kinston businessman, got the votes of his Republican Party leaders in the district to be appointed to Pate's seat. Perry as the incumbent might have an advantage but he has a strong primary opponent, and whoever wins the Republican primary will face a well energized and ready Democratic contender in November....

Whoever emerges from the Republican primary will have to face a Democrat who's been building her campaign since last summer. Lake is a 64-year-old retired USAF Colonel and health-care professional. She announced her candidacy for the North Carolina Senate on July 29th. She's another of a distinct trend among new, *insurgent Democratic candidates* in the Age of Trump: A woman combat vet with two Bronze Stars stepping forward to run in a forbidding new combat zone. Donna Lake also holds a freakin' Ph.D. to boot in Health Care Management and works as a clinical nursing professor at the ECU College of Nursing where she says she's taught 450 students, not to mention another 85 faculty, in patient safety principles, leadership, and finance skills. Her expertise in health care management contributed to the awarding of a \$5M grant to train and place "advanced practice registered nurses" into primary care facilities in Eastern North Carolina rural communities. A vital and motivating statistic for Donna Lake: Of the 41 Eastern NC counties combined, 28 (68.3%) have fewer than 5 primary care physicians per 10,000 residents. She wants to change that, and her work is an answer to Jim Perry's complaint that there aren't enough primary care providers for the expansion of Medicaid.

Donna Lake has been endorsed by Lillian's List. We hope she'll have lots of boots on the ground knocking doors, come warm weather, because "competitive" means "direct voter contact," especially in a mainly rural district like NCS7.

["The Elections of March: Republican Primary in NCS7, Wataugawatch Blog, January 2, 2020 \(emphasis added\)](#)

B.3 – Contributions from Trial Lawyers

Trial lawyers contributed a total of \$1,200 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate campaign.

George B Mast Contributed \$500 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate Campaign – Mast Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Wrongful Death and Personal Injury Cases

On December 7, 2019, George B Mast contributed \$500 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate Campaign.

Campaign Document Search By Entity

Campaign Finance 2019 Year End Semi-Annual for:
DONNA LAKE FOR NC [STA-YY343G-C-001]

RECEIPTS

Date	Is Prior	Name Of Contributor And Complete Mailing Address	Receipt Type	Purpose	Description	Account Code	Form Of Payment	Amount Of Receipt	Sum To Date
12/17/2019		George B Mast Attorney Self Employed PO Box 119 Smithfield, NC 27577-0119	Individual Contribution			FC 01	Check	\$500.00	\$500.00

[*Donna Lake for NC \(STA-YY343G-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed March 23, 2020*](#)

According to his biography, George B Mast is a trial lawyer at Mast Law Firm.

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[*“Mast Firm Attorneys,” mastfirm.com \(accessed on 4/9/2020\)*](#)

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"Injury Cases," mastfirm.com (accessed on 4/14/2020)

Philip Baddour Contributed a Total of \$600 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate Campaign – Baddour Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Personal Injury, Workers’ Compensation, Social Security Disability, Estate Litigation, and Civil Litigation

Philip Baddour contributed a total of \$600 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate campaign.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS Campaign Document Search By Entity Applications

Campaign Finance 2019 Year End Semi-Annual for:
DONNA LAKE FOR NC [STA-YY343G-C-001]


RECEIPTS

Date	Is Prior	Name Of Contributor And Complete Mailing Address	Receipt Type	Purpose	Description	Account Code	Form Of Payment	Amount Of Receipt	Sum To Date
08/07/2019		Philip Baddour Attorney Self Employed 125 Pineridge Ln Goldsboro, NC 27534-4313	Individual Contribution			FC 01	Check	\$500.00	\$600.00
10/02/2019		Philip Baddour Attorney Self Employed 125 Pineridge Ln Goldsboro, NC 27534-4313	Individual Contribution			FC 01	Check	\$100.00	\$600.00

Donna Lake for NC (STA-YY343G-C-001), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed March 23, 2020

Philip Baddour is an attorney at Baddour, Parker, Hine & Hale P.C. According to his biography, Baddour specializes in Personal Injury, Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability, Estate Litigation, and Civil Litigation.

It should also be noted that Baddour previously served as the Democratic Majority Leader in the North Carolina State House.



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Phil Baddour is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina School of Law (1967). He brings over 45 years of experience to his practice of Personal Injury, Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability, Estate Litigation and Civil Litigation. Phil represents the Goldsboro Housing Authority, Wayne Community College and the Village of Walnut Creek. Additionally, he is a certified mediator and frequently mediates cases for attorneys across Eastern North Carolina.

A native of Goldsboro, Phil was formerly a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives where he served as the Majority Leader for two terms. Phil served as President of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice and as Chair of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. He has served on the Commission for the Future of the Courts in North Carolina, the North Carolina Economic Development Board and the North Carolina Board of Transportation. Phil is past president of the Goldsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, the Wayne County Economic Development Commission and the Goldsboro Rotary Club. Also, Phil is a retired Colonel with the North Carolina National Guard, where he served as Staff Judge Advocate for the State of North Carolina.

Legal Memberships: North Carolina Advocates for Justice and North Carolina Bar Association.

["Philip A. Baddour," goldsborolawyers.com](#) (accessed on 4/14/2020)

Baddour's practice areas include personal injury, as well as worker's compensation and disability litigation.

Areas of Practice

Personal Injury
Workers' Compensation
Social Security Disability
Civil Litigation
Estate Litigation

["Philip A. Baddour," goldsborolawyers.com](#) (accessed on 4/14/2020)

Baddour’s law firm – Baddour, Parker, Hine & Hale, PC – specializes in personal injury litigation.

The screenshot shows the website for Baddour, Parker, Hine & Hale, P.C. The header includes the firm's name, the tagline "ATTORNEYS AT LAW", and the contact information "Get Experienced Counsel 919-585-4114". A navigation menu lists "Home", "Attorneys", "Our Staff", "Practice Areas", "Videos", "Blog", and "Contact". The main content area features a large image of four attorneys with the text "A History Of Success". Below this is a breadcrumb trail "Home » Personal Injury Plaintiff". The main heading is "Strong Advocates For Injured People". The text below reads: "Regardless of how you have been injured, you will need help from doctors so you can fully recover from your accident. You will also need help from a skilled attorney who can recover a maximum settlement for your accident." On the right, a "Practice Areas" sidebar lists "Personal Injury Plaintiff", "Motor Vehicle Accidents", "Truck and Trailer Accidents", and "Motorcycle Accidents".

"Personal Injury Plaintiff," goldsborolawyers.com (accessed on 4/14/2020)

B.4 – Contributions from Liberal Megadonors

Environmental Group Megadonor Fred Stanback Contributed \$5,400 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate Campaign

On February 6, 2020, Fred Stanback contributed \$5,400 to Lake’s 2020 State House campaign.

Date	Is Prior	Name Of Contributor And Complete Mailing Address	Receipt Type	Purpose	Description	Account Code	Form Of Payment	Amount Of Receipt	Sum To Date
02/06/2020		Fred Stanback Retired Not Employed 507 W Innes St Ste 270 Salisbury, NC 28144-4265	Individual Contribution			FC 01	Check	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00

[Donna Lake for NC \(STA-YY343G-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed March 17, 2020](#)

A November 2017 *Washington Examiner* opinion article described Fred Stanback as megadonor to environmental groups who has been “actively combating development and resource extraction.”

OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE: The troubling links between environmentalists and population control extremists

U.S. environmental organizations are perceived by many as independent voices within policy and political debates. They have historically championed land and resource protection, air and water pollution standards, and conservation of unique plant and animal species.

In recent years, however, many environmental organizations have raised their profiles by actively combating development and resource extraction, even in cases when it is lawfully permitted by federal and state governments and regulators...

E&E Legal released new research that details how major environmental nongovernment organizations (ENGOS) both in the U.S. and U.K. are being funded by a few ultra-wealthy population control extremists in the U.S, but influencing policy on both sides of the Atlantic. This new report from E&E Legal and the U.K.-based Taxpayers’ Alliance details how billionaires like Fred Stanback, heir to the Stanback headache powder fortune, are quietly funding ENGOS to further his controversial ideological agenda.

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ENGOs like the Asheville-based Dogwood Alliance, and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), which are active in both the U.K. and U.S. have received significant funding from another nonprofit, the Foundation For The Carolinas (FFTC), a nonprofit “community foundation.” As the new report details, Stanback and other extremists are funneling donations through the FFTC because the FFTC administers donor-directed funds. That fund structure offers Stanback control over the distribution of hundreds of millions of dollars from the FFTC...

The scale of Stanback’s influence in environmental circles is best illustrated by the sheer size of his funding. Stanback’s 2014 donation of over \$397 million to FFTC in “non-cash” contributions would rank as the third- on MarketWatch’s annual list of the largest charitable donations, had they been public. That donation actually accounted for 64 percent of FFTC’s total grant revenue that year. Since 2014 alone, FFTC has funded, the Southern Environmental Law Center for \$57,000,000, NRDC for \$25,000,000, Friends of the Earth for \$6,000,000, Greenpeace for \$3,000,000, and the Dogwood Alliance for over \$2,000,000.

Craig Richardson Opinion Article, “The troubling links between environmentalists and population control extremists,” Washington Examiner, November 4, 2017 (emphasis added)

Hillary Clinton Super PAC Megadonor Henry Van Ameringen Contributed \$5,400 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate Campaign

On February 7, 2020, Henry Van Ameringen contributed \$5,400 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate campaign.

The screenshot shows the 'Campaign Document Search By Entity' page for 'DONNA LAKE FOR NC [STA-YY343G-C-001]'. Under the 'RECEIPTS' tab, a single receipt is listed:

Date	Is Prior	Name Of Contributor And Complete Mailing Address	Receipt Type	Purpose	Description	Account Code	Form Of Payment	Amount Of Receipt	Sum To Date
02/07/2020		Henry Van Ameringen Retired Businessman Not Employed 37 W 12th St Apt 11E New York, NY 10011-8559	Individual Contribution			FC 01	Check	\$5,400.00	\$5,400.00

Donna Lake for NC (STA-YY343G-C-001), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed March 17, 2020

The *Washington Free Beacon* described Henry Van Ameringen as a prominent “wealthy left-wing donor” who contributed \$100,000 to the Democratic Super PAC American Bridge.

According to the *Washington Free Beacon*, “American Bridge is an opposition research outfit” formed to help Democrats, starting in the 2014 midterm election and Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign.

HEADLINE: Democracy Alliance Bankrolls Dem Super PAC

Members of a secretive club of wealthy left-wing donors are bankrolling a major Democratic Super PAC backing a likely Hillary Clinton presidential run even as some of the group's members complain it is too closely tied to the Democratic Party.

More than a third of total contributions this year to American Bridge 21st Century have come from individuals associated with the Democracy Alliance...

American Bridge is an opposition research outfit founded by Democratic operative and prominent Hillary Clinton supporter David Brock. Brock has used American Bridge and Media Matters for America, an activist group he chairs, to attack those perceived as Clinton critics ahead of her widely expected 2016 presidential run.

American Bridge is also active in pushing Democratic midterm efforts this year. According to internal Democracy Alliance documents, the group is "providing content to" other Democrat-aligned groups, including super PACs Priorities USA, Senate Majority PAC, and House Majority PAC...

Democracy Alliance donors have stepped up to back Democrats' leading super PAC in just the first six months of this year. The Democracy Alliance-affiliated individuals who have given to American Bridge through June are...

Henry Van Ameringen: \$100,000

["Democracy Alliance Bankrolls Dem Super PAC," Washington Free Beacon, July 16, 2014 \(emphasis added\)](#)

B.5 – Summary of Campaign Contributions Made to Others – \$6,383 to Democrats

Summary of Searches – Lake Has Contributed a Total of \$6,483 to Other Candidates and Committees at the NC State and Federal Levels

Lake has contributed a total of \$6,483 from 2001 to present at the federal and North Carolina state levels. Wayne County does not maintain an online database with campaign finance filings.

The following table summarizes the searches conducted for contributions by “Donna Lake.” The searches were narrowed to ensure the address of the contributor and employer/occupation matched that of Lake. Results for contributors with the same name who are not the subject of the report (i.e. individuals with addresses outside of North Carolina) were excluded.

SUMMARY OF DONNA LAKE’S CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO OTHERS (2001 TO PRESENT)

Search Term	Federal	North Carolina
Donna Lake (excluded contributors not the subject of this report)	No results	Contributions totaling \$6,483 were found

Source: Federal Election Commission; North Carolina Board of Elections

Federal Contributions – Lake Has Not Made Any Contributions to Federal-Level Candidates and Committees

The Federal Election Commission campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named “Donna Lake.” The searches were then narrowed to ensure the address of the contributor and employer/occupation matched that of Lake. This search did not yield any results pertaining to the subject of this report. ([“Receipts,” fec.gov](#))

Note that this search did yield contributions from individuals named Donna Lake. Those individuals are not the subject of this report.

State Contributions – Lake Has Contributed a Total of \$6,383 to Other State-Level Democratic Candidates and Committees, and Contributed \$100 to the North Carolina Nurses PAC; No Contributions Made to Republicans

The North Carolina State Board of Elections online campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named “Donna Lake.” ([“Transaction Search by Entity,” cf.ncsbe.gov](#)) These searches yielded the results shown in the table below.

As shown in the table below, Lake has contributed a total of \$6,383 to other state-level Democratic candidates and committees from 2001 to present. Lake also contributed \$100 to the North Carolina Nurses PAC. Lake has made no state-level contributions to Republicans.

SUMMARY OF DONNA LAKE’S STATE-LEVEL CONTRIBUTIONS BY RECIPIENT (2001 TO PRESENT)

Recipient of Contribution from Lake	Party Affiliation	Sum of Amount
Committee to Elect Deonko Brewer to NC House	Democratic	\$75
Lillian’s List of NC	Democratic	\$125
North Carolina Democratic Party (NC DEC – State)	Democratic	\$6,000
Democratic Women of North Carolina (NC DW)	Democratic	\$183
Democratic Subtotal		\$6,383
NC Nurses PAC	Non-Partisan	\$100
Non-Partisan Subtotal		\$100
Grand Total		\$6,483

Source: [“Transaction Search by Entity,” cf.ncsbe.gov](#)

Lake contributed to the following Democratic candidates and committees:

- **Committee to Elect Deonko Brewer to NC House** – Brewer is a Democratic candidate for North Carolina State House District 12.

HEADLINE: Winners in All NC House Primaries Yesterday

***Dist. 12, Pitt and Lenoir -- Democrats Lenton Credelle Brown, Deonko Brewer, and Virginia Cox-Daugherty contend for the right to take on incumbent first-term Republican Chris Humphrey. Rated "Competitive -- Lean Republican." Cox-Daugherty won.**

[“Winners in All NC House Primaries Yesterday,” Wataugua Watch, March 4, 2020](#)

- **Lillian’s List of NC** – Lillian’s List of NC is the Political Action Committee (PAC) for Lillian’s List. Lillian’s List supports pro-choice women running for the legislature and for statewide public office.

Lillian’s List recruits, trains and supports progressive women, who are champions of reproductive freedom and equity for women, to run for public office in North Carolina. Through our Action Fund, we provide strategic guidance and political training to women leaders across North Carolina who are interested in running for political office. The Lillian’s List PAC supports pro-choice, progressive women running for the General Assembly and Council of State. The Lillian’s List PAC has supported every progressive women currently elected to serve in the NCGA and Council of State.

[“About Us,” lilianslist.org](#)

- **North Carolina Democratic Party (NC DEC – State)** – NC DEC – State is the PAC for the North Carolina Democratic Party. The PAC supports state-level Democratic candidates.

COVER		
Committee Name	Committee Type	SBoE ID
North Carolina Democratic Party - State 220 Hillsborough Street Raleigh, NC 27603	Party Committee	STA-C3839N-C-001

[NC DEC - State \(STA-C3839N-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed February 25, 2020](#)

- **Democratic Women of North Carolina (NC DW)** – NC DW is the PAC for the Democratic Women of North Carolina.

COVER		
Committee Name	Committee Type	SBoE ID
NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC WOMEN PO BOX 1955 BRYSON CITY, NC 28713	Party Committee	STA-C4015N-C-001

[NC DW \(STA-C4015N-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed January 29, 2020](#)

B.6 – Other Political History

Campaign Expenditures Paid to Lake – No Results for Lake

Federal

The Federal Election Commission online campaign finance database was searched for disbursements from campaigns and committees to Lake. ([“FEC Disbursement Search,” fec.gov](#))

There were no results for “Donna Lake.”

State

The North Carolina State Board of Elections online campaign finance database was searched for disbursements from campaigns and committees to Lake. ([“North Carolina State Board of Elections Transaction Search By Entity,” cf.ncsbe.gov](#))

There were no results for Lake.

Local

Local elections are conducted by the county. Wayne County does not maintain an online database with campaign finance filings.

North Carolina State-Level Lobbyist Registration – No Results for Lake

Searches of the North Carolina Secretary of State Lobbying Compliance database returned no lobbyist registration records for Lake. ([“Lobbying Compliance Search,” sos.nc.gov](#))

Searches were conducted of the North Carolina General Assembly Lobbying Directories published in 2018, 2019, and 2020. These searches found no results for Lake. ([“Lobbying Directory,” sos.nc.gov](#))

Federal-Level Lobbyist Registration – No Results for Lake

The following federal-level lobbying registration databases were searched for Lake. These searches returned no results:

- Clerk of the U.S. House ([“Lobbying Disclosure,” disclosurespreview.house.gov](#))
- Secretary of the U.S. Senate ([“Query the Lobbying Disclosure Act Database,” soprweb.senate.gov](#))
- ProPublica ([“Lobbying Registrations,” projects.propublica.com](#))
- OpenSecrets ([“Individual Lobbyists Lookup,” opensecrets.org](#))
- OpenSecrets Foreign Agents Registration Act Registrants ([“FARA,” opensecrets.org](#))

North Carolina State Ethics Commission – No Results

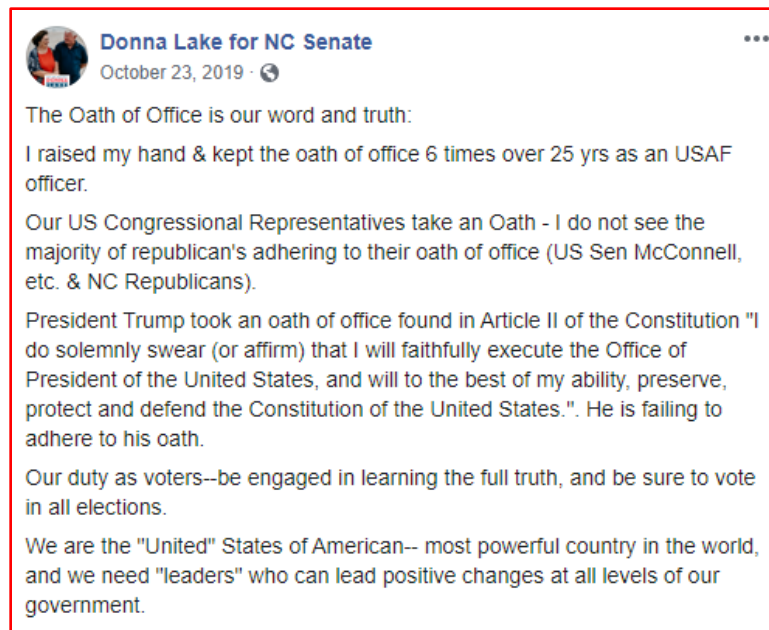
The North Carolina State Ethics Commission does not have a searchable database for ethics violations. The website states that complaints are confidential. If a complaint made against a “public servant” is credible there is a public hearing held and the complaint will be made public. ([“Ethics Complaints,” ethics.ncsbe.gov](#)) A *Google* Advanced Search of the Ethics Commission website for “Donna Lake” returned no results.

B.7 – Criticized President Trump during Democrats’ Impeachment Investigations

In an October 13, 2019 Facebook Post, Lake Said President Trump “Is Failing to Adhere to His Oath” to Protect the Constitution – the Same Day, CNN Reported that Congressional Democrats Were “Set to Accelerate Their Impeachment Inquiry against President Donald Trump”

On October 13, 2019, Lake posted on Facebook that she “did not see the majority of Republican’s adhering to their oath of office (US Sen McConnell, et. & NC Republicans).” She continued that the President has also taken the presidential oath of office to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, and he “is failing to adhere to his oath.” That same day, *CNN* reported that Congressional Democrats were working to accelerate the impeachment hearings against President Trump.

An image of Lake’s Facebook post is shown below.



[Donna Lake for NC Senate, Facebook.com, October 13, 2019](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

That same day, *CNN* reported that House Democrats were working to accelerate the impeachment inquiry against President Trump.

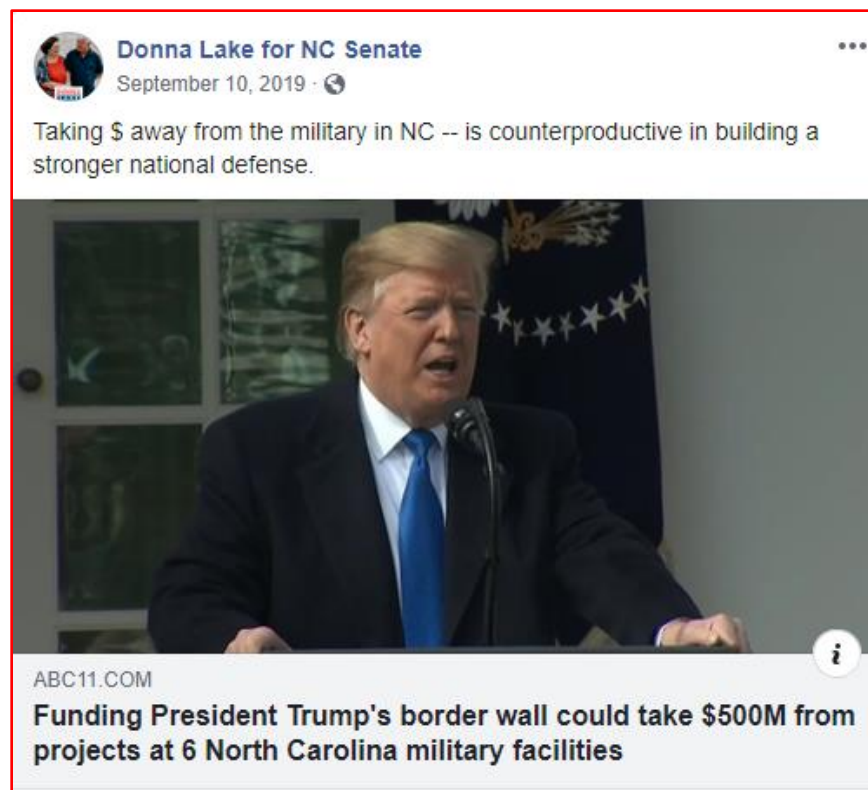
HEADLINE: Here’s what’s coming this week on impeachment as Congress returns to Washington

Lawmakers return to Capitol Hill this week with House Democrats set to accelerate their impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump.

[“Here’s what’s coming this week on impeachment as Congress returns to Washington,” CNN, October 13, 2019](#)

In a September 2019 Facebook Post, Lake Called President Trump’s Proposed Use of Military Funds for the Border Wall “Counterproductive in Building a Stronger National Defense”

In September 2019 on Facebook, Lake posted a link to an *ABC11* article regarding President Trump’s proposal to use defense funding to help build the border wall. Lake called the proposal and the potential loss to the military funding to North Carolina “counterproductive in building a stronger national defense.”



[Donna Lake for NC Senate, Facebook.com, September 10, 2019](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

SECTION C: ON THE ISSUES

C.1 – Calls Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina Her Top Priority

Lake Calls Medicaid Expansion Her Top Priority – when Asked What She Thinks Is the “Most Important Thing that the Government Can Do to Help People,” She Answered “Medicaid Expansion Must Happen Today”

In a candidate questionnaire published by Lillian’s List, Lake is asked about her policy priorities. Lake says that the most important thing that government can do to help people is to expand Medicaid immediately.

BLOG HEADLINE: Meet the Candidates – Donna Lake, SD 7

Donna Lake is a nurse and veteran and she is running for Senate District 7 in Wayne and Lenoir Counties. Her top priorities in running for office are expanding Medicaid, investing in teachers and education, as well as pre-K care, and developing the rural workforce. With her background in health care, Donna is in high demand right now, but our Executive Director, Sarah Preston, was able to catch up with her (virtually) for a couple of minutes this week....

SP: What do you think is the most important thing that the government can do to help people now and into the future?

Donna: Medicaid expansion must happen today. Whether we are in the middle of a pandemic, or just addressing regular health care needs, number one in my mind is getting people access to quality health care.

[“Meet the Candidates – Donna Lake, SD 7,” Lillian’s List, March 26, 2020](#)

Lake is also listed as a featured 2020 candidate on the Lillian’s List website. Each of the candidates listed provides their top three priorities as a candidate. Lake’s number one priority is “Expand Medicaid.”



DONNA LAKE

Donna is running for Senate District 7 in
Wayne & Lenoir counties.

Donna's Top Priorities:

- 1) Expand Medicaid
- 2) Invest in teachers and pre-K
- 3) Strengthening the rural workforce

*["Meet your 2020 Lillian's List Featured Candidates."](http://lillianslist.org)
lillianslist.org (accessed 4/15/2020)*

In July 2019, Americans for Tax Reform Vice President Patrick Gleason Wrote that Governor Cooper's Proposal to Expand Medicaid in North Carolina "Would Cost \$6 Billion over the Next Two Years" – and Would "Necessitate Tax Hikes"

In July 2019, Patrick Gleason, Vice President of State Affairs at Americans for Tax Reform, wrote an Op-Ed in *Forbes* about the effect of Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina.

According to Gleason, Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina "would cost \$6 billion over the next two years, which represents a 28% percent increase in Medicaid spending and a roughly 8% increase in total state spending."

Gleason wrote, "[t]he budget Governor Cooper is demanding would lead to a large uptick in Medicaid spending that will crowd out other state spending priorities and necessitate tax hikes."

OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE: Standoff In North Carolina Over Obamacare’s Medicaid Expansion And Associated Tax Hikes

Lawmakers in North Carolina, named by CNBC last week as the nation’s best economy, and Governor Roy Cooper (D) will return to Raleigh next week to see if they can work out a budget deal more than two weeks after the new fiscal year began. Governor Cooper’s initial budget proposal spends about \$500 million more over the next two years than does the \$24 billion general fund budget approved by both chambers of the General Assembly in June. The General Assembly’s budget won praise from conservatives and a veto from Governor Cooper...

Governor Cooper made a counter-offer this past week that insists on implementing Obamacare’s Medicaid expansion, a deal-breaker for most legislative Republicans, rejects the General Assembly-passed franchise tax cut, and spends even more money than his initial proposal. Based on the way things are going, it is very plausible that no deal is reached.

Implementing Obamacare’s Medicaid expansion in North Carolina, which is Governor Cooper’s top priority, would cost \$6 billion over the next two years, which represents a 28% percent increase in Medicaid spending and a roughly 8% increase in total state spending.

Among the 37 states that have expanded Medicaid in accordance with Obamacare, cautionary tales about its affordability abound...

The new budget approved by the North Carolina General Assembly would have the state continue to serve as a model for pro-growth fiscal policy and spending restraint, a model that many New York and Washington-based pundits will continue to ignore while obsessing over a much smaller state. **The budget Governor Cooper is demanding would lead to a large uptick in Medicaid spending that will crowd out other state spending priorities and necessitate tax hikes.** We’ll soon find out which side wins this argument...

Patrick Gleason

I am Vice President of State Affairs at Americans for Tax Reform, a Washington-based advocacy and policy research organization founded in 1985 at the request of President Ronald Reagan.

[Patrick Gleason Opinion Article, “Standoff In North Carolina Over Obamacare’s Medicaid Expansion And Associated Tax Hikes,” Forbes Magazine, July 13, 2019 \(emphasis added\)](#)

In January 2020, the Conservative John Locke Foundation Found that “Medicaid Expansion Would Cost North Carolina an Estimated \$6 Billion” – and Would Force the NC State Government to “Increase Taxes, or Divert Resources from Education, Transportation, and Other Essential Parts of the Budget

In January 2020, the conservative John Locke Foundation published a policy analysis of North Carolina Medicaid Expansion.

The John Locke Foundation found that “Medicaid expansion would cost North Carolina an estimated \$6 billion between 2020 and 2030.”

The John Locke Foundation noted that “to pay for the expansion, the North Carolina General Assembly would need to reduce provider payments, increase taxes, or divert resources from education, transportation, and other essential parts of the budget.”

HEADLINE: Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid is a program funded jointly by the state and federal government. Its core functions include paying medical providers for services rendered to low-income parents, children, pregnant women, the elderly, the blind, and the disabled.

The federal government currently funds two-thirds of North Carolina’s \$14 billion Medicaid program. The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, allows states to expand Medicaid eligibility to individuals earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. This figure equates to an individual earning \$17,236 per year or a family of four earning \$35,535. As of December 2019, North Carolina was one of 14 states that have not expanded Medicaid.

If North Carolina had chosen to expand Medicaid in 2014, the federal government would have fully funded its cost through 2017. States were then responsible for financing a portion of the total expense, reaching a maximum of 10 percent by 2020...

Federal funding of Medicaid expansion and other health care entitlements will necessitate either higher levels of deficit spending, which adds to the multitrillion-dollar federal debt, or substantial increases in taxes, which impedes economic growth.

Medicaid expansion would cost North Carolina an estimated \$6 billion between 2020 and 2030. To pay for the expansion, the North Carolina General Assembly would need to reduce provider payments, increase taxes, or divert resources from education, transportation, and other essential parts of the budget.

[“Medicaid Expansion.” John Locke Foundation, January 2020 \(emphasis added\)](#)

Lake’s Republican Opponent, State Senator Jim Perry, Has Criticized Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina – Medicaid Expansion Could Put Additional Strain on North Carolina’s Healthcare System Already Coping with a Primary Care Shortage

Lake’s Republican opponent, State Senator Jim Perry, wrote an op-ed in the *Raleigh News & Observer* that was critical of Medicaid expansion in North Carolina. After listening to testimony in a 2019 legislative hearing on Medicaid expansion, Perry wrote an opinion article in the *Raleigh News & Observer* that highlighted the additional strain that would be placed on the healthcare system and how expansion could reduce access to doctors.

OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE: Expanding Medicaid could cut access to doctors

Last week North Carolina Democrats held a hearing at the legislature on Medicaid Expansion which included expert commentary from Dr. Leighton Ku, a professor and director of the Center for Health Policy Research at The George Washington University.

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While Dr. Ku discussed his perception of the benefits to North Carolina of expanding Medicaid, the hearing did not delve deeper into the risks of Medicaid expansion that many Republicans have continued to bring up, including one that Ku himself expressed in an article published in the New England Journal of Medicine: that adding hundreds of thousands of additional people to the Medicaid rolls will only further exacerbate the primary care shortage that already exists in the state.

In his article, written in 2011 before Medicaid expansion started, Dr. Ku said that once expansion starts, states could, “...face surging demand from the newly insured without having sufficient primary care resources available. These gaps could affect access to care not only for newly eligible beneficiaries but also for others who depend on a state’s existing supply of clinicians.”

Republicans in North Carolina share these same concerns that Dr. Ku expressed in his 2011 article. In North Carolina almost 2 million people already live in a primary care shortage area in North Carolina, and access to health care is a daily struggle for many North Carolinians, especially in rural areas. Adding another 500,000 or more people to the Medicaid rolls would only make this problem worse and put traditional Medicaid program enrollees at risk, as low-income parents, children, pregnant women, the elderly, the blind, and the disabled would now have to compete for access to health care with able-bodied, childless adults....

Everyone can agree that something needs to be done to address the issue of health care for the working poor. If we believe in the ingenuity of the American people, how can we possibly accept that we only have a binary response for such a complex issue? It is disingenuous to only focus on the positive aspects of expansion while ignoring the very real risks. It is also impossible to have a productive conversation with someone when you open by impugning their motives, and telling them their core beliefs are wrong. This behavior is demonstrative of the breakdown of political discourse in our state and country. Democrats and Republicans should work together to find solutions that solve problems for North Carolinians. One size does not fit all. When we focus our efforts on political theatrics and national political agendas, North Carolinians lose. I welcome a special session with a singular focus on health care.

[Sen. Jim Perry Opinion Article, “Expanding Medicaid could cut access to doctors.”](#)
[Raleigh News & Observer, October 10, 2019](#)

Democratic State Senator Wiley Nickel Contributed \$500 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate Campaign – in February 2019, State Senator Nickel Co-Sponsored a Bill to Expand Medicaid in North Carolina

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12/31/2019		Wiley Nickel for North Carolina 434 Fayetteville St Ste 2020 Raleigh, NC 27601-3006	Other Political Committee Contribution			FC 01	Check	\$500.00	\$500.00

[Donna Lake for NC \(STA-YY343G-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed March 23, 2020](#)

In February 2019, State Senator Wiley Nickel co-sponsored a bill (SB 1) to expand Medicaid in North Carolina

PRESS RELEASE HEADLINE: Senator Wiley Nickel Co-Sponsors Bill to Expand Medicaid in North Carolina

Today, Senator Wiley Nickel co-sponsored SB3, a proposal to expand Medicaid in North Carolina and increase access to affordable health care for more than 500,000 North Carolinians, including approximately 22,578 in Wake County alone.

“I am proud to co-sponsor SB1 which would expand Medicaid and increase health care coverage for families across Wake County said Senator Nickel. “This bill would help more than 22,578 individuals and families in Wake County gain access to coverage, but the full effects would be felt by our entire community. North Carolinians shouldn’t be forced to put the health of themselves and their families on the back burner because they can’t afford insurance. We can and should ease that burden this year.”

By introducing a bill to expand Medicaid as the first bill of the 2019 legislative session, state Democrats are signaling their number one priority is helping working families. In addition to making health care more affordable for hundreds of thousands of our people, this proposal would boost our economy and create jobs. In Wake County, expanding Medicaid would:

[“Senator Wiley Nickel Co-Sponsors Bill to Expand Medicaid in North Carolina.” Senator Wiley Nickel Press Release, February 14, 2019](#)

C.2 – Opposition to Abortion Restrictions

In a March 2020 Interview, Lake Responded to a Question about Why She Was a “Champion for Reproduction Freedom” (i.e. Abortion) by Stating, “Government Doesn’t Need to be Involved in that Because It Is a Personal, Private Decision”

In March 2020, the executive director of the pro-abortion rights group Lillian’s List interviewed Lake on her upcoming North Carolina State Senate campaign. When questioned about why she was a “champion for reproduction freedom” (i.e., abortion), Lake stated, “Government doesn’t need to be involved in that because it is a personal, private decision.”

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Donna and Sarah talked about what Donna had learned on the campaign trail, including the need that candidates have to build bridges and hear from everyone in the community. Donna knows that people are in need and this is a critical time. As a nurse, she has the compassion that is needed in leadership now and an understanding that we must be bold because our democracy is dependent on us. Sarah asked Donna a few questions about what is happening in her community now, her campaign, and why both being a woman and advocating for women is important on the campaign trail and in her community. Here’s what Donna had to say...

SP: Why are you a champion of reproductive freedom and gender equity?

Donna: Gender equity is simply part of human dignity. We need to respect people where they are and embrace their differences. As a nurse, I know we also need to respect health care needs instead of ignoring the needs of women. We need everybody to be able to participate in our communities and respect is part of bringing people and perspectives to the table.

As a nurse, I have been with people in need of healthcare during very difficult times. I have been with all types of people at all ages when they needed to make decisions for their own pregnancy and health. I have seen the current requirements around sonograms cause extreme pain for a woman. Government doesn’t need to be involved in that because it is a personal, private decision. Government doesn’t try to get involved with the counselling or processes involved in getting vasectomies or any other kind of health care. This is private health care and should be treated as such.

[“Meet the Candidates – Donna Lake, SD 7,” Lillian’s List, March 26, 2020](#) (emphasis added)

In a March 2020 Interview, Lake Criticized State Laws Requiring Ultrasounds for Women Getting Abortions

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["Meet the Candidates – Donna Lake, SD 7," Lillian's List, March 26, 2020](#) (emphasis added)

In June 2011, the North Carolina Legislature Passed HB 854, an Ultrasound Bill that Required Women to View an Ultrasound and Wait 24 Hours before Getting an Abortion – Republican House Majority Leader Paul Stam Referred to the Bill as “the Most Important Bill on the Pro-Life Agenda”

In May 2011, the North Carolina Legislature passed HB 854, an ultrasound bill known as “the Woman’s Right to Know Act.”

HEADLINE: N.C. lawmakers consider new abortion requirements

State legislators took up legislation this week that would add new requirements to abortions, like a 24-hour waiting period and an ultrasound of the fetus.

House Bill 854, "Abortion-Women's Right to Know Act," was heard in committee Wednesday.

North Carolina is one of 16 states that doesn't require a waiting period and counseling before an abortion. Ten states require pre-abortion ultrasounds that provide visual images of the developing child's features.

The law would require women to have an ultrasound view of their fetuses at least four hours before an abortion and for a provider to describe the view. The measure would not require the woman to watch or listen, but would require her to sign a document acknowledging that the image was described to her by a provider.

“N.C. lawmakers consider new abortion requirements,” Asheville Citizen-Times, May 6, 2011 (emphasis added)

In June 2011, the ultrasound bill passed both chambers of the North Carolina Legislature. According to the *Raleigh News and Observer*, the ultrasound bill would require women to “to wait 24 hours before getting an abortion within which time they must view an ultrasound or listen to the heartbeat of the fetus.”

Republican State Senator Warren Daniel praised the ultrasound bill stating, “this type of legislation helps to make abortions more rare.”

HEADLINE: Senate agrees to abortion limits

Reversing the state's past policy, the Senate late Wednesday night voted 29 to 20 to place limits on abortions.

The Woman's Right to Know Act requires women to wait 24 hours before getting an abortion within which time they must view an ultrasound or listen to the heartbeat of the fetus and be given printed information about the risks that may be associated with the procedure.

The bill does not make abortion illegal, but critics argue that it encroaches on a woman's privacy and creates too many requirements for doctor-patient interactions. The bill passed the House last month in a 71-48 vote. It now goes to the governor's desk where Democrats expect her to veto it.

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The law would make North Carolina one of 34 states to require a waiting period before an abortion. Seven states now require counseling before the waiting period, 16 states require that the woman be offered information on the risks and eight require that the materials be given to her.

"We know statistically that this type of legislation helps to make abortions more rare," said Republican Sen. Warren Daniel of Morganton, on the Senate floor. About 30,000 abortions are performed in the state annually, and similar legislation has shown to reduce that number by up to 10 percent...

North Carolina's legislation also requires that physicians who perform the procedure show the woman a real-time view of her unborn child while simultaneously describing what she is seeing. Four other states require that the mother see an ultrasound, but North Carolina would be the first to require a woman to listen to her doctor describe the images. Women without private insurance or Medicaid would be required to pay for the ultrasound procedure, generally around \$300, out of pocket.

"Senate agrees to abortion limits," The Raleigh News & Observer, June 16, 2011 (emphasis added)

According to the *Charlotte Observer*, Republican House Majority Leader Paul Stam referred to the ultrasound bill as "the most important bill on the pro-life agenda."

HEADLINE: 2 from Mecklenburg part of N.C. abortion debate

State Reps. Tricia Cotham and Ruth Samuelson of Charlotte both come from prominent Democratic families. They once shared a suite of legislative offices. Each is a proud mother.

But now the two are leaders on opposite sides of one of the most contentious issues in the General Assembly: the move to restrict abortions in North Carolina.

Both say their positions have been shaped by their personal stories as parents.

Samuelson, a Republican, is a chief sponsor of a bill requiring a 24-hour waiting period for women seeking an abortion...

The bill is one of several efforts that abortion opponents, emboldened by GOP control of the legislature, hope will change North Carolina's abortion policies...

House Majority Leader Paul Stam calls the "Woman's Right to Know Act" "the most important bill on the pro-life agenda" and Samuelson a skillful champion.

It would make North Carolina the 26th state to require a waiting period for an abortion. Legislative researchers estimate it would result in nearly 2,900 more births a year in a state where more than 27,000 abortions were performed in 2008.

"2 from Mecklenburg part of N.C. abortion debate," Charlotte Observer, May 18, 2011 (emphasis added)

In June 2011, Governor Beverly Perdue Vetoes the Ultrasound Bill – the Republican-Controlled State Legislature Successfully Overrode the Veto

In June 2011, Governor Beverly Perdue vetoed the ultrasound bill saying, "I find it repugnant to women and men and families; it's just wrong."

HEADLINE: Perdue vetoes abortion limits bill

Gov. Bev Perdue vetoed a bill Monday that would have imposed a waiting period and other restrictions on women seeking abortions, stopping in Greensboro to reject the measure in front of a small audience.

“There should be no intervention ... of elected officials in conversations and treatment patterns between doctors and their patients,” said Perdue, a Democrat, after officially sending the bill back to lawmakers. “I find it repugnant to women and men and families; it’s just wrong.”

The bill provoked strident debate as it moved through the legislature, pushed by Republican lawmakers who control both the House and Senate...

But the bill’s opponents say that doctors already have to provide informed consent for all medical procedures. The special notice requirements in the **“Woman’s Right to Know” bill** went beyond standard medical practice, directing that women must have an ultrasound and prescribing state-sanctioned materials that women must be issued before an abortion.

“Perdue vetoes abortion limits bill,” Greensboro News and Record, June 27, 2011 (emphasis added)

In July 2011, the Republican-controlled North Carolina Legislature successfully overrode Governor Beverly Perdue's veto of the ultrasound bill.

HEADLINE: North Carolina lawmakers pass abortion law over veto

Women seeking an abortion in North Carolina will have to wait 24 hours, receive counseling and be presented with an ultrasound image of the fetus under an informed consent law passed on Thursday over the governor’s objections.

Democratic Governor Beverly Perdue had vetoed the measure. But the state Senate voted on Thursday to override the veto, two days after the House of Representatives took similar action, which means the bill is now law and will take effect in October.

North Carolina joins 25 other states that require pre-abortion counseling that goes beyond basic medical “informed consent,” according to Elizabeth Nash, public policy associate with Guttmacher Institute in Washington.

It is the tenth state to include the additional requirement of an ultrasound, which has drawn legal challenges in several states, Nash said.

The North Carolina law will require that an ultrasound image be presented and the sound of the fetal heartbeat be offered, though a woman is free to look away and ignore an explanation and medical description of what is on the screen.

Perdue, a Democrat and North Carolina’s first female governor, vetoed the bill on June 27. In her veto message, she called the legislation a “dangerous intrusion into the confidential relationship that exists between women and their doctors.”

“North Carolina lawmakers pass abortion law over veto,” Reuters, July 28, 2011 (emphasis added)

The Ultrasound Bill Was Immediately Challenged in 2011 which Prevented the Law from Going into Effect and in January 2014, a U.S. District Court Judge Struck Down the Law – the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Later Upheld the Decision and the U.S. Supreme Court Declined to Review the Case

After legislative Republicans overrode Governor Perdue’s veto of HB 854, progressive groups immediately challenged the ultrasound bill in court to prevent it from going into effect. In January 2014, a U.S. District Court judge struck down the ultrasound bill.

Conservatives appealed the decision but the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the decision and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review the case.

HEADLINE: US Supreme Court declines to take up the NC ultrasound law

A North Carolina law that would have forced doctors performing abortions to do an ultrasound, display the sonogram for the woman and describe it in great detail suffered a final defeat on Monday when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review the case.

The controversial provisions of a 2011 law never went into effect.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other groups challenged the requirement shortly after it was adopted. It was struck down in January 2014 by U.S. District Judge Catherine Eagles in the Middle District of North Carolina as a First Amendment violation.

The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the decision in December 2014 and the country’s highest court decided Monday not to take up a petition seeking review of that decision...

The lower courts ruled that the 2011 law, which was adopted despite a veto by then-Gov. Bev Perdue, requires physicians to deliver politically motivated communications to a patient even over the patient’s objection.

A three-judge Fourth Circuit appeals court panel stated that “transforming the physician into the mouthpiece of the state undermines the trust that is necessary for facilitating healthy doctor-patient relationships and, through them, successful treatment outcomes.”

The law was preliminarily blocked in October 2011 following a lawsuit filed on behalf of several North Carolina physicians and medical practices by the Center for Reproductive Rights, the American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU of North Carolina Legal Foundation, Planned Parenthood, and the firm of O’Melveny & Myers. While the law would have allowed the woman to “avert her eyes” from the ultrasound screen and to “refuse to hear” the explanation of the images, the provider would have still been required to place the images in front of her and describe them in detail over her objection.

[“US Supreme Court declines to take up the NC ultrasound law,” Raleigh News & Observer, June 16, 2015 \(emphasis added\)](#)

C.3 – Ties to Pro-Abortion Rights Group Lillian’s List

Lillian’s List Is a Progressive Organization Dedicated to Recruiting and Supporting Pro-Abortion Rights Women to the North Carolina State Senate and State House

Lillian’s List is a progressive organization originally founded in 1997. The group has been dedicated to “recruiting and supporting women running for the North Carolina House of Representatives and State Senate for 22 years.” Lillian’s List specifically recruits “women who are champions of reproductive freedom” (i.e. pro-abortion rights).

Lillian’s List has been recruiting and supporting women running for the North Carolina House of Representatives and State Senate for 22 years. Over the years, we have endorsed over 120 progressive women who are champions of reproductive freedom as Lillian’s List Featured Candidates. We have helped elect 72 of those women to the House, Senate, and Council of State. And those numbers are about to start climbing again.

We have already begun our endorsement process for 2020, meeting with candidates from all over the state to hear about their campaigns, their issues, and their values. There is nothing more inspirational to us here at Lillian’s List than talking with a candidate about her decision to run, her community and why she wants to serve. The amazing thing is all of them are in this for the same reason, to make their community and North Carolina a better place. Sure, they all want to win and they have the plans that will help them do so, but at the end of the day, they view elected office as public service. They are inspiring and their experiences and accomplishments would bring so much to politics and policy in North Carolina.

For us, supporting women running for office is no passing fad and we have a history of success helping candidates. Lillian’s List held our very first event back in September of 1997. In keeping with that tradition, we are looking forward to our annual Lead with Lillian reception in Chapel Hill next month and it seems only fitting that we will be introducing our first Featured Candidates of 2020 to the Sisterhood there! We can’t wait for you to get to know them. I know you will see in these women what I have already seen, the warmth, humor, and grit that will allow them to run winning campaigns in 2020. I hope you will join the Sisterhood on September 15 for Lead with Lillian to meet the first round of 2020 Lillian’s List Featured Candidates!

[“Winning with Women for 22 Years,” lillianslist.org](https://lillianslist.org) (emphasis added; accessed on 4/16/2020)

Lillian’s List Contributed \$2,500 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate Campaign in December 2019

On December 17, 2019, Lillian’s List PAC contributed \$2,500 to Lake’s 2020 State Senate campaign.

Date	Is Prior	Name Of Contributor And Complete Mailing Address	Receipt Type	Purpose	Description	Account Code	Form Of Payment	Amount Of Receipt	Sum To Date
12/17/2019		Lillians List PAC 2912 Highwoods Blvd Ste 203 Raleigh, NC 27604-1095	Other Political Committee Contribution			FC 01	Check	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

[Donna Lake for NC \(STA-YY343G-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed March 23, 2020](#)

In 2012, Lake Contributed \$125 to the Lillian’s List of NC PAC

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Lake contributed a total of \$125 to the Lillian’s List of NC PAC in 2012. The following table provides an itemized list of all contributions Lake has made to Lillian’s List of NC.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAKE TO LILLIAN’S LIST OF NC

Committee Name	Contributor	Contributor Address	Contributor Employer	Contributor Occupation	Date	Amount
Lillians List of NC	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	ECU	Professor	3/12/2012	\$25
Lillians List of NC	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	ECU	Professor	3/12/2012	\$100
					Total	\$125

Source: [“Transaction Search by Entity,” cf.ncsbe.gov](#)

The following images show Lake’s contributions to the Lillian’s List of NC PAC.

Date	Is Prior	Name Of Contributor And Complete Mailing Address	Receipt Type	Purpose	Description	Account Code	Form Of Payment	Amount Of Receipt	Sum To Date
03/12/2012		Donna Lake Professor ECU 106 Cassedale Dr Goldsboro, NC 27534-9408	Individual Contribution			1	Credit Card	\$100.00	\$125.00
03/12/2012		Donna Lake Professor ECU 106 Cassedale Dr Goldsboro, NC 27534-9408	Individual Contribution			1	Credit Card	\$25.00	\$125.00

[Lillians List of NC \(STA-C3652N-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed July 24, 2012](#)

The North Carolina State Board of Elections classifies Lillian’s List of NC as a Political Action Committee (PAC) based in Raleigh.

The screenshot shows the North Carolina State Board of Elections website. The header includes the logo and the text 'Campaign Document Search By Entity'. Below the header, there is a section for 'Political Committee Disclosure Report' with a link to 'Export data to .CSV'. A table with the following data is displayed:

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Committee Name	Committee Type	SBoE ID
Lillian's List of NC 2912 Highwoods Blvd Ste 214 Raleigh, NC 27604-1003	Political Action Committee	STA-C3652N-C-001

[Lillian's List of NC \(STA-C3652N-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed July 24, 2012](#)

In May 2019, Lillian’s List Pledged to Recruit a Progressive Challenger to State Senator Don Davis (SD 5) – Davis Was the Only Democratic State Senator Who Voted to Override Governor Cooper’s Veto of SB 359, a Bill Requiring Medical Care for Newborns that an Survive Abortion

In 2019, the Republican legislature passed SB 359, a partial-birth abortion bill. According to the *Raleigh News & Observer*, SB 359 “instructs medical professionals to care specifically for newborns who survive an abortion.”

Democratic Governor Roy Cooper vetoed SB 359 and Republicans moved to override the governor’s veto. State Senator Don Davis (SD 5) was the only Democratic senator to vote with Republicans to override Governor Cooper’s veto of SB 359. As a result, Lillian’s List pledged to recruit a primary challenger to Davis in the upcoming election.

HEADLINE: As abortion bills advance nationwide, where does NC’s ‘born alive’ bill stand?

As anti-abortion legislation is advancing across the country, a related bill is stalled in North Carolina...

In North Carolina, a federal court earlier this year struck down the state’s ban on abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy. State lawmakers haven’t addressed that bill yet.

But they did introduce the “Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act,” which aims to address what happens when abortions fail.

The GOP-sponsored bill, **SB 359**, instructs medical professionals to care specifically for newborns who survive an abortion. It would enact new punishments for physicians and nurses who don’t comply with the law or who fail to report noncompliance. They could face felony charges, prison time and up to \$250,000 in fines...

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North Carolina's GOP-majority legislature passed the bill earlier this year, but Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed it on April 18.

As of today, the veto still stands. And the microscope is on the state House.

To override Cooper, the state House and state Senate each need three-fifths of their present members to support the idea. Republicans don't have enough votes to override Cooper's veto on their own, so they're relying on Democrats.

The N.C. Senate on April 30 voted to override Cooper's veto. The effort succeeded by one vote, with Pitt County's Don Davis as the lone Democrat to vote with Republicans...

The NC Values Coalition, a conservative anti-abortion advocacy group, has had conversations with "several Democratic lawmakers who are conflicted over voting to override Governor Cooper's veto," Tami Fitzgerald, the group's executive director, told McClatchy in an email.

It will likely be an uphill battle if House members fear the type of political backlash Davis now faces. After the Senate's vote, Lillian's List, Planned Parenthood and several other groups announced their intentions to recruit a Democrat to challenge Davis in his primary.

"As abortion bills advance nationwide, where does NC's 'born alive' bill stand?" Raleigh News & Observer, May 15, 2019
(emphasis added)

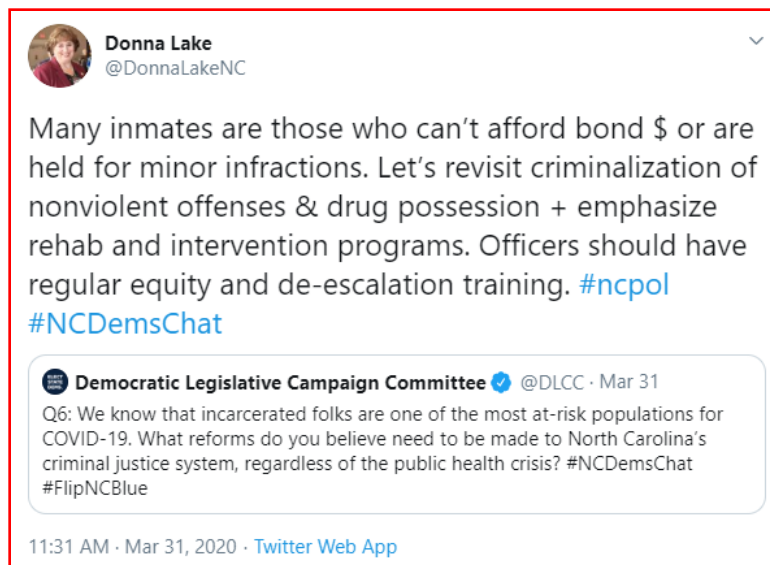
Note that the North Carolina State Board of Elections website shows that State Senator Davis did not end up facing a primary challenge in the March 2020 election. (*"Lists of Candidates Who Filed for 2020," ncsbe.gov*)

C.4 – Supports Legislation to Weaken Criminal Sentences

In a March 2020 Twitter Post, Lake Said She Wanted to “Revisit Criminalization” of Specific Crimes and Wanted Regular “Equity and De-escalation” Training for Officers

In a March 2020 Twitter post, Lake said that she wants to “revisit” the criminalization of non-violent crime and drug possession. She also added that officers “should have regular equity and de-escalation training.” Lake’s statement came in response to a question posed by the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee on Twitter, where Democratic legislative candidates were asked about what reforms needed to be made to the criminal justice system in North Carolina.

An image of Lake’s Twitter post is shown below.



[@DonnaLakeNC, Twitter.com, March 31, 2020](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

In April 2019, Republican Legislators Proposed SB 404, a Criminal Justice Reform Bill to Release up to Thousands of Non-Violent Prisoners on the Streets – the Bill Proved to Be Unpopular and Failed to Advance

In April 2019, Republican legislators proposed SB 404, a criminal justice reform bill. According to the *Raleigh News & Observer*, the bill “would give judges more discretion when they sentence people convicted of drug crimes.”

The article noted that “Senate Bill 404 could also let hundreds, or even thousands, of people serving time in North Carolina prisons for nonviolent drug crimes ask the government to reduce their sentences or even let them go free.”

HEADLINE: Some NC Republicans want to copy Trump’s criminal justice reforms. Will they pass here?

Conservative activists stood alongside a former prison inmate and the mother of a drug dealer on Tuesday to call for criminal justice reform in North Carolina.

They’re “strange bedfellows,” said Sen. Bob Steinburg, but their support shows the wide appeal the proposed reforms have. They support a bill sponsored by Steinburg and two other Republican senators which would give judges more discretion when they sentence people convicted of drug crimes.

Senate Bill 404 could also let hundreds, or even thousands, of people serving time in North Carolina prisons for nonviolent drug crimes ask the government to reduce their sentences or even let them go free.

The bill is based on reforms in the federal justice system that Republican President Donald Trump signed into law last year, which were themselves building on other reforms under his predecessor, Democratic President Barack Obama.

“Some NC Republicans want to copy Trump’s criminal justice reforms. Will they pass here?” Raleigh News & Observer, April 16, 2019 (emphasis added)

SB 404 proved to be an unpopular bill and failed to advance in the North Carolina State Senate. The last action on the bill occurred on May 1, 2019, when the bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Operations of the Senate.

The screenshot shows the North Carolina General Assembly website for Senate Bill 404. The page title is "Senate Bill 404" and it is identified as "North Carolina First Step Act, 2019-2020 Session". The "Last Action" is highlighted with a red box: "Re-ref Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 5/1/2019". Other details include Sponsors: Steinburg; Daniel; Britt (Primary) and J. Davis, and Attributes: Public. The page also includes navigation links for HOUSE, SENATE, AUDIO, CALENDARS, COMMITTEES, BILLS & LAWS, DIVISIONS, REDISTRICTING, and ABOUT.

SB 404 (2019-2020 Session), ncleg.gov (accessed on 4/16/2020; red box added)

Nationally, Several Republicans Have Opposed Efforts to Pass Criminal Justice Reform – In April 2018, U.S. Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) Wrote an Opinion Article Describing Criminal Justice Reform as a “Misguided Effort to Let Serious Felons out of Prison”

In November 2018, U.S Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) published an opinion article criticizing Congress for attempting to pass a criminal justice reform package during the lame-duck session.

In the article, Cotton describes a criminal justice reform package as a “misguided effort to let serious felons out of prison.” Cotton also states that the criminal justice package “goes soft on some of the worst crimes — trafficking heroin and fentanyl — by allowing most traffickers to spend up to a third of their sentence at home, where many of them will no doubt return to dealing drugs.”

OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE: Lame-duck Congress' rush for criminal justice reform plan will hurt, not help: Tom Cotton

Lame-duck sessions of Congress rarely produce good legislation. Legislators are least accountable now, with many not returning next year. And they're counting on voters tuning out after the election for the holidays. Nowhere is this more true than with so called **“criminal-justice reform,” which is just a misguided effort to let serious felons out of prison.**

Here's what genuine criminal-justice reform would do: reduce arbitrary government power over lives and protect us from the drug epidemic ravaging our community. Congress can take three simple steps to achieve these goals.

First, we need to clean out the federal criminal code. Today, no one even knows for sure how many federal crimes are on the books. One estimate found between 10,000 and 300,000 regulations that can be enforced criminally, in addition to the more than 5,000 federal criminal laws.

Unfortunately, the legislation moving through Congress includes no mens rea reform, no reduction in the criminal code, and no crackdown on deadly drug traffickers. Astonishingly, **the bill goes soft on some of the worst crimes — trafficking heroin and fentanyl — by allowing most traffickers to spend up to a third of their sentence at home, where many of them will no doubt return to dealing drugs...**

Third, the federal criminal code hasn't kept up with the opioid crisis, allowing the epidemic to spread across the country. For example, current law doesn't reflect the potency of fentanyl, a highly lethal opioid responsible for killing tens of thousands of Americans each year. A trafficker can carry enough fentanyl to kill 5,000 Americans before the lowest mandatory minimum sentence applies, and these traffickers receive a mere five-year sentence for distributing enough poison to kill more Americans than died on 9/11.

At this point, it's best for Congress to pause on criminal-justice legislation and take the time to reform our criminal code, include mens rea as an element of most crimes, and strengthen the sentences for dangerous drug crimes. Congress can also focus on how to rehabilitate felons to help them get off on the right foot after serving their sentence. What Congress ought not do is rush through flawed legislation in a lame-duck session. Unaccountable politicians and those who live behind armed guards may be willing to gamble with your life — but why should you?

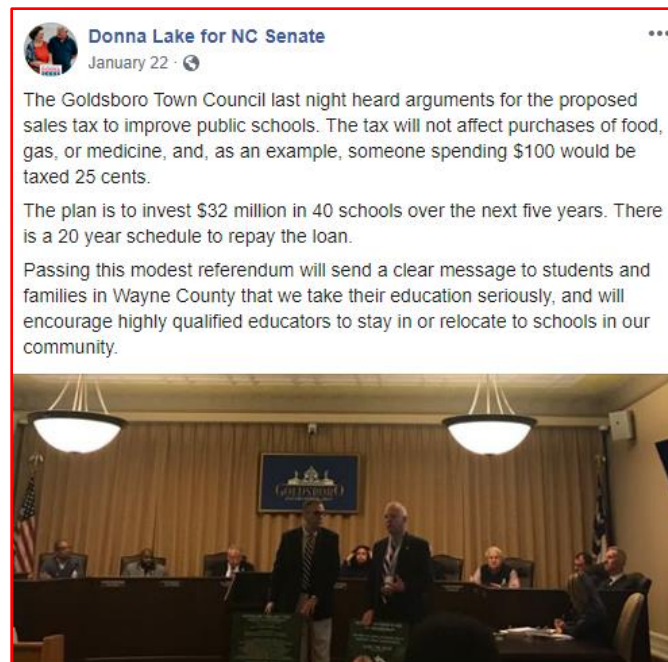
[Senator Tom Cotton Opinion Article “Lame-duck Congress' rush for criminal justice reform plan will hurt, not help: Tom Cotton.” USA Today, November 15, 2018 \(emphasis added\)](#)

C.5 – Supports \$32 Million Local Sales Tax Hike in Goldsboro

In a January 2020 Facebook Post, Lake Advocated for a \$32 Million Sales Tax Increase in Wayne County – Lake Called the Tax Increase a “Moderate Referendum”

In a January 2020 Facebook post, Lake advocated for the passage of a “moderate referendum” consisting of a \$32 million tax increase in Wayne County.

An image of Lake’s Facebook post is shown below.



[Donna Lake for NC Senate, Facebook.com, January 22, 2020](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

In December 2019, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners Placed a Quarter-Cent Local Option Sales Tax on the March 2020 Primary Ballot which Raised Taxes Annually by \$2.6 Million to Fund School Construction – a Similar Sales Tax Had Previously Failed to Pass in 2018

In December 2019, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners placed a one-quarter of one cent Local Option Sales Tax on the March 2020 Primary ballot. According to the *Goldsboro Daily News*, the sales tax referendum “would generate approximately \$2.6 million annually for school construction.” The *Goldsboro Daily News* also noted that a similar sales tax proposal was on the ballot in 2018 and had failed to pass.

HEADLINE: County To Put Sales Tax Increase On The Ballot Again

Once again, Wayne County voters will be asked to approve a sales tax increase to benefit the county's schools.

Tuesday, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution “to place a one-quarter of one cent Local Option Sales Tax on the March 2020 Primary.”

County Manager Craig Honeycutt read the resolution to the county board and said the measure would generate approximately \$2.6 million annually for school construction.

Gas, prescription medication, and non-prepared food or groceries would be exempt from the sale tax increase.

Commissioner Wayne Aycock stated the county schools “need this.”

Commissioner Ray Mayo says providing new funds for school construction and improvements is one of the top priorities for the coming years.

A similar sales tax increase to fund projects in the Wayne County school system failed to gain voter approval in November of 2018.

“County To Put Sales Tax Increase On The Ballot Again,” Goldsboro Daily News, December 3, 2019 (emphasis added)

On March 3, 2020, Voters in Wayne County Defeated the Sales Tax Referendum by a “Margin of Roughly 550 Votes”

In March 2020, the *Goldsboro Daily News* published an article detailing the election results of the Wayne County sale tax referendum. On March 3, 2020, voters in Wayne County defeated the sales tax referendum by “a margin of roughly 550 votes.”

HEADLINE: Schools Still Have Critical Needs

It was not a Super Tuesday for Wayne County Schools.

The one-quarter-of-one-cent local sales and use tax referendum was shot down by Wayne County voters in the March 3rd primary by a margin of roughly 550 votes.

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Daughtery expressed his disappointment in the sales tax's failure at the March 17th meeting.

Daughtery noted that the schools still have critical needs that need to be addressed.

He said the county would not be able to put off the school improvements for years.

The one-quarter-of-one-cent sales and use tax would have been used to fund roughly \$32 million in public school facility improvements in Wayne County.

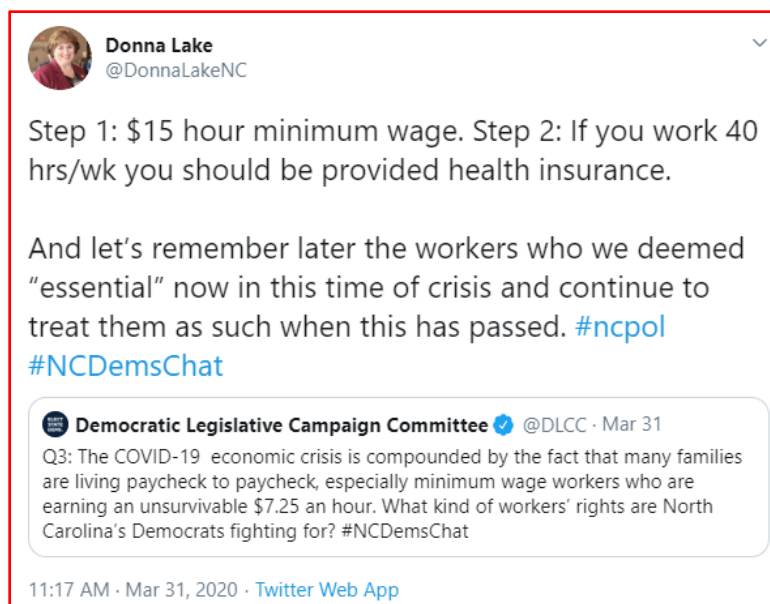
“Schools Still Have Critical Needs,” Goldsboro Daily News, March 31, 2020 (emphasis added)

C.6 – Supports \$15 Minimum Wage

In a March 2020 Twitter Post, Lake Said North Carolina Should Have a \$15 Minimum Wage

In a March 2020 Twitter post, Lake said North Carolina should have a \$15 minimum wage. Lake’s statement came in response to a question posed by the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee on Twitter, where Democratic legislative candidates were asked about their views on worker rights in light of the economic crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

An image of Lake’s Twitter post is shown below.



[@DonnaLakeNC, Twitter.com, March 31, 2020](#) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

In July 2019 Remarks to Congress, Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC) Opposed a Bill to Raise the Federal Minimum Wage to \$15 – Foxx Said a \$15 Minimum Wage Was “Radical, Risky, and Unnecessary” and “Would Cause up to 3.7 Million Lost Jobs”

In July 2019, a federal \$15 minimum wage was debated in Congress. At that time, Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC) said the bill to raise the minimum wage to \$15 was “radical, risky, and unnecessary” and “would cause up to 3.7 million lost jobs” in the U.S.

PRESS RELEASE HEADLINE: WATCH: Foxx Speaks Against Job-Killing Federal Minimum Wage Hike

During this morning’s debate of H.R. 582, a job-killing bill that forces a punishing one-size-fits-all wage hike on job creators across America, Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC), Republican Leader of the Education and Labor Committee, delivered the following remarks:

"Mr. Speaker, I rise in complete opposition to H.R. 582, a radical, risky, and unnecessary bill that puts party politics above the best interests of American workers and their families.

"Increasing the federal minimum wage by 107 percent is a harmful and unprecedented mandate that would result in millions of job losses for vulnerable Americans, small business closures, and significant damage to the U.S. economy.

"A detailed study issued this month by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates a \$15 minimum wage would cause up to 3.7 million lost jobs. 3.7 million jobs! One job lost is too many. 3.7 million jobs lost is unconscionable.

["WATCH: Foxx Speaks Against Job-Killing Federal Minimum Wage Hike."](#)
[Committee on Education & Labor Republicans Press Release, July 18, 2019](#) (emphasis added)

In 2019, a Bill Was Introduced in the North Carolina Legislature to Increase the Minimum Wage to \$15 – the Civitas Institute Said Increasing the Minimum Wage Would Cause “A Lot of People” to “End up with No Wages at All Because They Are out of a Job”

In 2019, a bill was introduced in the North Carolina legislature to increase the state’s minimum wage to \$15, more than doubling the minimum wage from \$7.25.

HEADLINE: Proposed bill would raise North Carolina minimum wage to \$15/hr

There's a push to get minimum wage to \$15 in North Carolina.

The proposed bill would slowly roll out wage increases over five years, finally hitting \$15 by 2024, but, again, that all depends on if it is passed.

The idea of a \$15/hour living wage has been tossed around for a while across the country. Some states have already started implementing it and if some North Carolina lawmakers have their way, it could be next on the list....

Currently, the minimum wage in North Carolina is at \$7.25. The legislation would more than double that, making the average salary for a full-time employee just a little over \$31,000 a year, before taxes.

["Proposed bill would raise North Carolina minimum wage to \\$15/hr," Fox 46 Charlotte, March 19, 2019](#)

That year, there were a total of seven bills in the legislature to increase North Carolina’s minimum wage, and none of them passed. Donald Bryson of the Civitas Institute said “a lot of people end up with no wages at all because they are out of a job” if the minimum wage was increased.

HEADLINE: As more states raise minimum wage, North Carolina stands pat at \$7.25 an hour

Two dozen states in the U.S. are raising their minimum wage in 2020 but in North Carolina, it will remain at \$7.25 an hour.

Seven bills were filed in the state to increase the minimum wage in 2019, but none of them went anywhere. The group Action NC is pushing for an increase to \$15 an hour. Executive Director Pat McCoy said a wage increase will help battle the affordable housing crisis in Charlotte....

Donald Bryson of the Civitas Institute said keeping it at its current level will prevent job loss. He argues against having a minimum wage at all and said employers should pay employees based on their worth.

"Some people end up with higher wages, but a lot of people end up with no wages at all because they are out of a job," Bryson said. "If we have employees coming in to negotiate their own wages, we would probably see higher wages in places like Raleigh and Charlotte."

"As more states raise minimum wage, North Carolina stands pat at \$7.25 an hour."

WSOC, January 2, 2020 (emphasis added)

C.7 – Supports Green New Deal-Style Environmental Policies

In a March 2020 Twitter Post, Lake Called for Reducing North Carolina’s Carbon Footprint and Punishing “Corporate Polluters” to Prevent Climate “Disasters” – also Supported Creating Government Handouts for Businesses “to Go Green”

In a March 2020 Twitter Post, Lake stated that North Carolina “should have tax incentives for businesses to go green” (i.e. government handouts). Lake also called for reducing North Carolina’s carbon footprint and punishing “corporate polluters.”

Lake’s statement came in response to a question posed by the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee on Twitter, where Democratic legislative candidates were asked about what government needed to be prepared for a climate crisis.

An image of Lake’s Twitter post is shown below.



[@DonnaLakeNC, Twitter.com, March 31, 2020](https://twitter.com/DonnaLakeNC/status/1244444444444444444) (accessed on 4/15/2020)

Lake’s Environmental Proposal of Reducing Carbon Footprints Is Similar to the Green New Deal, which Calls for “Meeting 100 Percent of the Power Demand in the United States through Clean, Renewable, and Zero-Emission Energy Sources”

In March 2020, CNN published an article detailing the key policies of the Green New Deal introduced in Congress. Lake’s environmental policy proposal of reducing carbon footprints is very similar to the Green New Deal which calls for 100% renewable energy use.

The Green New Deal has a specific goal of “meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources.”

HEADLINE: Here's what the Green New Deal actually says

Green New Deal fits perfectly on a bumper sticker.

But the proposal isn't a simple fix for what ails the US. It would equal taking American society back to the drawing board and rebuilding it from the safety net up.

As written, it is more a list of ideas and ideals than an actual proposal, although the new climate change regulations it suggests could run to \$1 trillion...

Here's a look at some passages that stuck out in the 14-page resolution, and what they might mean for the country:

Renewable energy

"meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources"

This would be a wholesale turnaround in US energy. Renewables -- including hydroelectric, wind, biomass, solar and geothermal -- currently account for about 20% of US energy production, about on par with nuclear energy as outlined by the US Energy Information Agency. Natural gas accounts for the largest share -- about 32% -- and coal isn't far behind, at 30%. The current projection is for renewable energy to account for about 31% of US energy generation by 2050, with steep drops for nuclear and coal.

["Here's what the Green New Deal actually says," CNN, March 2, 2020](#) (emphasis added)

Lake Is Calling for Punishing Corporate Polluters at a Time when North Carolina's Hog Industry Is Facing Million-Dollar Penalties and Lawsuits for Pollution – American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall Stated that North Carolina Hog Farmers Were “under Attack”

In May 2019, Pew Trusts published a story detailing the numerous times hog farmers especially in North Carolina have faced million-dollar lawsuits and penalties for pollution.

The article cited a 2018 case in which a “jury awarded \$473.5 million to neighbors of industrial-scale hog farms over “obnoxious, recurrent odors” and “other nuisances.” American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall stated that North Carolina hog farmers were “under attack.”

HEADLINE: Neighbors Suing Over Pig Fumes Spur 'Right-to-Farm' Push

Agriculture interests this year have successfully lobbied for a host of new state laws to protect farms from litigation over foul smells, loud noises and declining water quality.

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The push comes after years of nuisance lawsuits the agriculture industry blames for decimating some livestock producers. All 50 states already had a “right to farm” on their books, but the new laws will make it even more difficult to bring such lawsuits against farmers.

Some of the laws prohibit all but the nearest neighbors from filing a claim. Others limit the awards that plaintiffs can win, or hold them financially liable for a defendant’s legal fees if their lawsuit is dismissed...

Much of the action has been spurred by legal activity in North Carolina, home to 9 million hogs and 2,400 swine operations — and the pig waste that goes with them. The state’s pork industry has long been criticized for harming the environment, but last year a jury awarded \$473.5 million to neighbors of industrial-scale hog farms over “obnoxious, recurrent odors” and other nuisances.

The award was capped at \$94 million under a state law limiting punitive claims, but it sent a strong signal to agriculture.

In a column titled “Our Right to Farm,” the American Farm Bureau Federation rallied the troops.

Hog farmers in North Carolina are “under attack,” Zippy Duvall, president of the 100-year-old organization, wrote last August in his “Zipline” column for the organization’s website. He blamed the legal industry rather than residents.

“Money-hungry big-trial lawyers have swooped in pitting neighbor against neighbor with overblown lawsuits,” Duvall wrote. If they’re not stopped, he continued, “there’s nothing standing in the way of them crossing state lines to head straight for each of our farms next.”

Duvall encouraged his “Farm Bureau family” to help usher in a wave of right-to-farm bills that legislatures in at least nine states have considered or enacted this year.

The North Carolina cases prompted the Farm Bureau and other agricultural heavyweights to organize. Roughly 500 plaintiffs in 29 cases have sued Smithfield Foods subsidiary Murphy-Brown, alleging that swine operations’ open lagoons, used to store hog manure, stink up the area and draw flies.

In one recent ruling, jurors in March held the pork giant liable for \$420,000. Four other juries have already awarded nearly \$550 million in penalties.

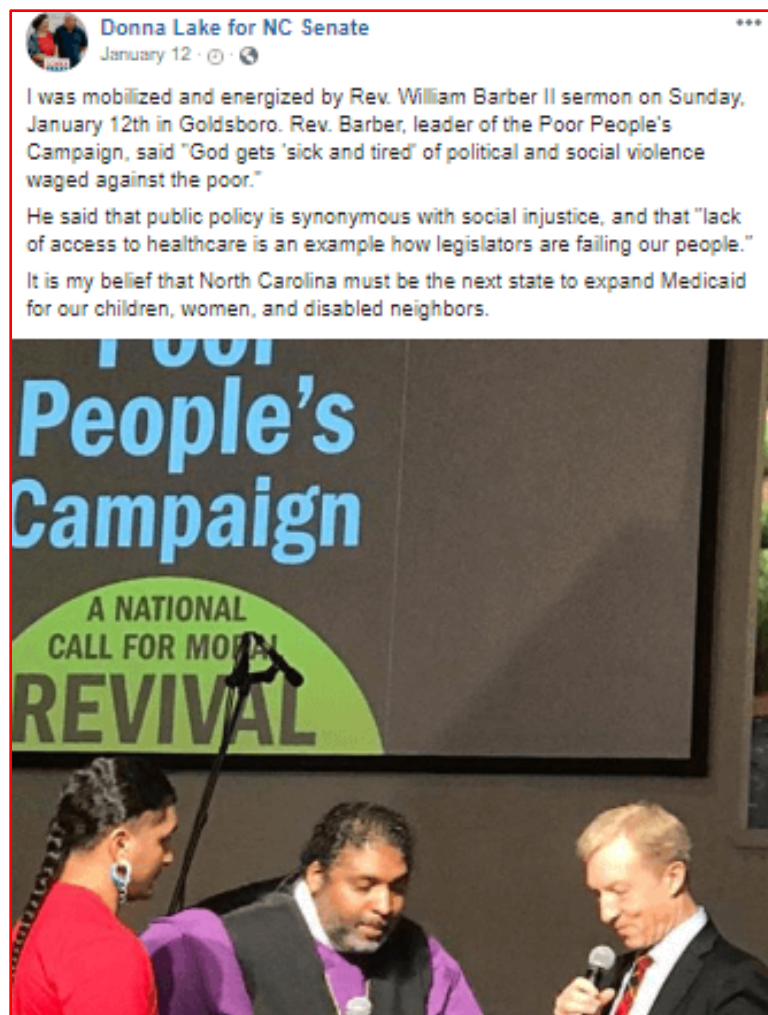
[“Neighbors Suing Over Pig Fumes Spur ‘Right-to-Farm’ Push,” Pew Trusts, May 22, 2019](#) *(emphasis added)*

C.8 – Ties to the Poor Peoples Campaign – a Liberal Group that Wants to Cut the Military

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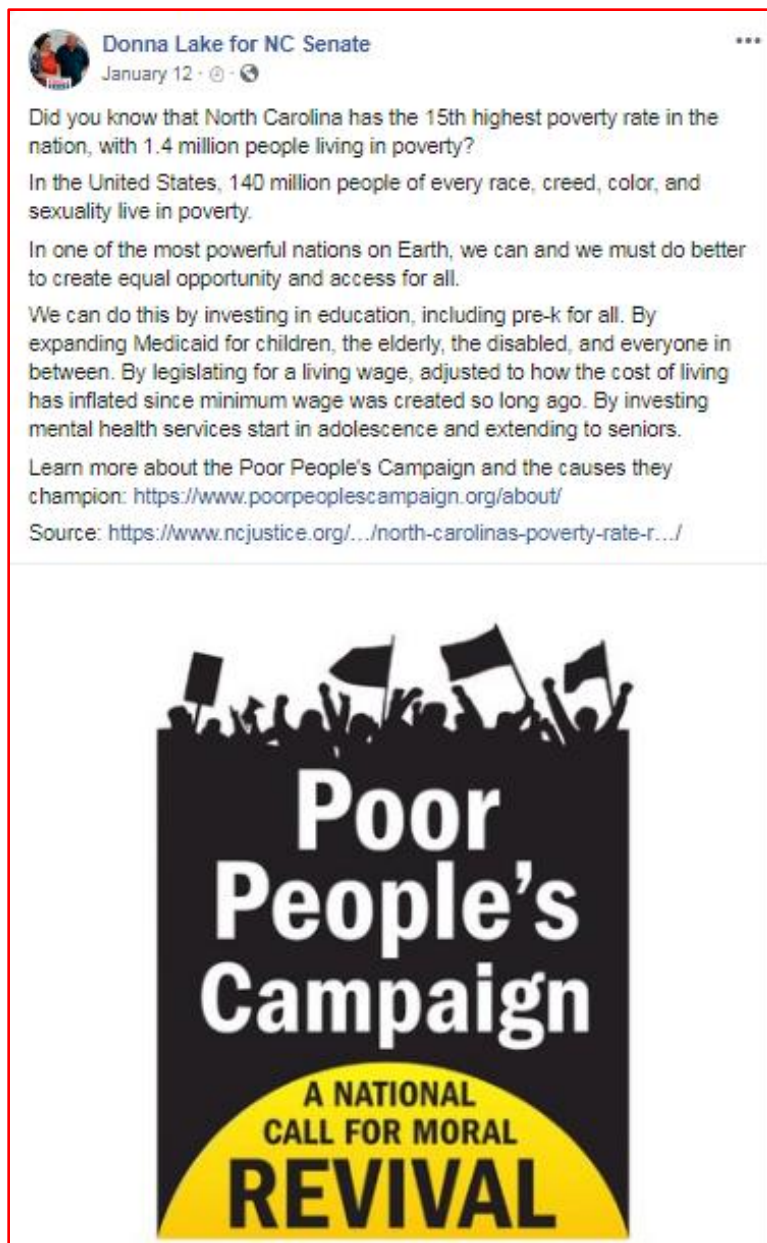
In the same post, Lake also stated, “It is my belief that North Carolina must be the next state to expand Medicaid for our children, women, and disabled neighbors.”



Donna Lake for NC Senate, Facebook.com, January 12, 2020 (accessed on 4/16/2020)

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[Donna Lake for NC Senate, Facebook.com, January 12, 2020](#) (accessed on 4/16/2020)

The Poor People’s Campaign Is a Very Liberal Organization, which Has Proposed Cutting the Federal Defense Budget by \$350 Billion per Year and Raising Taxes by \$886 Billion per Year

According to its website, The Poor People’s campaign is a very liberal organization that has proposed a “Moral Budget” of what areas of the federal budget to fund.

This “Moral Budget” calls for “\$350 billion in annual military spending cuts” and “\$886 billion in estimated annual revenue from fair taxes on the wealthy, corporations, and Wall Street.” The budget also calls for “billions more in savings from ending mass incarceration, addressing climate change, and meeting other key campaign demands.”

Everybody Has the Right to Live

In April 2018, the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival released a Moral Agenda and Declaration of Fundamental Rights. The demands contained within that document present a comprehensive response to the systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism, and war economy plaguing our country today. For the 140 million people who are poor, or one emergency away from being poor, we know these demands are necessary. This Poor People’s Moral Budget asks, given the resources of our society, whether these demands are also possible. Our answer is a resounding yes.

In the seven sections of the Moral Budget, we look at policies and investments for seven critical areas of the Poor People’s Moral Agenda: 1) democracy and equal protection under the law; 2) domestic tranquility; 3) peace and the common defense; 4) life and health; 5) the planet; 6) our future; and 7) an equitable economy. In each case, we’ve found that our nation has abundant resources to meet the demands of the poor, and to address the widespread and systemic injustices we face. In contrast, the current realities of voter suppression, low and inconsistent wages, insecure access to health care and other basic needs, wealth inequality, war, and climate change are far costlier than we have been led to believe.

This Budget also challenges the idea that poverty is the fault of the poor. Instead, it finds that poverty is caused by structures and immoral policies, and therefore, it will take moral policies and larger social transformation to lift the load of poverty. At the same time, this Budget is not an endorsement of any specific policy and it is not a policy prescription. It is, instead, an effort to offer a broader, bigger way to imagine society than our current public discourse and framing...

The United States has abundant resources for an economic revival that will move towards establishing a moral economy. This report identifies:

- \$350 billion in annual military spending cuts that would make the nation and the world more secure;
- \$886 billion in estimated annual revenue from fair taxes on the wealthy, corporations, and Wall Street; and
- Billions more in savings from ending mass incarceration, addressing climate change, and meeting other key campaign demands.

[“Poor People’s Moral Budget,” poorpeoplescampaign.org](https://poorpeoplescampaign.org) (accessed on 4/16/2020; emphasis added)

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HEADLINE: Steyer Tackles Issue Of Poverty During Stop In Goldsboro

Another candidate for president makes a stop in Goldsboro.

Tom Steyer, a candidate seeking the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, attended mass at Greenleaf Christian Church on Sunday and then took part in a roundtable discussion on poverty led by the Rev. William Barber. Barber is a co-founder of the Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival.

Topics covered during the forum on poverty included affordable health care, education, raising the minimum wage, and voter rights. Several times during the discussion, Steyer referred to poverty in this country as “cruelty.” He expressed his support for raising the minimum wage and protecting the right to vote for all Americans.

Rev. Barber assured Steyer’s visit to Greenleaf was in no way an endorsement, rather an opportunity to discuss the issue of poverty. Barber says all presidential candidates from either party have been invited to take part in Sunday services and a similar forum at Greenleaf. Pete Buttigieg, another Democratic candidate for president, also attended mass and a forum on poverty at Greenleaf Christian Church in Goldsboro in December.

[“Steyer Tackles Issue Of Poverty During Stop In Goldsboro,” Goldsboro Daily News, January 12, 2020 \(emphasis added\)](#)

The following is a picture published by the *Goldsboro Daily News* of Poor People’s Campaign leader Rev. William Barber II and Tom Steyer taken at the same event that Lake attended.



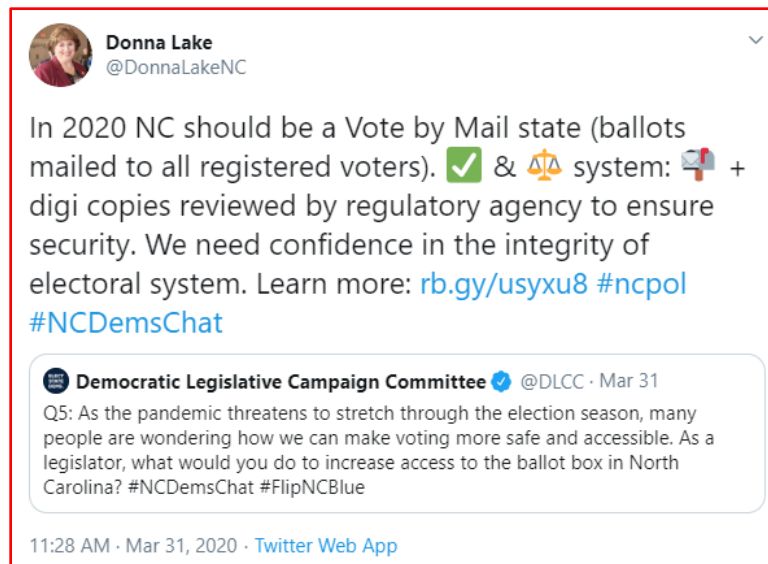
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C.9 – Election Integrity Issues – Supports Vote-by-Mail

In a March 2020 Twitter Post, Lake Supported Vote by Mail Elections in North Carolina

In a March 2020 Twitter post, Lake said she supported making North Carolina a vote by mail state. Lake’s statement came in response to a question posed by the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee on Twitter, where Democratic legislative candidates were asked what they would do “to increase access to the ballot box in North Carolina.”

An image of Lake’s Twitter post is shown below.



[@DonnaLakeNC, Twitter.com, March 31, 2020](https://twitter.com/DonnaLakeNC/status/1244444444444444444) (accessed on 4/16/2020)

Republican State Senate Leader Phil Berger Has Been Critical of Efforts to Expand Vote by Mail in North Carolina and Expressed Concern that Governor Roy Cooper and the Election Board May Rig the 2020 Election – Berger Stated, “there Is Zero Trust that this Process Would Be Fair and Transparent”

In April 2020, Republican State Senate leader Phil Berger released a statement opposing the expansion of voting by mail. Berger stated, “There is zero trust that this process would be fair and transparent.” Berger also expressed concern that either Governor Roy Cooper or the Elections Board may use the expansion of vote by mail to rig the 2020 election.

EDITORIAL HEADLINE: NC’s top Republican doesn’t trust the governor to run a fair 2020 mail-in election. Really

A battle is emerging in Washington and across the country about a large-scale expansion of mail-in voting in November’s elections. In North Carolina, the conversation just got especially ugly.

In a statement to the Editorial Board on Thursday about expanding mail-in voting here, Senate leader Phil Berger said he was concerned not only about voter fraud, but that he didn’t trust Gov. Roy Cooper and his state Board of Elections wouldn’t rig the election.

“There is zero trust that this process would be fair and transparent,” he said.

Editorial, “NC’s top Republican doesn’t trust the governor to run a fair 2020 mail-in election. Really,” Charlotte Observer, April 13, 2020 (emphasis added)

In an April 2020 interview, State Senator Berger expressed concern that making vote by mail easier could result in more voter fraud. To prove his point, Berger cited the 2018 North Carolina 9th Congressional race where a political operative illegally collected mail ballots on behalf of a candidate.

HEADLINE: Top NC Republican Dismisses Ideas To Make Mail Voting Easier

North Carolina’s top Republican lawmaker, Senate leader Phil Berger, said Wednesday he opposes some recommendations made by the North Carolina Board of Elections to make it easier to vote by mail because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Elections executive director Karen Brinson Bell has proposed a number of changes, including eliminating the requirement that mail ballots be signed by two witnesses or a notary, or only requiring one witness. She says that would encourage social distancing.

And she has proposed making it easier for people to request mail ballots.

In an interview with WFAE, Berger said he’s concerned that if North Carolina loosens its laws on mail voting it could cause problems similar to the 9th Congressional District mail ballot scandal in 2018.

“I understand that some progressive, liberal Democratic groups would like to roll that back and put us back to where we were,” Berger said. “I’m afraid that’s where the elections director would take us with her proposals.”

In the 9th District two years ago, the Board of Elections called for a new election after state investigators said a **political operative in Bladen County illegally collected mail ballots on behalf of Republican Mark Harris.** In response, the General Assembly, in a bipartisan vote, passed a law in 2019 that tightened requirements on collecting mail ballot requests.

Because of the coronavirus, the North Carolina Democratic Party proposed the state allow anyone to collect mail ballot request forms as well as mail ballots.

“Top NC Republican Dismisses Ideas To Make Mail Voting Easier,” WFAE Radio, April 1, 2020 (emphasis added)

APPENDIX A: Contributions to Others

Federal Contributions to Others

The Federal Election Commission campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named “Donna Lake.” The searches were then narrowed to ensure the address of the contributor and employer/occupation matched that of Lake. This search did not yield any results pertaining to the subject of this report. ([“Receipts,” fec.gov](#))

Note that this search did yield contributions from individuals named Donna Lake. Those individuals are not the subject of this report.

State Contributions to Others

The North Carolina State Board of Elections online campaign finance database was searched for contributions from “Donna Lake.” ([“Transaction Search by Entity,” cf.ncsbe.gov](#)) These searches yielded the following results.

As shown in the table below, Lake has contributed \$6,483 from 2001 to present.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LAKE TO STATE-LEVEL COMMITTEES FROM 2001 TO PRESENT

Committee Name	Contributor	Contributor Address	Contributor Employer	Contributor Occupation	Date	Amount
NC DEC - STATE	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	East Carolina University	Professor	2/12/2020	\$1,500
Committee to Elect Deonko Brewer to NC House	Donna Lake	PO BOX 10215	EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY	PROFESSOR	1/15/2020	\$75
NC DEC - STATE	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	East Carolina University	Professor	1/10/2020	\$1,500
NC DEC - STATE	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	Self Employed	Candidate for NC House	12/11/2019	\$1,500
NC DEC - STATE	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	Self Employed	Candidate for NC House	11/26/2019	\$1,000
NC DW	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	ECU	PROFESSOR	9/17/2019	\$23
NC DW	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	ECU	PROFESSOR	8/28/2019	\$160
NC DEC - STATE	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	Self Employed	Candidate for NC House	8/26/2019	\$500

Committee Name	Contributor	Contributor Address	Contributor Employer	Contributor Occupation	Date	Amount
NC Nurses PAC	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	ECU	RN	12/28/2016	\$100
Lillians List of NC	Donna Lake	106 Cassedale Dr., Goldsboro NC	ECU	Professor	3/12/2012	\$25
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					Total	\$6,483

Source: [“Transaction Search by Entity.” cf.ncsbe.gov](#)

APPENDIX B: Lillian’s List Candidate Questionnaire – Donna Lake, SD 7

The Lillian’s List Action Fund “Take the Lead” blog published Donna Lake’s candidate questionnaire. The complete text is included below.

BLOG HEADLINE: Meet the Candidates – Donna Lake, SD 7

Donna Lake is a nurse and veteran and she is running for Senate District 7 in Wayne and Lenoir Counties. Her top priorities in running for office are expanding Medicaid, investing in teachers and education, as well as pre-K care, and developing the rural workforce. With her background in health care, Donna is in high demand right now, but our Executive Director, Sarah Preston, was able to catch up with her (virtually) for a couple of minutes this week.

Donna and Sarah talked about what Donna had learned on the campaign trail, including the need that candidates have to build bridges and hear from everyone in the community. Donna knows that people are in need and this is a critical time. As a nurse, she has the compassion that is needed in leadership now and an understanding that we must be bold because our democracy is dependent on us. Sarah asked Donna a few questions about what is happening in her community now, her campaign, and why both being a woman and advocating for women is important on the campaign trail and in her community. Here’s what Donna had to say:

SP: Why did you decide to run for office and why now?

Donna: I went to the legislature every few weeks over the last 10 years and I saw educational and health care decisions based on party line, not what was best for the people in my community. I knew I could use my expertise to help those with no voice, those in need in my community. Now is the time. I couldn’t wait.

SP: What do you think is the most important thing that the government can do to help people now and into the future?

Donna: Medicaid expansion must happen today. Whether we are in the middle of a pandemic, or just addressing regular health care needs, number one in my mind is getting people access to quality health care.

We also need to support our students and teachers. Teachers should be earning more and they shouldn’t have to work another job to make ends meet.

SP: What do you hope to accomplish for women and families in North Carolina if elected?

Donna: I feel very strongly about working for women in office. Maternal health care, especially for low income families, is critical. Women need access to affordable, quality health care for all maternal health care.

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We also need to expand access to mental health services so that children have access to resiliency support and can prepare for the rest of their lives. We can't build a workforce unless our youth have good mental health and are ready to learn and, later, to work.

SP: What are the benefits of being a woman while campaigning?

Donna: Women are so responsive to women candidates. Gender crosses party lines. Women are more comfortable talking to other women about health care, education, and preparing our youth. I can even talk to women about their own personal health care and self care. Being a woman bridges a gap within our community.

SP: Why are you a champion of reproductive freedom and gender equity?

Donna: Gender equity is simply part of human dignity. We need to respect people where they are and embrace their differences. As a nurse, I know we also need to respect health care needs instead of ignoring the needs of women. We need everybody to be able to participate in our communities and respect is part of bringing people and perspectives to the table.

As a nurse, I have been with people in need of healthcare during very difficult times. I have been with all types of people at all ages when they needed to make decisions for their own pregnancy and health. I have seen the current requirements around sonograms cause extreme pain for a woman. Government doesn't need to be involved in that because it is a personal, private decision. Government doesn't try to get involved with the counselling or processes involved in getting vasectomies or any other kind of health care. This is private health care and should be treated as such.

SP: What would you recommend people listen to, read or watch to bring them some joy while social distancing?

Donna: I am really enjoying looking through old family photos. I would recommend that to bring joy and, if you haven't yet, think about digitizing those photos. You can capture this moment in a photo album and share memories with your family anywhere in the world. There are some good online services to help and you can even ask other family members in other areas to contribute remotely. It's a good way to reflect and stay connected with family right now.

["Meet the Candidates – Donna Lake, SD 7," Lillian's List, March 26, 2020](#)