

Harold W. “Harper” Peterson, Jr.
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Name: Harold “Harper” William Peterson, Jr.

DOB: December 16, 1948

Spouse: Pamela Dodge Peterson

Residence: 212 Orange St.
Wilmington, NC 28401

Campaign Biography

The biography shown below is from Peterson’s campaign website. In this biography, Peterson states that he has partial ownership of multiple businesses and first held office in 1995 as a Wilmington City Council member:

Harper grew up on a farm in Huntington, NY, sharing a two bedroom house with his parents, five siblings, and grandparents. It was there he learned the importance of a strong work ethic, gratitude, and caring for others less fortunate, values he has carried with him throughout his life.

A graduate of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Harper was inducted into the institution’s oldest and most prestigious honors society, the Order of the Golden Fleece, and received All-American honors in lacrosse. Upon graduating, he volunteered as an English teacher in Thailand before moving to New Hanover County in the ‘70s. Harper is married, has five children and one grandson, and he and his wife Plunkett are partners in several local businesses.

Harper served on Wilmington City Council from 1995-1999, and as Wilmington Mayor from 2001-2003. He is a founding member of Cape Fear River Watch and Clean Cape Fear, established the Northside Plan, Affordable Housing Task Force, Mayor’s Task Force on Disabilities, Mayor’s Task Force on the Arts, served on the NC General Assembly’s Wilmington 1898 Race Riot Commission 2001-2006, and has been a staunch advocate for the Film Industry. He has been instrumental in spearheading a variety of economic development activities including the New Hanover County Room Occupancy Tax, Northside Plan and sustaining the Wilmington Riverwalk initiative.

[“Meet Harper,” barperpetersonsenate9.com](http://barperpetersonsenate9.com) (accessed on 3/31/2020)

Political Timeline

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

- **1993 – Ran for Wilmington City Council:** Peterson ran unsuccessfully for Wilmington City Council. ([*“Harper Peterson,” Wilmington Star News, September 9, 2003*](#))
- **1995-1999 – Member, Wilmington City Council:** Peterson served two terms on the Wilmington City Council. As a city council member, Peterson ran unsuccessfully for Mayor twice, in 1997 and 1999. ([*“Harper Peterson,” Wilmington Star News, September 9, 2003*](#))
- **1997 – Ran for Mayor of Wilmington:** Peterson ran unsuccessfully for Mayor. ([*“Harper Peterson,” Wilmington Star News, September 9, 2003*](#))
- **1998 – Ran for New Hanover County Commissioner:** Peterson ran unsuccessfully for New Hanover County Commissioner. ([*“Harper Peterson,” Wilmington Star News, September 9, 2003*](#))
- **1999 – Ran for Mayor of Wilmington:** Peterson ran for Wilmington Mayor and lost for the second time. ([*“Harper Peterson,” Wilmington Star News, September 9, 2003*](#))
- **2000 – Ran for New Hanover County Commissioner:** Peterson ran for New Hanover County Commissioner and lost for the second time. ([*“Harper Peterson,” Wilmington Star News, September 9, 2003*](#))
- **2001-2003 – Mayor, Wilmington NC:** Peterson served one term as mayor of Wilmington. He lost re-election in 2003. ([*“Former Wilmington mayor Peterson to run for state senate, Wilmington Star News, September 13, 2017*](#))
- **2005 – Ran for Mayor of Wilmington:** Peterson ran for Wilmington Mayor and lost for the fourth time. ([*“Former mayor files for re-election,” Wilmington Star News, July 21, 2007*](#))
- **2007 – Ran for Mayor of Wilmington:** Peterson ran for Wilmington Mayor and lost for the fifth time. ([*“Former Wilmington mayor Peterson to run for state senate, Wilmington Star News, September 13, 2017*](#))
- **2018 – Elected to State Senate District 9** ([*“Senator Harper Peterson,” ncleg.gov*](#))

Local Newspapers Used for Report

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

LOCAL NEWSPAPERS – SD 9

| Publication | Available on Nexis? | Available on Newsbank? | Available on Newspapers.com? | Archive available on newspaper website? |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Wilmington Port City Daily | No | No | No | Yes – back to 2013 |
| WECT 6 News (Wilmington) | Yes | No | No | Yes – back to 2018 |
| Burlington Times News | Yes | Yes | No | Yes – back to 2014 |
| Wilmington Star News | Yes | No | No | Yes – back to 2004 |
| WWWAY 3 (Cape Fear) | No | No | No | Yes – back to 2007 |
| Greater Wilmington Business Journal | No | No | No | Yes – back to 2019 |
| WHQR (public radio) | No | No | No | Yes – back to 2013 |
| Coastal Review Online | No | No | No | Yes – back to 2019 |

A.2 – Social Media/Internet Video Profile

Summary of Social Media Accounts

The following table summarizes Peterson’s personal and campaign social media accounts.

SUMMARY OF HARPER PETERSON’S SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

| Type | Account Name | Hyperlink |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Personal Facebook | Harper Peterson | facebook.com/harper.peterson.56 |
| Campaign Facebook | Harper Peterson @Harper4NC | facebook.com/Harper4NC |
| Campaign Twitter | @harper4nc | twitter.com/harper4nc |
| LinkedIn | Harper Peterson | linkedin.com/in/harper-peterson-5181221a |
| Campaign Instagram | Harper4nc | instagram.com/harper4nc |
| Campaign YouTube | Harper Peterson | youtube.com/channel/UCNOfyExHAvEai-7M8TLr3dA |

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

Summary of Online Videos about/Featuring Peterson

The following table is a selection of videos involving Peterson.

VIDEOS – HARPER PETERSON

| Video Title (with Embedded Hyperlink) | Source | Name of Author/Blogger (if applicable) | Date | Notes |
|--|-----------|--|------------|---|
| Heading home for the holidays. Thanks again for allowing me to be your voice in Raleigh. 2020! Together we make change for the better. | Instagram | Harper Peterson | 11/25/2019 | This video is broken (4/1/20). The post says, “Heading home for the holidays. Thanks again for allowing me to be your voice in Raleigh. 2020! Together we make change for the better.” |
| N.C. Sen. Harper Peterson is sworn in | YouTube | StarNewsOnline | 1/5/2019 | This video is of Peterson speaking at his State Senate swearing in ceremony. He thanks his supporters and speaks about the environment |
| New Hanover County Stands Strong in the Wake of Hurricane Florence | YouTube | Harper Peterson | 9/27/2018 | This campaign video is about Peterson working with the Governor and in the state senate to help rebuild following Hurricane Florence. |
| I continue to be amazed at the support that our #community is receiving after #hurricaneflorence It is truly inspiring. #CapeFearStrong #WilmingtonStrong #NorthCarolina #extremeweather | Twitter | @harper4nc | 9/21/2018 | This is a short video of Peterson unloading supplies from a truck. |
| Harper Peterson Ad | YouTube | RealFactsNC | 8/30/2018 | This video is a campaign ad. In it, Peterson states that his opponent, Michael Lee, puts special interests ahead of families and as a result, schools have fallen behind and drinking water was polluted by GenX. |
| My 101-year old father, Pops Peterson, helped me warm up for my pitching debut with the @ILMSharks Pops and I hope to see you there this Thursday, July 19th. I'll be throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at 7:05! #FinsUp #finsdown #SharkTank #BaseBall #BreakTheMajority #ncpol | Twitter | @harper4nc | 7/14/2018 | This is a short video of Peterson with his father encouraging others to see him throw out the first pitch at a Wilmington Sharks baseball game. |

| Video Title (with Embedded Hyperlink) | Source | Name of Author/Blogger (if applicable) | Date | Notes |
|---|---------|--|-----------|--|
| I hope you and your family are having a great #IndependenceDay2018 My team and I spent the day on the beautiful #CapeFearRiver talking to voters about #cleanwater #fourthofjulycelebration #4thJuly2018 #campaign2018 #freedom | Twitter | @harper4nc | 7/4/2018 | This is a short video of Peterson wishing everyone a happy 4 th of July. |
| Focus on Film Forum | YouTube | Harper Peterson | 5/9/2018 | This video is a campaign ad focused on attracting the film industry to bring jobs to North Carolina. |
| Teacher Appreciation Week | YouTube | Harper Peterson | 5/9/2018 | This campaign video is of Peterson talking about his support of teachers and stating that he would be an advocate for them if elected. |
| March for Our Lives | YouTube | Harper Peterson | 4/9/2018 | This video is of Peterson walking in a “March for Our Lives” march in Wilmington. In it, he speaks to a woman and her granddaughter about participating in the march. |
| Filing Day Video | YouTube | Harper Peterson | 3/21/2018 | This video is of Peterson at the Department of Elections submitting his filing papers. In it, supporters stated their reasons for supporting him and he described his reasons for running. |
| MLK Parade | YouTube | Harper Peterson | 3/21/2018 | This video is of Peterson attending the Wilmington Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in January 2018. The video shows him waving to people participating in the parade and shaking hands. |
| 2018 Women's March, Wilmington NC | YouTube | Harper Peterson | 2/26/2018 | This video is of Peterson attending the 2018 Women’s March in Wilmington and shows him talking to other attendees. |
| Former Wilmington Mayor Harper Peterson announces run for NC Senate | YouTube | WWAY News | 9/13/2017 | This video is a news story from <i>WWAY-TV</i> . The anchor states that Peterson has entered the race to challenge incumbent Senator Michael Lee because of the handling of the response to GenX polluting the drinking water in Cape Fear. |
| Former Wilmington Mayor Harper Peterson discusses his reasons for challenging N.C. Sen. Michael Lee. | YouTube | StarNewsOnline | 9/13/2017 | This video is of Peterson explaining his reasons for challenging incumbent Senator Michael Lee. In it, Peterson describes his background as a longtime resident and small business owner and highlights the need to clean up drinking water and equal access to “good public education.” |
| Harper Peterson questions the Gov. and Dr. Mandy Cohen about GenX | YouTube | StarNewsOnline | 7/24/2017 | This video is of Peterson at a press conference with Gov. Cooper and Dr. Mandy Cohen asking about the safety of drinking water. |
| Harper Peterson speaks at public forum about water | YouTube | StarNewsOnline | 7/6/2017 | This video is of Peterson speaking before a town hall on drinking water. |

A.3 – Voter Registration & Voting History

State Board of Elections Records Show that Peterson Is Currently Registered as a Democrat, Has Been Registered to Vote in New Hanover County since October 1984, and Has Voted as a Democrat Exclusively since November 1992

Records from the North Carolina State Board of Elections show:

- Peterson is currently registered to vote at 212 Orange Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 (New Hanover County), which is located within the boundaries of State Senate District 9.
- Peterson has been registered to vote in New Hanover County since October 1984.
- Peterson is currently registered as a Democrat.
- Peterson has voted as a Democrat exclusively since November 1992 (the extent of the voting history made available on the State Board of Elections website).

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

The screenshot shows the 'Voter Search' interface for Harold William Peterson Jr. The page includes a search button, a 'New Search' button, and a 'Voter Search' title. The voter's name and address are listed: HAROLD WILLIAM PETERSON JR, 212 ORANGE ST, WILMINGTON, NC 28401. A tooltip provides instructions on how to expand or collapse sections. The page is divided into two main columns. The left column contains 'SAMPLE BALLOTS (1)' and 'VOTER DETAILS'. The right column contains 'ELECTION DAY POLLING PLACE' and 'JURISDICTIONS'.

| VOTER DETAILS | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| County: | NEW HANOVER |
| Status: | ACTIVE |
| Voter Reg Num: | 00000061582 |
| NCID: | DB38929 |
| Party: | DEM |
| Race: | WHITE |
| Ethnicity: | NOT HISPANIC or NOT LATINO |
| Gender: | MALE |
| Registration Date: | 10/08/1984 |
| NCDMV Customer: | No |

| JURISDICTIONS | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Precinct: | W25 |
| VTD: | W25 |
| Congress: | CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7 |
| NC Senate: | NC SENATE DISTRICT 9 |
| NC House: | NC HOUSE DISTRICT 18 |
| Superior Court: | 5A SUPERIOR COURT |
| Judicial: | 5TH JUDICIAL |
| Prosecutorial: | 6TH PROSECUTORIAL |
| Municipality: | WILMINGTON |

Harold William Peterson Jr, Voter Search, North Carolina State Board of Elections (image 1 of 2; accessed on 4/16/2020)

VOTER HISTORY (51)

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 | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/05/2019 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/05/2018 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/08/2018 PRIMARY | ABS-1STOP | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/07/2017 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/08/2016 GENERAL | ABS-1STOP | NEW HANOVER | |
| 03/15/2016 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/03/2015 MUNICIPAL | ABS-1STOP | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/04/2014 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/05/2013 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/06/2012 GENERAL | ABS-1STOP | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/08/2012 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/08/2011 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/02/2010 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/04/2010 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/03/2009 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/04/2008 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/06/2008 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/06/2007 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/09/2007 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/07/2006 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/10/2006 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/02/2006 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 10/11/2005 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/02/2004 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 09/14/2004 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 07/20/2004 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/04/2003 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/07/2003 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/05/2002 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 09/10/2002 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/06/2001 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/09/2001 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/07/2000 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/02/2000 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/02/1999 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/05/1999 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/03/1998 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 09/15/1998 SPECIAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 06/02/1998 SECOND PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 05/05/1998 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/04/1997 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/07/1997 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/05/1996 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/07/1996 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 10/10/1995 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/08/1994 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/03/1994 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/02/1993 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/05/1993 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/03/1992 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |

Harold William Peterson Jr, Voter Search, North Carolina State Board of Elections (image 2 of 2; accessed on 4/16/2020)

New Hanover County Board of Elections – Search for Records Pending

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

State Board of Elections Records Show that Peterson Has Voted in 27 out of 28 Presidential Preference Elections, Primary Elections, and General Elections since November 1992 – Peterson Has Failed to Vote in Five Out of Six “Second Primary” Elections since May 1998

State Board of Elections records show that Peterson has voted in 27 out of 28 presidential preference elections, primary elections, and general elections since November 1992 (the extent of the voting history made available on the State Board of Elections website). He only failed to vote in the May 2014 primary election.

These records also show that Peterson has failed to vote in five out of six “second primary” elections since May 1998. ([“Election Results,” ncsbe.gov](http://Election Results, ncsbe.gov))

- Peterson voted in the June 1998 “second primary.”
- Peterson failed to vote in the June 2016, July 2012, June 2010, June 2008, and August 2004 “second primary” elections – all of which had at least one race for which registered Democrats in New Hanover County could cast a vote.
- Note that the “second primary” elections in June 2018, July 2014, and May 2006 did not appear to have any races for which registered Democrats in New Hanover County could cast a vote.
- No “second primary” elections appear to have been held in 2002 and 2000.

The following images show the voting history records from the North Carolina State Board of Elections pertaining to Peterson.

VOTER HISTORY (51)

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 | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/05/2019 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/05/2018 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/08/2018 PRIMARY | ABS-1STOP | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/07/2017 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/08/2016 GENERAL | ABS-1STOP | NEW HANOVER | |
| 03/15/2016 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/03/2015 MUNICIPAL | ABS-1STOP | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/04/2014 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/05/2013 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/06/2012 GENERAL | ABS-1STOP | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/08/2012 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/08/2011 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/02/2010 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/04/2010 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/03/2009 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/04/2008 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/06/2008 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/06/2007 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/09/2007 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/07/2006 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/10/2006 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/02/2006 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 10/11/2005 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/02/2004 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 09/14/2004 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 07/20/2004 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/04/2003 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/07/2003 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/05/2002 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 09/10/2002 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/06/2001 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/09/2001 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/07/2000 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/02/2000 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/02/1999 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/05/1999 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/03/1998 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 09/15/1998 SPECIAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 06/02/1998 SECOND PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 05/05/1998 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/04/1997 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/07/1997 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/05/1996 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/07/1996 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 10/10/1995 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/08/1994 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 05/03/1994 PRIMARY | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | DEMOCRATIC |
| 11/02/1993 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 10/05/1993 MUNICIPAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |
| 11/03/1992 GENERAL | IN-PERSON | NEW HANOVER | |

Harold William Peterson Jr, Voter Search, North Carolina State Board of Elections (accessed on 4/16/2020)

A.4 – SEIs & Business Filings

Statements of Economic Interest (SEIs) – Peterson Has Filed SEIs in 2018 and 2019

The North Carolina State Ethics Commission’s website was searched for Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) for the filer names “Harold Peterson” and “Harper Peterson.” These searches yielded three SEIs filed by Peterson – one as a candidate for State Senate in 2018, one as a State Senator in 2019, and one as a candidate for State Senate in 2020 (filed in December 2019). ([“Search Filed SEIs,” ethics.ncsbe.gov](#))

The two most recent forms filed by Peterson are each a “No Change Form,” thereby stipulating that the form he submitted as a candidate for State Senate in April 2018 reflects his current disclosable economic interests.

STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FILED BY HAROLD PETERSON

| Type of Statement | Date Signed | Name of Position, Board, or Commission | Full Name of Filer Shown on Statement |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 2020 Candidate | December 24, 2019 | Candidate for NC Senate | Harold William Peterson Jr. |
| 2019 Senate | April 15, 2019 | State Senate | Harold William Peterson Jr. |
| 2018 Primary Election (May) | April 18, 2018 | Candidate for House of Representatives | Harold William Peterson |

Source: North Carolina State Ethics Commission

On His SEI Filed in April 2018, Peterson Disclosed Financial Interests in or Income from Numerous Properties, Stock Ownership, and Businesses

Peterson disclosed the following on his 2018 Primary Election SEI – filed in April 2018. As noted in the prior section of this chapter, the two most recent forms filed by Peterson are each a “No Change Form,” thereby stipulating that the form he submitted as a candidate for State Senate in April 2018 reflects his current disclosable economic interests.


Cover Page

The image below shows the top portion of the cover page for Peterson’s 2018 Primary Election SEI (filed in April 2018). On this page, Peterson disclosed the following:

HAROLD WILLIAM PETERSON 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION SEI – COVER PAGE

| Current Employer | Job Title | Nature of Type of Business |
|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Self | None provided | Resort/Tourism |

Source: Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed April 18, 2018

|  <p>NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS ENFORCEMENT 2018 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST</p> | | <p>FOR COMPLIANCE UNIT USE ONLY</p> <p>Date Received: APR 23 AM 10:53</p> <p>Checked for completion <i>lc</i> Scanned <i>04/23/18</i></p> <p>Incomplete ?s _____</p> <p>Supp. Sent Date _____ By _____</p> <p>Supp. Received Date _____</p> <p>Entered in database <i>lc</i> By <i>04/23/18</i></p> <p>Evaluated By _____ Date _____</p> | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--|-----------|--------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------|--|--------|---------|----------|--|
| <p>CANDIDATE</p> <p>919-814-3600 www.ncsbe.gov/Ethics/SEI</p> <p>THIS ENTIRE FORM MUST BE COMPLETED TO FULFILL YOUR ELECTION FILING OBLIGATION</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>2018 ELECTION CANDIDATE FILER'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Prefix</th> <th>First Name</th> <th>Middle Name</th> <th>Last Name</th> <th>Suffix</th> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>HAROLD</td> <td>WILLIAM</td> <td>PETERSON</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | | | | Prefix | First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | Suffix | | HAROLD | WILLIAM | PETERSON | |
| Prefix | First Name | Middle Name | Last Name | Suffix | | | | | | | | | |
| | HAROLD | WILLIAM | PETERSON | | | | | | | | | | |
| CURRENT EMPLOYER | | JOB TITLE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SELF | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NATURE OR TYPE OF BUSINESS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RESORT/TOURISM | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| REASON FOR FILING (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANDIDATE For (Please specify the office for which you are running) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NORTH CAROLINA SENATE DISTRICT 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed April 18, 2018

Property Interests/Item 1: Ownership Interests in North Carolina Real Estate (Including Residence) with Market Value of \$10,000 or More, as of December 31, 2017

Peterson disclosed the following information under Property Interests/Item 1 of his 2018 Primary Election SEI (filed in April 2018).

HAROLD WILLIAM PETERSON 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION SEI – PROPERTY INTERESTS/ITEM 1

| Owner of Real Estate | % Ownership Interest | Location by City | Location by County |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| Harold W Peterson Pamela Dodge | 50% 50% | #8 Market St Wilmington | New Hanover |
| Harold W Peterson Pamela Dodge | 50% 50% | 212 Orange St Wilmington | New Hanover |
| Harold W Peterson | 25% | 120 S. Front St Wilmington | New Hanover |
| Harold W Peterson Pamela Dodge | 50% 50% | # Poormans Pepper Trail Bald Head Island | New Hanover |
| Harold W Peterson Pamela Dodge | 50% 50% | 10 Marina Wynd Bald Head Island | New Hanover |
| Harold W Peterson Pamela Dodge | 50% 50% | 96 Keelson Row Bald Head Island | New Hanover |
| Harold W Peterson Pamela Dodge | 50% 50% | 2D Merchants Row Bald Head Island | New Hanover |
| Harold W Peterson Pamela Dodge | 50% 50% | Tract 23B Bald Head Island | New Hanover |

Source: Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed April 18, 2018

Financial Interests/Item 3.A: Financial Interests Valued at \$10,000 or More in Stock of Publicly Traded Company, as of December 31, 2017

Peterson disclosed the following information under Financial Interests/Item 3.A of his 2018 Primary Election SEI (filed in April 2018).

HAROLD WILLIAM PETERSON 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION SEI – FINANCIAL INTERESTS/ITEM 3.A

| Owner of Interest | Full Name of Company |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| None provided | Blackrock Inc |
| None provided | Intel Corp |
| None provided | Microsoft Corp |
| None provided | Abbvie Inc Com |
| None provided | Alphabet Inc CL C |
| None provided | Amazon.com Inc |
| None provided | Automatic Data Processing |
| None provided | Accenture PLC Ireland |
| None provided | Clorox Co |
| None provided | El Paso Energy Cap Trust |
| None provided | Enbridge Inc CAD |
| None provided | Exxon Mobile Corp |
| None provided | Facebook Inc CL A |
| None provided | Proctor & Gamble Co |
| None provided | Targa Resources |
| None provided | Visa Inc CL A |
| None provided | W P Carey Inc REIT |

Source: Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed April 18, 2018

Financial Interests/Item 3.C: Financial Interests Valued at \$10,000 or More in Stock of Non-Publicly Owned Company or Business Entity, as of December 31, 2017

Peterson disclosed the following information under Financial Interests/Item 3.C of his 2018 Primary Election SEI (filed in April 2018).

HAROLD WILLIAM PETERSON 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION SEI – FINANCIAL INTERESTS/ITEM 3.C

| Owner of Interest | Name of Company or Business Entity |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Harold W Peterson/50% Pamela Dodge/50% | Riverside Adventure Company |
| Harold W Peterson/50% | Bluepost Billiards |
| Harold W Peterson/25% | Old Wilmington City Market |

Source: Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed April 18, 2018

Financial Interests/Item 5: Liabilities of \$10,000 or More, Excluding Mortgage on Primary Residence, as of December 31, 2017

Peterson disclosed the following information under Financial Interests/Item 5 of his 2018 Primary Election SEI (filed in April 2018).

HAROLD WILLIAM PETERSON 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION SEI – FINANCIAL INTERESTS/ITEM 5

| Name of Debtor | Type of Creditor |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Pamela Dodge | Auto Lender (Ford Motor Credit) |
| Harold W Peterson & Pamela Dodge | Commercial Bank (Suntrust Bank) |
| Harold W Peterson & Pamela Dodge | Commercial Bank (Northwestern Mutual Insurance Company) |
| Pamela Dodge | Commercial Bank (UBS Line of Credit) |

Source: Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed April 18, 2018

Financial Interests/Item 6: Sources of Income of \$5,000 or More during 2017

Peterson disclosed the following information under Financial Interests/Item 6 of his 2018 Primary Election SEI (filed in April 2018).

HAROLD WILLIAM PETERSON 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION SEI – FINANCIAL INTERESTS/ITEM 6

| Recipient of Income | Name of Source | Type of Business/ Industry | Type of Income |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Harold Peterson | Riverside Adventure Co. | Resort/Tourism | Salary |
| Harold Peterson | Blue Post LLC | Sports Bar | Dividends |
| Pamela Dodge | Riverside Adventure Co. | Resort/Tourism | Salary |
| Pamela Dodge | Pamela B Adams Family Trust | Trust | Dividends |
| Pamela Dodge | The Adam Family Trust | Trust | Dividends |
| Harold Peterson & Pamela Dodge | Morning Light | Rental Property | Rental Income |
| Harold Peterson & Pamela Dodge | 8 Market St. | Rental Property | Rental Income |
| Harold Peterson & Pamela Dodge | South Water LLC | Property Management | Rental Income |

Source: Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed April 18, 2018

Professional and Civic Relationships/Item 9(a): Officer or Employee in Businesses, as of December 31, 2017

Peterson disclosed the following information under Professional and Civic Relationships/Item 9(a) of his 2018 Primary Election SEI (filed in April 2018).

HAROLD WILLIAM PETERSON 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION SEI – PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC RELATIONSHIPS/ ITEM 9(A)

| Name of Person | Relationship to Filer | Name of Company | Role of Person |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Harold W Peterson | None provided | Berkshire Coincidence LLC | Member |
| Harold W Peterson | None provided | Snowcreek Group LLC | Member |
| Harold W Peterson | None provided | Canopy Group LLC | Member |
| Harold W Peterson | None provided | Maritime Realty & Development LLC | Member |
| Harold W Peterson | None provided | City Market of Wilmington LLC | Member |

Source: Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics, Filed April 18, 2018

Summary of Business Filings – Peterson Has Been an Officer or Agent of 19 Companies, 10 of which Have Been Dissolved; Most of the Companies Have Been Involved in the Real Estate Business

The North Carolina Secretary of State business registration database and Nexis corporation filings were searched for companies with officers and agents named “Harold Peterson” and “Harper Peterson.”

These searches yielded the 19 companies detailed in the following table. Note that most of these companies have been involved in the real estate business.

BUSINESS FILINGS SEARCH RESULTS – HAROLD PETERSON/HARPER PETERSON

| Officer Name | Position/Affiliation | Company Name [Purpose] | City, State [NC County] | Notes/SEI Reporting Status |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Harold W Peterson Jr. Pamela Dodge | Officer and Agent (until 2008) Officer and Agent (until 2012) | Antilles Sail, Inc. [Retail Sales Clothing & Access] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 12/1/1980 Current-Active Not reported on 2018 SEI |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Berkshire Coincidence, LLC [Real Estate Development] | Wrightsville Beach, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 4/22/2005 Current-Active Reported on 2018 SEI as company officer |
| Harold W Peterson | Agent | Blue Post LLC [Billiard Hall and Retail Beer Sales] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 5/5/1999 Current-Active Reported on 2018 as financial interest and source of income |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Canopy Group, LLC [Real Estate Development] | Wrightsville Beach, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 5/11/2005 Admin. Dissolved 10/11/2019 Reported on 2018 SEI as company officer |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer (when formed) | City Market of Wilmington, LLC [Real Estate Rental] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 1/1/2014 Current-Active Reported on 2018 SEI as financial interest and company officer |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer | Dirt Hound, LLC [Real Estate Development] | Leland, NC [Brunswick] | Formed 4/13/2007 Admin. Dissolved 4/16/2012 Not reported on 2018 SEI |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Fathom That, Inc. [Real Estate/Rental/Leasing] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 12/31/1991 Current-Active Not reported on 2018 SEI |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Harpoon, Inc. [Real Estate Development] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 12/20/2005 Admin. Dissolved 8/15/2017 Not reported on 2018 SEI |

| Officer Name | Position/Affiliation | Company Name [Purpose] | City, State [NC County] | Notes/SEI Reporting Status |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Harold W Peterson | Officer (until 2019) | Maritime Realty & Development, LLC [Real Estate Development] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 6/28/2004 Current-Active Reported on 2018 SEI as company officer |
| Harper Peterson | Officer | Rio Amigos, LLC [Restaurant Management] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 3/24/2010 Admin. Dissolved 2/5/2015 Not reported on 2018 SEI |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Riverside Adventure Company [Recreation, Retail, and Restaurant] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 6/1/2010 Current-Active Reported on 2018 SEI as financial interest and source of income |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Snow Creek Group, LLC [Real Estate Development, Marketing & Consulting] | Wrightsville Beach, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 9/15/2005 Admin. Dissolved 2/28/2018 Reported on 2018 SEI as company officer |
| Harold W Peterson | Officer and Agent | South Water LLC [Real Estate Property Mgmt.] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 3/28/1995 Current-Active Reported on 2018 SEI as source of income |
| Harold Peterson | Officer | Tar Heel Creamery Riverside LLC [Retail Ice Cream] | Pittsboro, NC [Chatham] | Formed 6/25/2014 Dissolved 8/25/2015 Not reported on 2018 SEI |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer | Town Creek Club, LLC [Real Estate Development, Marketing & Consulting] | Leland, NC [Brunswick] | Formed 11/17/2006 Admin. Dissolved 8/26/2010 Not reported on 2018 SEI |
| Harold W Peterson | Officer | Town Creek Landing, LLC [Real Estate Development, Marketing & Consulting] | Leland, NC [Brunswick] | Formed 11/17/2006 Admin. Dissolved 8/26/2010 Not reported on 2018 SEI |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer | Town Creek Ventures, LLC [Real Estate Development, Marketing & Consulting] | Leland, NC [Brunswick] | Formed 11/17/2006 Admin. Dissolved 8/26/2010 Not reported on 2018 SEI |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer | Waccamaw Boys, LLC [Real Estate Development] | Leland, NC [Brunswick] | Formed 4/13/2007 Admin. Dissolved 4/16/2012 Not reported on 2018 SEI |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent (until 2015) | Wilmington Maritime Heritage Foundation, Inc. [Non-Profit] | Wilmington, NC [New Hanover] | Formed 4/13/2004 Current-Active Not reported on 2018 SEI |

Source: North Carolina Secretary of State, Nexis Corporation Filings

Peterson Is an Officer of One Company that Was Suspended by the North Carolina Department of Revenue for Failure to File an Annual Report and an Officer of 12 Other Companies that Have Been Dissolved by the North Carolina Secretary of State for Failure to File an Annual Report

Searches of the North Carolina Secretary of State business registration database found that Peterson is an officer of one company that was suspended by the North Carolina Department of Revenue for failure to file an annual report. These searches also found that Peterson is an officer of 12 other companies that have been dissolved by the North Carolina Secretary of State for failure to file an annual report.

Details about these companies and the dates of their suspension/dissolutions are provided in the following table. The company – Riverside Adventure – that was suspended by the North Carolina Department of Revenue is highlighted in yellow. Note that this company was also later dissolved by the North Carolina Secretary of State. In both instances, Riverside Adventure was reinstated and is currently active and in good standing.

HAROLD PETERSON/HARPER PETERSON – BUSINESSES SUSPENDED BY NC DEPT. OF REVENUE OR DISSOLVED BY NC SEC. OF STATE FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

| Officer Name | Position/Affiliation | Company Name | Date of Suspension or Dissolution/ Date of Reinstatement |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Berkshire Coincidence, LLC | ADM Dissolution 5/23/2013 ADM Reinstatement 12/13/2013 |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Canopy Group, LLC | ADM Dissolution 10/11/2019 |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer | Dirt Hound, LLC | ADM Dissolution 4/16/2012 |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Harpoon, Inc. | ADM Dissolution 8/15/2017 |
| Harold W Peterson | Officer (until 2019) | Maritime Realty & Development, LLC | ADM Dissolution 5/23/2013 ADM Reinstatement 7/9/2013 |
| Harper Peterson | Officer | Rio Amigos, LLC | ADM Dissolution 2/5/2015 |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Riverside Adventure Company | Revenue Suspension 7/18/2016 Reinstatement 9/7/2016 ADM Dissolution 8/15/2017 ADM Reinstatement 2/26/2018 |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer and Agent | Snow Creek Group, LLC | ADM Dissolution 4/4/2012 ADM Reinstatement 12/13/2013 ADM Dissolution 1/14/2016 ADM Reinstatement 4/19/2016 ADM Dissolution 2/28/2018 |
| Harold W Peterson | Officer and Agent | South Water LLC | ADM Dissolution 3/19/2002 ADM Reinstatement 5/24/2002 |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer | Town Creek Club, LLC | ADM Dissolution 8/26/2010 |

| Officer Name | Position/Affiliation | Company Name | Date of Suspension or Dissolution/ Date of Reinstatement |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Harold W Peterson | Officer | Town Creek Landing, LLC | ADM Dissolution 8/26/2010 |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer | Town Creek Ventures, LLC | ADM Dissolution 8/26/2010 |
| Harold W Peterson Jr. | Officer | Waccamaw Boys, LLC | ADM Dissolution 4/16/2012 |

Source: North Carolina Secretary of State

The following images show that Riverside Adventure Company received a “Notification of Revenue Suspension” letter in July 2016 stating that the company had been suspended by the North Carolina Department of Revenue for failing to comply with N.C.G.S. § 105-230(a). This code section calls for a company to be suspended for failure to file an annual report. ([“General Statutes Table of Contents, Chapter 105, Article 9” nclg.gov/Laws](#))

| Image ^ | Document Id ^ | Filing Date ^ | Filing Type ^ | Document Type ^ |
|---------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| | C201013800365 | 6/1/2010 | Creation Filing | Articles of Incorporation |
| | CA201300400983 | 1/4/2013 | Annual Report | Annual Report |
| | CA201300400988 | 1/4/2013 | Annual Report | Annual Report |
| | 2013 296 00254 | 10/23/2013 | Annual Report | Annual Report |
| | CA201407704067 | 3/18/2014 | Annual Report | Annual Report |
| | CA201532800344 | 11/24/2015 | Annual Report | Annual Report |
| | C2016 600 01025 | 7/18/2016 | Suspension | Revenue Suspension |

Riverside Adventure Company, Business Registration Results - Filings, North Carolina Secretary of State (accessed on 4/17/2020)

RIVERSIDE ADVENTURE COMPANY

Attn: HAROLD W. PETERSON

PO Box 864
Wilmington, NC28402-0864

NOTIFICATION OF REVENUE SUSPENSION

Please be advised that the North Carolina Department of Revenue has suspended the entity identified on the reverse of this postcard for failure to comply with the requirements of North Carolina General Statute § 105-230(a).

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-230(b), “Any act performed or attempted to be performed while the entity is suspended is invalid and of no effect until the entity is reinstated by the North Carolina Department of Revenue pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-232.”

In order to be reinstated, please contact the North Carolina Department of Revenue at (877) 919-1819 extension 1120406. Once you have corrected the deficiency, the North Carolina Department of Revenue will take action to remove the suspension pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 105-232.

Additional contact information may be found at www.dor.state.nc.us.

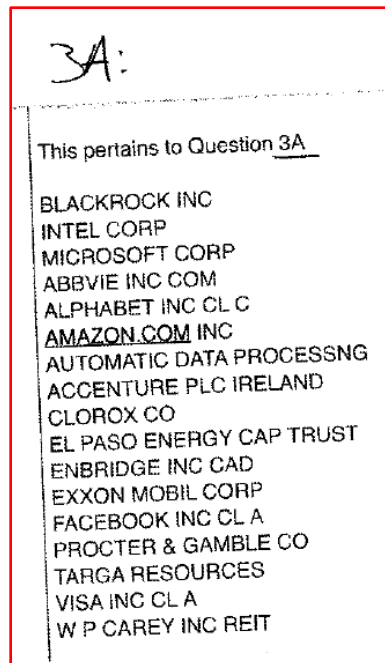
July 2016

Riverside Adventure Company, Notification of Revenue Suspension, North Carolina Secretary of State, Filed 7/18/2016

A.5 – Hypocrisy on Fossil Fuels

On His SEI Filed in April 2018, Peterson Disclosed Owning \$10,000 or More of Stock in El Paso Energy Capital Trust – El Paso Is a Subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, which Is One of the North America’s Largest Oil & Natural Gas Pipeline and Storage Companies

Peterson disclosed \$10,000 of more of stock in El Paso Energy Capital Trust on his 2018 Primary Election SEI – filed in April 2018. As noted in the prior section of this chapter, the two most recent forms filed by Peterson are each a “No Change Form,” thereby stipulating that the form he submitted as a candidate for State Senate in April 2018 reflects his current disclosable economic interests.

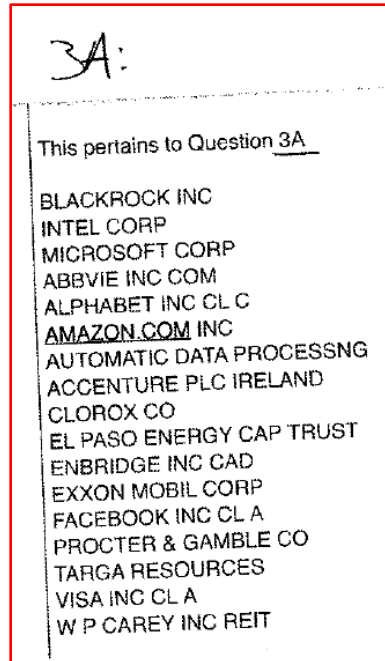


*Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics – Attachment 1,
Filed April 18, 2018*

El Paso Energy Capital Trust is a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, which is one of the North America’s largest oil/natural gas pipeline and storage companies. ([Kinder Morgan, Form 10-K, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019](#)) In fact, Kinder Morgan describes itself as, the “largest independent transporter of petroleum products” in North America. ([“About Us,” kindermorgan.com](#))

On His SEI Filed in April 2018, Peterson Disclosed Owning \$10,000 or More of Stock in Enbridge Inc. CAD – Enbridge Is a Multinational Oil & Natural Gas Pipeline Company that Operate Numerous Offshore Pipelines

Peterson disclosed \$10,000 or more of stock in Enbridge Inc. CAD on his 2018 Primary Election SEI – filed in April 2018. As noted in the prior section of this chapter, the two most recent forms filed by Peterson are each a “No Change Form,” thereby stipulating that the form he submitted as a candidate for State Senate in April 2018 reflects his current disclosable economic interests.

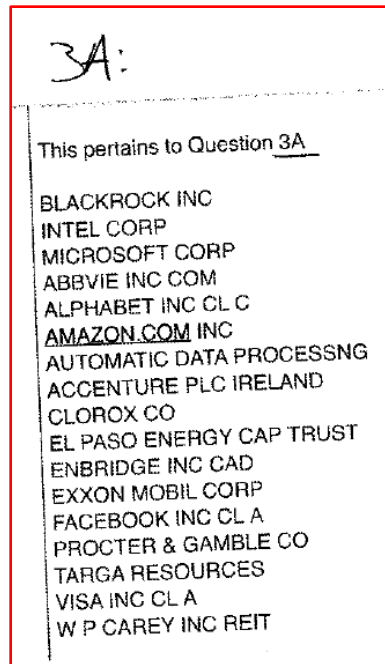


Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics – Attachment 1, Filed April 18, 2018

Enbridge Inc. CAD is a multi-national oil and natural gas transportation and distribution company headquartered in Canada. ([“About us,” enbridge.com](#)) The company operated numerous offshore oil and natural gas pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico and recently purchased a portion of the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline. ([“Offshore pipelines,” enbridge.com/about-us/natural-gas-transmission-and-midstream: “Enbridge Inc. and Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P. Close Bakken Pipeline System Acquisition,” Enbridge Inc. Press Release, February 15, 2017](#))

On His SEI Filed in April 2018, Peterson Disclosed Owning \$10,000 or More of Stock in Exxon Mobil Corp. – Exxon Mobil Is One of the World’s Largest Oil & Natural Gas Exploration Companies, which Operates Numerous Offshore Oil Drilling Platforms

Peterson disclosed \$10,000 or more of stock in Exxon Mobil Corp. on his 2018 Primary Election SEI – filed in April 2018. As noted in the prior section of this chapter, the two most recent forms filed by Peterson are each a “No Change Form,” thereby stipulating that the form he submitted as a candidate for State Senate in April 2018 reflects his current disclosable economic interests.

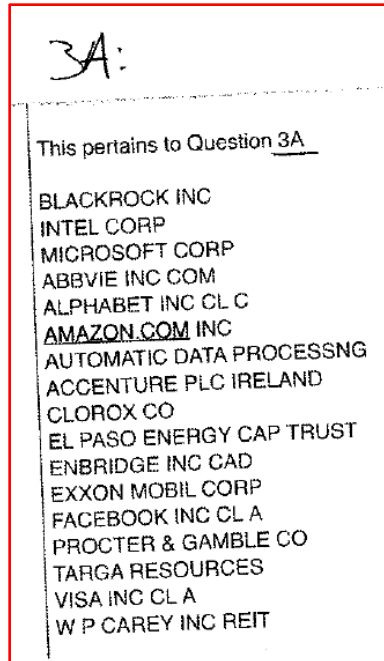


Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics – Attachment 1, Filed April 18, 2018

Exxon Mobil Corp. one of the world’s largest oil exploration and refining companies. The company operates numerous offshore oil drilling platforms in the Gulf of Mexico and off the California coast. ([“Who we are,” corporate.exxonmobil.com/Company](http://www.exxonmobil.com/Company); [“U.S. operations,” corporate.exxonmobil.com/Locations](http://www.exxonmobil.com/Locations)) Exxon was the owner of the *Exxon Valdez*, which ran aground in Alaska in 1989 causing one the worst oil spills ever in U.S. history until the Deepwater Horizon explosion many years later. ([“Exxon Valdez Oil Spill,” History.com, March 9, 2018](http://www.history.com))

On His SEI Filed in April 2018, Peterson Disclosed Owning \$10,000 or More of Stock in Targa Resources – Targa Specializes in Storing and Processing Oil & Natural Gas

Peterson disclosed \$10,000 or more of stock in Targa Resources on his 2018 Primary Election SEI – filed in April 2018. As noted in the prior section of this chapter, the two most recent forms filed by Peterson are each a “No Change Form,” thereby stipulating that the form he submitted as a candidate for State Senate in April 2018 reflects his current disclosable economic interests.



Harold William Peterson, 2018 Primary Election SEI, North Carolina State Board of Ethics – Attachment 1, Filed April 18, 2018

Targa Resources is one of the largest independent energy companies in North America, which specializes in storing and processing oil and natural gas. ([“About Us,” targaresources.com](#)) The company operates in Texas and plains states. ([“Operations Map,” targaresources.com/operation.s](#))

Peterson Signed the “No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge” for His Current SD 9 Campaign, Thereby Pledging Not to Accept Oil Industry Political Contributions of More than \$200, which Is Hypocritical Given Peterson’s Ownership of Tens of Thousands of Dollars of Oil Industry Stocks

Peterson signed the Oil Change U.S. “No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge” for his current SD 9 campaign. By doing so, Peterson pledged “to not knowingly accept any contributions over \$200 from the PACs, lobbyists, or SEC-named executives of fossil fuel companies — companies whose primary business is the extraction, processing, distribution, or sale of oil, gas, or coal.”

An image from the Oil Change U.S. website is shown below.

SIGN THE PLEDGE CURRENT SIGNERS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FAQ CONGRESSIONAL SIGNERS TOOLKIT

Pledge Signers

The following candidates and elected officials have signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge.

Taking the pledge means that a politician and their campaign will adopt a policy to not knowingly accept any contributions over \$200 from the PACs, lobbyists, or SEC-named executives of fossil fuel companies — companies whose primary business is the extraction, processing, distribution, or sale of oil, gas, or coal.

See 2020 Presidential Candidates

Download a Spreadsheet (.csv) of All Signers

Show 10 entries Search: harper peterson

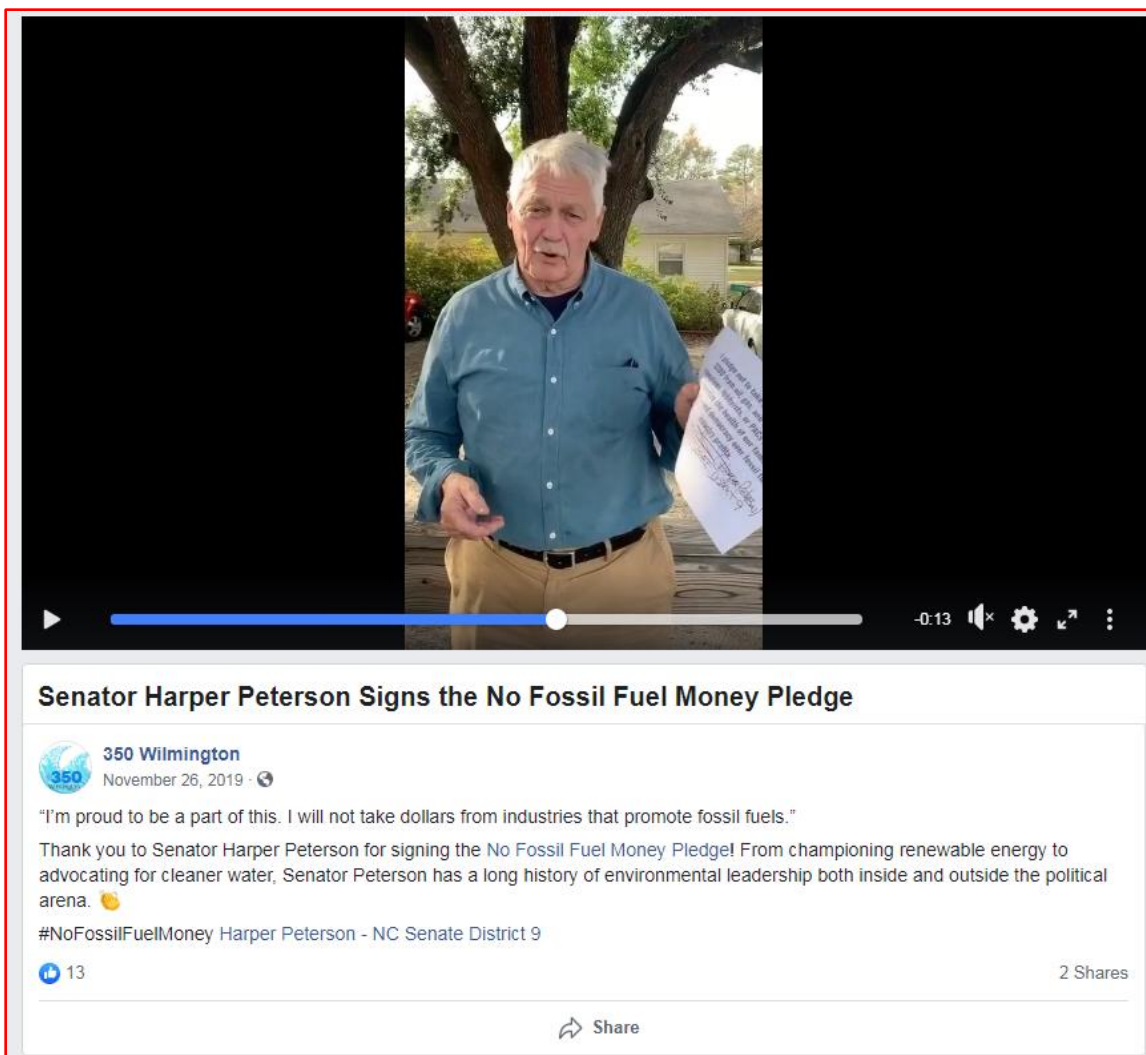
| Election | State | Candidate | Race | Active / Incumbent |
|----------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2020 | North Carolina | Harper Peterson | NC State Senate 9 | Incumbent & Active |

["Pledge Signers," nofossilfuelmoney.org](https://nofossilfuelmoney.org) (accessed on 4/21/2020)

Peterson’s “No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge” appears to be quite hypocritical given his ownership of tens of thousands of dollars of oil industry stocks (as detailed in previous sections of this chapter).

In November 2019, Peterson Appeared in a Video on the 350 Wilmington Facebook Page Saying that He Was Proud to Sign the “No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge”

In November 2019, Peterson appeared in a video on the 350 Wilmington Facebook page saying that he was proud to sign the “No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge.” 350 Wilmington is a local chapter of the environmental group 350.org. Additional details about 350.org are provided in a separate chapter of this report.



[350 Wilmington, Facebook.com, November 26, 2019](#) (accessed on 4/21/2020)

In 2019, Peterson Sponsored SB 517, a Bill to Ban Offshore Oil Drilling and Exploration

In 2019, Peterson sponsored SB 517, a bill to ban offshore oil drilling and exploration.

North Carolina General Assembly
Bill # (Ex: H1 or S1) 2019-2020 Session

HOUSE SENATE AUDIO CALENDARS COMMITTEES BILLS & LAWS DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING ABOUT

S516 **Senate Bill 517 (=H545)** S518

Protect the Military/Fisheries/Tourism.
2019-2020 Session

VIEW BILL DIGEST
VIEW AVAILABLE BILL SUMMARIES

| EDITION | FISCAL NOTE |
|-----------|-------------|
| Filed | |
| Edition 1 | |

Last Action: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 4/3/2019

Sponsors: Peterson (Primary)
Clark; deViere; Foushee; Garrett; Lowe; Marcus; Mohammed; Nickel; Robinson; Searcy; Waddell

Attributes: Public

Counties: No counties specifically cited

Statutes: 113A, 143, 146 (Chapters); 113A-119.2, 143-215.94CC, 143-215.94GG, 143-215.94HH, 146-8 (Sections)

Keywords: ARMED FORCES, AUTHORITIES, COASTAL RESOURCES, DISASTERS & EMERGENCIES, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MILITARY BASES, MINING & MINERAL EXTRACTION, PUBLIC, TRAVEL & TOURISM, TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES

HISTORY

| DATE | CHAMBER | ACTION | DOCUMENTS | VOTES |
|----------|---------|--|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 4/3/2019 | Senate | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate | | |
| 4/3/2019 | Senate | Passed 1st Reading | | |
| 4/2/2019 | Senate | Filed | DRAFT: DR555054-RI-4B | |

[SB 517 \(2019-2020 Session\), nclg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

In April 2019, the *Carteret County News-Times* reported that SB 517 would “prohibit the exploration, development and production of offshore oil and gas in North Carolina coastal waters.”

HEADLINE: Democrats introduce bills opposing offshore drilling

Two coastal legislators are primary architects of companion bills introduced in the General Assembly on April 3. The short title attached to both Senate Bill 517 and House Bill 545 is “Protect the Military/Fisheries/Tourism.”

The full description, however, is: **“An act to prohibit the exploration, development and production of offshore oil and gas in North Carolina coastal waters in order to protect military operations, commercial and recreational fishing and tourism, and the billions of dollars they contribute annually to the coastal economy and the state as a whole”**

Language in the proposed legislation attempts to present the case why authors think “offshore exploration, development and production is too risky” to the environment, creatures of the sea and the economy. **The sponsor of the bill in the Senate is Sen. Harper Peterson, D-Wilmington.** He has lined up eight fellow Democrats as co-sponsors...

Advocates of the bills now before the state legislature conclude: “The risks posed by offshore exploration, development and production of oil and gas ... are too grave, and those risks vastly outweigh any benefits from drilling for the amount of oil and gas estimated to be economically recoverable.”

[“Democrats introduce bills opposing offshore drilling,” Carteret County News-Times, April 6, 2019](#) (emphasis added)

A.6 – Property Ownership & Property Taxes

Current Property Ownership – Peterson, His Wife, and Peterson’s Affiliated Companies Own a Total of Seven Properties in New Hanover County; Including One Residential Property, Three Commercial Properties, One Parking Lot, and Two Different Sets of Business Equipment

Searches of the New Hanover County Tax Department, the New Hanover County Register of Deeds, and *Nexis* real property found that Peterson, his wife (Pamela Dodge), and Peterson’s affiliated companies currently own a total of seven properties in New Hanover County – including one residential property, three commercial properties, one parking lot, and two different sets of business equipment. Details about these properties are shown in the following table.

**SUMMARY OF PROPERTY OWNED BY HAROLD PETERSON, HIS WIFE, AND PETERSON’S AFFILIATED COMPANIES
IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

| Address | County (State) | Parcel No. | Named Owner | Date Purchased | Current Total Appraised Value | Notes |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 212 Orange St Wilmington, NC | New Hanover (NC) | R05405-016-023-000 | Harold W Peterson Jr et al | 5/3/1996 | \$531,000 | Single Family Residential |
| 8 Market St Wilmington, NC | New Hanover (NC) | R04720-011-007-000 | Harold W Peterson Jr et al | 9/15/1994 | \$246,700 | Commercial/Retail Property |
| 302 N Front St Wilmington, NC | New Hanover (NC) | R04720-004-004-002 | Pamela P Dodge | 1/30/2009 | \$287,800 | Commercial/Retail Property |
| 124 S Front St | New Hanover (NC) | R05308-005-004-000 | City Market of Wilmington LLC | 2/11/2014 | \$1,143,200 | Commercial/Retail Property |
| 122 S Water St | New Hanover (NC) | R05308-006-002-000 | City Market of Wilmington LLC | 2/11/2014 | \$178,800 | Parking Lot |
| 119 S Water St | New Hanover (NC) | B0940B304 | City Market of Wilmington LLC | n/a | \$2,095 | Business supplies & equipment |
| 15 S Water St | New Hanover (NC) | B0000B258 | Blue Post LLC | n/a | \$8,389 | Business supplies & equipment |

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

As noted in a separate chapter of this report, Peterson is currently registered to vote at 212 Orange Street. This address is located in State Senate District 9.

The following image shows the New Hanover County Tax Department “Property Details” record for 212 Orange St. This record describes 212 Orange St. as a 3,652 square foot residence with four bedrooms and four bathrooms.

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| PARID: R05405-016-023-000 | |
| PETERSON HAROLD W JR ETAL | 212 ORANGE ST |
| Residential | 1 of 2 > |
| Card | 1 |
| Stories | 2 - 2 ST |
| Class | - |
| Physical Condition | - |
| Grade | B--GOOD QUALITY - |
| CDU | AV-AVERAGE |
| Exterior Wall | 01-WOOD FRAME |
| Style | II-ITALIAN INFLUENCE |
| Year Built | 1875 |
| Effective Year Built | |
| Remodeled Year | |
| Living Area | 3,652 |
| Total Rooms | |
| Bedrooms | 4 |
| Family Rooms | |
| Attic | |
| Basement | NONE |
| Full Baths | 4 |
| Half Baths | 0 |
| Additional Fixtures | 1 |
| Total Fixtures | 15 |
| Heat | CENTRAL WITH A/C |
| Heating System | Central Heat & Air |
| Heating Fuel Type | Electric |
| Pre Fab Fireplace | 3 |
| Masonry Fireplaces | 1 |

212 Orange St, Property Details, New Hanover County Tax Department

The following image shows the New Hanover County Tax Department “Property Details” record for 8 Market St. This record describes 8 Market St as a 3,462 square foot commercial property with three units.

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| PARID: R04720-011-007-000 | |
| PETERSON HAROLD W JR ETAL | 8 MARKET ST |
| Commercial | |
| Card | 1 |
| Building Number | 1 |
| Structure Code/Description | CBD-CBD |
| Improvement Name | THE BLACK CAT SHOPPE |
| Units | 3 |
| Year Built | 1900 |
| Effective Year Built | 1980 |
| Grade | B- |
| Class | C-COM |
| Other Improvements | |
| Other Imp Value | |
| Total Under Roof | 3462 |
| Building Factor | 1 |
| Percent Complete | % |
| Percent Good | 70.28% |
| Notes | |

8 Market St, Property Details, New Hanover County Tax Department

The following image shows the New Hanover County Tax Department “Property Details” record for 302 N Front St. This record describes 302 N Front St as a 1,480 square foot commercial property with one unit.

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| PARID: R04720-004-004-002 | |
| DODGE PAMELA P | 302 FRONT ST N |
| Commercial | |
| Card | 1 |
| Building Number | 1 |
| Structure Code/Description | CBD-CBD |
| Improvement Name | RETURN PASSAGE |
| Units | 1 |
| Year Built | 1917 |
| Effective Year Built | 1985 |
| Grade | B |
| Class | C-COM |
| Other Improvements | |
| Other Imp Value | |
| Total Under Roof | 1480 |
| Building Factor | 2.5 |
| Percent Complete | % |
| Percent Good | 68% |
| Notes | |

302 N Front St, Property Details, New Hanover County Tax Department

The following image shows the New Hanover County Tax Department “Property Details” record for 124 S Front St. This record describes 124 S Front St as a 6,386 square foot commercial property with one unit.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| PARID: R05308-005-004-000 | |
| CITY MARKET OF WILMINGTON LLC | 124 FRONT ST S |
| Commercial | 1 of 2 > |
| Card | 1 |
| Building Number | 1 |
| Structure Code/Description | CBD-CBD |
| Improvement Name | |
| Units | 1 |
| Year Built | 1887 |
| Effective Year Built | 1988 |
| Grade | C+ |
| Class | - |
| Other Improvements | |
| Other Imp Value | |
| Total Under Roof | 6386 |
| Building Factor | 1 |
| Percent Complete | % |
| Percent Good | 71% |
| Notes | |

124 S Front St, Property Details, New Hanover County Tax Department

Peterson and His Affiliated Companies Have Made 18 Delinquent Property Tax Payments in New Hanover County – Paid a Total of \$2,103 in Interest and Fees Due to the Late Payments

Searches of the New Hanover County Tax Department found that Peterson and his affiliated companies have made 18 delinquent property tax payments in New Hanover County. These late payments have resulted in Peterson and his affiliated companies paying a total of \$2,103.40 in additional interest and fees to the county.

The following table provides details about Peterson’s delinquent property tax payments in New Hanover County. An example of one such delinquent tax payment is shown below the table.

**SUMMARY OF INTEREST AND FEES RESULTING FROM DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS
BY HAROLD PETERSON AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY**

| Property | Named Owner | Tax Year | Interest Paid | Fees Paid | Total Paid |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 8 Market St | Harold W Peterson Jr et al | 2019 | \$76.21 | \$0 | \$76.21 |
| 8 Market St | Harold W Peterson Jr et al | 2018 | \$55.42 | \$0 | \$55.42 |
| 8 Market St | Harold W Peterson et al | 2015 | \$56.62 | \$0 | \$56.62 |
| 8 Market St | Harold W Peterson; Pamela P D | 2009 | \$42.50 | \$0 | \$42.50 |
| 8 Market St | Harold W Peterson; Pamela P D | 2008 | \$60.67 | \$3.50 | \$64.17 |
| 8 Market St | Harold W Peterson; Pamela P D | 2007 | \$39.56 | \$0 | \$39.56 |
| 8 Market St | Harold W Peterson; Pamela P D | 2005 | \$80.39 | \$0 | \$80.39 |
| 8 Market St | Harold W Peterson; Pamela P D | 2004 | \$59.23 | \$0 | \$59.23 |
| 8 Market St | Harold W Peterson; Pamela P D | 2000 | \$123.33 | \$2.50 | \$125.83 |
| 302 N Front St | Pamela P Dodge | 2019 | \$88.91 | \$600.46 | \$689.37 |
| 302 N Front St | Pamela P Dodge | 2018 | \$64.66 | \$0 | \$64.66 |
| 302 N Front St | Pamela P Dodge | 2015 | \$59.54 | \$0 | \$59.54 |
| 302 N Front St | Harold W Peterson; Pamela P Dodge | 2013 | \$77.62 | \$0 | \$77.62 |
| 302 N Front St | Harold W Peterson; Pamela P Dodge | 2010 | \$55.63 | \$2.55 | \$58.18 |
| 124 S Front St | City Market of Wilmington LLC | 2015 | \$418.58 | \$3.30 | \$421.88 |
| 122 S Water St | City Market of Wilmington LLC | 2016 | \$85.54 | \$1.24 | \$86.78 |
| 122 S Water St | City Market of Wilmington LLC | 2015 | \$44.96 | \$0 | \$44.96 |
| Business Property | City Market of Wilmington LLC | 2018 | \$0.48 | \$0 | \$0.48 |
| TOTAL | | | \$1,489.85 | \$613.55 | \$2,103.40 |

Source: New Hanover County Tax Department

The following image shows the New Hanover County Tax Department 2019 property tax payment record for 302 N Front St. As shown, Peterson failed to make a timely payment for the property taxes that were due by January 5, 2020. This resulted in the assessment of a \$600.46 fee and \$88.91 interest.

| Real Estate | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------|----------|--------|
| View Bill | | | | | | |
| As of | 4/17/2020 | | | | | |
| Bill Year | 2019 | | | | | |
| Bill | 19028476 | | | | | |
| Owner | DODGE PAMELA P | | | | | |
| Parcel ID | R04720-004-004-002 | | | | | |
| View payments/adjustments | | | | | | |
| Installment | Pay By | Amount | Payments/Credits | Balance | Interest | Due |
| 1 | 1/6/2020 | \$3,233.15 | \$3,833.61 | (\$600.46) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Fees | | \$600.46 | \$600.46 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Interest | | | \$88.91 | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | | \$3,833.61 | \$3,833.61 | (\$600.46) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

302 N Front St, 2019 Tax Year, Real Estate-View Bill, New Hanover County Tax Department

| Real Estate | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | Return to view bill |
| Payments/Adjustments | | | | | | |
| As of 4/17/2020 | | | | | | |
| Bill Year | 2019 | | | | | |
| Bill | 19028476 | | | | | |
| Activity | Posted | Entered | Reference # | Paid By/Reference | Amount | |
| Payment | 2/5/2020 | 2/5/2020 | 13530059 | PETERSON HAROLD W ST CASHIER CK | \$3,922.52 | |
| Billing Fee | 1/30/2020 | 1/30/2020 | 1152 | | \$600.46 | |
| Reversal | 1/30/2020 | 1/30/2020 | 13526568 | Reversal / 13523261 | (\$3,233.15) | |
| Payment | 1/14/2020 | 1/21/2020 | 13523261 | PETERSON HAROLD W JR ETAL | \$3,233.15 | |

302 N Front St, 2019 Tax Year, Real Estate-Payments/ Adjustments, New Hanover County Tax Department

Current Property Ownership – Peterson, His Wife, and Peterson’s Affiliated Companies Own a Total of 41 Properties in Brunswick County; Including One Residential Property, Three Commercial Properties, One Parking Lot, and Two Different Sets of Business Equipment

Searches of the Brunswick County Tax Office, the Brunswick County Register of Deeds, and *Nexis* real property found that Peterson, his wife (Pamela Dodge), and Peterson’s affiliated companies currently own a total of 41 properties in Brunswick County – including two residential properties, four commercial properties, and 35 vacant properties. Details about these properties are shown in the following table.

**SUMMARY OF PROPERTY OWNED BY HAROLD PETERSON, HIS WIFE, AND PETERSON’S AFFILIATED COMPANIES
IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

| Address | County (State) | Parcel No. | Named Owner | Date Purchased | Current Total Appraised Value | Notes |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 8 Poor Mans Pepper Trail Bald Head Island, NC | Brunswick (NC) | 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela P Dodge | 6/8/1988 | \$775,460 | Single Family Residential |
| None provided | Brunswick (NC) | 2642B00401 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela P Dodge | 6/2/2006 | \$36,000 | Vacant Land |
| None provided | Brunswick (NC) | 237LF01102 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela P Dodge | 4/11/2007 | \$199,280 | Vacant Land with Boat Slip |
| 186-214 Baltic Ln NE County | Brunswick (NC) | 046MC017-046MC026 | Berkshire Coincidence LLC | 2005 | \$37,500 | 8 Parcels of Vacant Land |
| 7804-7816 Dory Ln NE County | Brunswick (NC) | 046MC004-046MC011 | Berkshire Coincidence LLC | 2005 | \$15,000 | 6 Parcels of Vacant Land |
| 7842-7882 Crystal Lane Dr NE County | Brunswick (NC) | 046MB006-046MB022 | Berkshire Coincidence LLC | 2005 | \$25,000 | 5 Parcels of Vacant Land |
| None provided | Brunswick (NC) | 0460001101-0460001102 | Maritime Realty & Development LLC | 2006 | \$94,720 | 2 Parcels of Vacant Land – 1 with Mobile Home |
| 7734 James Way NE County | Brunswick (NC) | 0460001307-0460001309 | Maritime Realty & Development LLC | 2006 | \$37,100 | 2 Parcels of Vacant Land |
| None provided | Brunswick (NC) | 0460001316 | Maritime Realty & Development LLC | 2006 | \$50,930 | Single Family Residential |
| None provided | Brunswick (NC) | 260JA004 | Riverside Adventure Co | 2015 | \$523,580 | Commercial – Retail |
| 2 Merchants Row Unit D Bald Head Island, NC | Brunswick (NC) | 2642L020 | Riverside Adventure Co | 2014 | \$140,290 | Commercial – Office |
| 102 Keelson Row Bald Head Island, NC | Brunswick (NC) | 260JB013 | Riverside Adventure Co | 2015 | \$422,880 | Commercial – Office |
| None provided | Brunswick (NC) | 260JB001-260JB010 | Riverside Adventure Co | 2016 | \$105,000 | 3 Parcels of Vacant Land |

| Address | County (State) | Parcel No. | Named Owner | Date Purchased | Current Total Appraised Value | Notes |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 409 Timberland Ln SE County | Brunswick (NC) | 0700007015- 0700007022 | Snow Creek Group LLC | 2006 | \$39,730 | 7 Parcels of Vacant Land |
| 253 Edward Teach Ext Bald Head Island, NC | Brunswick (NC) | 2642J00301 | South Water LLC | 2018 | \$478,510 | Commercial – Office |

Source: Brunswick County Tax Office, Brunswick County Register of Deeds, Nexis Real Property

Additional details about any of these properties can be provided upon request.

Peterson Has Made 24 Delinquent Property Tax Payments in Brunswick County – Paid a Total of \$1,655 in Interest and Fees Due to the Late Payments

Searches of the Brunswick County Tax Office found that Peterson has made 24 delinquent property tax payments in New Hanover County. These late payments have resulted in Peterson paying a total of \$1,655.87 in additional interest and fees to the county.

Note that these searches found hundreds of additional property tax payments made by Peterson’s affiliated companies in Brunswick County. These payments were not comprehensively reviewed to determine how many were delinquent and the total amount of interest and fees that were paid to the county as a result of the late payments. A random sampling, however, found that a portion of the payments of these property tax payments were delinquent. In any event, the table shown below does not include any of the delinquent property tax payments made by Peterson’s affiliated companies.

The following table provides details about Peterson’s delinquent property tax payments in New Hanover County. An example of one such delinquent tax payment is shown below the table.

SUMMARY OF INTEREST AND FEES RESULTING FROM DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS BY HAROLD PETERSON IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

| Property | Named Owner | Tax Year | Total Interest/ Fees Paid |
|------------|--------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| 2642B005 | Harold W Peterson and Pamela P | 2007 | \$16.78 |
| 2642B006 | Harold W Peterson and Pamela P | 2007 | \$10.07 |
| 2642B006 | Harold W Peterson and Pamela P | 2008 | \$33.17 |
| 2642B006 | Harold W Peterson and Pamela P | 2009 | \$49.18 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2002 | \$15.95 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2003 | \$14.12 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2005 | \$14.62 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2006 | \$11.48 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2007 | \$40.27 |
| 237LF01102 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2008 | \$16.05 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2008 | \$49.76 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2009 | \$204.79 |
| 237LF01102 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2010 | \$31.29 |
| 237LF01102 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2011 | \$13.10 |

| Property | Named Owner | Tax Year | Total Interest/ Fees Paid |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| 237LF01102 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2012 | \$13.02 |
| 237LF01102 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2019 | \$32.70 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr | 2019 | \$187.86 |
| 02100020 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela P | 2008 | \$1.54 |
| 02100020 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela P | 2010 | \$2.35 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela D | 2010 | \$182.92 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela D | 2011 | \$243.48 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela D | 2012 | \$178.40 |
| 2642B004 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela D | 2015 | \$284.25 |
| 2642B00401 | Harold W Peterson Jr and Pamela D | 2019 | \$8.72 |
| TOTAL | | | \$1,655.87 |

Source: Brunswick County Tax Office

The following image shows the Brunswick County Tax Office 2015 property tax payment record for 8 Poor Mans Pepper Trail (Property #2642B004). As shown, Peterson failed to make a timely payment for the property taxes that were due for the 2015 tax year. This resulted in the assessment of interest/fees of \$284.25.

| Year | Parcel # | Owner | Assessed Value | Interest | Fees | Building Value | Outbuilding Value | Land Value | Parcel Value Total | Deferred Value | Taxable Value | Original Levy | Total Valuation | Exemption |
|------|----------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------|------|----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 2015 | 105457 | PETERSON HAROLD W JR ETUX PAMELA D | 10,237.20 | 0.00 | 0 | 721,550 | 7,780 | 130,000 | 859,330 | 0 | 859,330 | 10,237.20 | 859,330 | 0 |
| 2016 | 106775 | PETERSON HAROLD W JR ETUX PAMELA D | 929.21 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2017 | 109523 | PETERSON HAROLD W JR ETUX PAMELA D | 929.21 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2018 | 108159 | PETERSON HAROLD W JR ETUX PAMELA D | 944.81 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2019 | 109180 | PETERSON HAROLD W JR ETUX PAMELA D | 436.07 | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | | | | |

Selected Tax Bill Info [View Appraisal Card](#)

Account#: 38387960 Bill#: 105457 Last Trans Date: 05/20/2016 Building Value: 721,550 Current Balance: 0.00
 PETERSON HAROLD W JR ETUX PAMELA D Parcel#: 2642B004 Last Payment : 05/20/2016 Outbuilding Value: 7,780 Original Levy: 10,237.20
 Pin#: 300404713196 Escrow: Land Value: 130,000 Personal Value: 0
 Status: Parcel Value Total: 859,330 Total Valuation: 859,330
 Legal Description: L-550-552 STAGE 1 BALD HEAD ISL PL 12/1-9 3.000LT Deferred Value: 0 Exemption: 0
 Taxable Value: 859,330

212 ORANGE STREET
WILMINGTON NC 28401-
8 POOR MANS PEPPER TR [View Parcel Profile](#)

Taxes and Fees Billed By County

| Description | Levied | Interest/Fees | Released | Collected | Balance |
|--|------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| ADVERTISEMENT FEE | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 | 1.00 | 0.00 |
| COUNTY AD VALOREM INTEREST | 0.00 | 115.31 | 0.00 | 115.31 | 0.00 |
| SMITHVILLE (DOSHER) AD VALOREM INTEREST | 0.00 | 9.51 | 0.00 | 9.51 | 0.00 |
| VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD AD VALOREM INTEREST | 0.00 | 158.43 | 0.00 | 158.43 | 0.00 |
| DOSHER HOSP TAX | 343.73 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 343.73 | 0.00 |
| BRUNSWICK COUNTY | 4,167.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,167.75 | 0.00 |
| VILLAGE OF BHI | 5,725.72 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5,725.72 | 0.00 |
| Totals | 10,237.20 | 284.25 | 0.00 | 10,521.45 | 0.00 |

Payment History

| TransactionDate | InterestDate | Type | Interest/Fees | Released | Collected |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|----------|-----------|
| 2/19/2016 2:58 PM | 02/19/2016 | Payment | 281.52 | 0.00 | 10441.94 |
| 3/7/2016 8:00 AM | | Discovery | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 5/20/2016 8:29 AM | 05/19/2016 | Payment | 1.73 | 0.00 | 79.51 |

8 Poor Mans Pepper Tr (#2642B004), Tax Bill Search, 2015 Tax Year, Brunswick County Tax Office

A.7 – Liens, Judgments, & Foreclosures

Summary of Recorded Document Searches – Three State Tax Liens, One State Tax Lien Issued in Error, Six Civil Judgments, and Two Foreclosures Have Been Filed against Peterson and His Affiliated Companies in New Hanover County and Brunswick County

The following searches were conducted for recorded/filed documents. These searches yielded the results shown in the following table for three state tax liens, one state tax lien issued in error, six civil judgments, and two foreclosures filed against Peterson and his affiliated companies.

Note that comprehensive in-person searches at the New Hanover County Clerk of Court and Brunswick County Clerk of Court are pending until further notice due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Also note, however, that copies of four state tax liens filed against Peterson by the New Hanover County Clerk of Court (one of which was later shown as “Issued in Error”) were available from prior research and have been incorporated into this report.

SUMMARY OF RECORDED DOCUMENT SEARCHES FOR HAROLD PETERSON AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES (1 OF 2)

| Search Term | New Hanover County Register of Deeds | New Hanover County Clerk of Court | Brunswick County Register of Deeds | Brunswick County Clerk of Court |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Harold Peterson | No results | <p>RUN PENDING</p> <p>4 Results (from Prior Research) – \$7,584.43 state tax lien filed 1/19/2012 in New Hanover County with release. (#12-M-60)</p> <p>\$1,001.47 state tax lien filed 4/20/2011 in New Hanover County with release. (#11-M-787)</p> <p>\$1,413.72 state tax lien filed 10/21/2010 in New Hanover County with release. (#12-M-43)</p> <p>\$9,108.00 state tax lien filed 1/11/2012 in New Hanover County – Issued in Error. (#12-M-43)</p> | No results | RUN PENDING |

| Search Term | New Hanover County Register of Deeds | New Hanover County Clerk of Court | Brunswick County Register of Deeds | Brunswick County Clerk of Court |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Harper Peterson | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Antilles Sail, Inc. | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Berkshire Coincidence, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Blue Post LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Canopy Group, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| City Market of Wilmington, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Dirt Hound, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Fathom That, Inc. | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Harpoon, Inc. | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Maritime Realty & Development, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Rio Amigos, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Riverside Adventure Company | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Snow Creek Group, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | 1 Result – Notice of Foreclosure filed 1/31/2011 in Brunswick County. (Bk. 3132 Pg. 0217) | RUN PENDING |
| South Water LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Tar Heel Creamery | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Town Creek Club, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Town Creek Landing, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | 1 Result – Notice of Foreclosure filed 8/4/2010 in Brunswick County. (Bk. 3070 Pg. 0354) | RUN PENDING |
| Town Creek Ventures, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Waccamaw Boys, LLC | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |
| Wilmington Maritime Heritage Foundation | No results | RUN PENDING | No results | RUN PENDING |

SUMMARY OF RECORDED DOCUMENT SEARCHES FOR HAROLD PETERSON AND AFFILIATED COMPANIES (2 OF 2)

| Search Term | NC Sec. of State – Federal Tax Liens | Nexis Judgments & Liens | Nexis Foreclosures | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------|--|
| Harold Peterson | No results | 2 Results – Duplicate records of the liens found in New Hanover County Clerk or Court. \$7,584 state tax lien filed 1/19/2012 in New Hanover County with release. (#12-M-000060) \$9,108 state tax lien filed 1/11/2012 in New Hanover County – filed in error. (#12-M-000043) | No results | |
| Harper Peterson | No results | No results | No results | |
| Antilles Sail, Inc. | No results | 1 Result - \$294 civil judgment filed 12/1/1993 in Brunswick County with satisfaction. (#B29P105) | No results | |
| Berkshire Coincidence, LLC | No results | 1 Result - \$41,812 civil judgment filed 8/3/2010 in New Hanover County. (#09-CVS-002998) | No results | |
| Blue Post LLC | No results | No results | No results | |
| Canopy Group, LLC | No results | 1 Result - \$22,528 civil judgment filed 2/24/2011 in New Hanover County. (#10-CVS-003148) | No results | |
| City Market of Wilmington, LLC | No results | No results | No results | |
| Dirt Hound, LLC | No results | No results | No results | |
| Fathom That, Inc. | No results | No results | No results | |
| Harpoon, Inc. | No results | No results | No results | |
| Maritime Realty & Development, LLC | No results | 1 Result - \$71,986 civil judgment filed 8/3/2010 in New Hanover County. (#09-CVS-001361) | No results | |
| Rio Amigos, LLC | No results | No results | No results | |
| Riverside Adventure Company | No results | No results | No results | |

| Search Term | NC Sec. of State – Federal Tax Liens | Nexis Judgments & Liens | Nexis Foreclosures | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Snow Creek Group, LLC | No results | 2 Results - \$96,469 civil judgment filed 8/3/2010 in New Hanover County. (#09-CVS-002075) \$119,356 civil judgment filed 1/11/2010 in New Hanover County. (#09-CVS-0010645) | No results | |
| South Water LLC | No results | No results | No results | |
| Tar Heel Creamery | No results | No results | No results | |
| Town Creek Club, LLC | No results | No results | No results | |
| Town Creek Landing, LLC | No results | No results | 1 Result – Notice of Default filed 4/23/2010. This Default relates to the foreclosure from 8/4/2010 found in Brunswick County Register of Deeds. | |
| Town Creek Ventures, LLC | No results | No results | No results | |
| Waccamaw Boys, LLC | No results | No results | No results | |
| Wilmington Maritime Heritage Foundation | No results | No results | No results | |

Three State Tax Liens Totaling \$10,000 Have Been Filed against Peterson in New Hanover County – All Liens Have Been Paid/Released; One State Tax Lien “Issued in Error” Also Filed against Peterson in New Hanover County

\$7,584 State Tax Lien Filed against Peterson in January 2012

As shown by the following images, a \$7,584.43 state tax lien was filed against Peterson in New Hanover County in January 2012 and then paid/satisfied in full in June 2012. The Employment Security Commission North Carolina – Unemployment Insurance Division filed this lien.

0022391-1019-00-00-20120117

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OF NORTH CAROLINA
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIVISION
POST OFFICE BOX 26504
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27611-6504

120003440
AR: 1642160

CERTIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX DELINQUENCY

January 17, 2012

TO: CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 28401

RE: HAROLD W. PETERSON JR &
PAMELA P. DODGE
INDIVIDUALLY AND JOINTLY
5 SOUTH WATER ST
WILMINGTON NC 28401-4447

00 22 391 7

Greetings:

The Commission is certifying to you the non-payment by this employer of unemployment tax, penalties, and/or interest past due under the Employment Security Law of North Carolina. Please enter this certificate on your judgment docket.

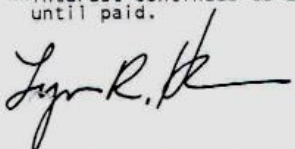
Copies of this certificate are being sent to an agent of the Commission in your county to serve as an execution pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 96-10(b)(1).

On or about the first of the month, you will be mailed a check covering your indexing fee for this and any other certificates sent to you during this month.

Delinquent Period(s):
3rd qtr 2011,

| | |
|--|------------|
| Taxes | \$6,339.60 |
| Interest on above through January 31, 2012** | \$85.56 |
| Penalty Late Filing | \$384.42 |
| Penalty Late Payment | \$768.85 |
| Penalty Worthless Check | \$0.00 |
| Court Costs/Docket Fee | \$6.00 |
| TOTAL TO DATE | \$7,584.43 |

**Interest continues to accrue on any tax due at a rate determined by G.S. 105-241.1(i) until paid.



Lynn R. Holmes, Chairman
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina

2012 JAN 19 6 3 32
CR

File #12-M-60, New Hanover County Clerk of Court, Filed January 19, 2012

North Carolina Department of Commerce
Division of Employment Security
Post Office Box 26504
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-6504

File Number: 12M60
1642160

NORTH CAROLINA }
WAKE COUNTY }
NC Department of Commerce
Division of Employment Security

VS.

HAROLD W. PETERSON JR &
PAMELA P. DODGE
INDIVIDUALLY AND JOINTLY
5 SOUTH WATER ST
WILMINGTON NC 28401-4447

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CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION
OF JUDGMENT

00 22 391 7

State of North Carolina, to the Clerk of the Superior Court of NEW HANOVER
County -- Greetings:

Whereas, the Division of Employment Security of North Carolina,
on the 17th day of January, 2012, caused a judgment to be docketed in
your county against the above-named employer in the amount of \$7,584.43
for and on account of unpaid unemployment tax, penalties and interest, the
same being with respect to employment during the following quarter (s)/year (s):

3rd qtr 2011

Whereas, this judgment has been paid and satisfied in full.

You are, therefore, hereby authorized and directed to enter
notation on the margin of the judgment to the effect that the said
judgment has been paid and satisfied in full and is in consequence
cancelled of record as provided by North Carolina General Statutes
Section 96-10(b) (3).

Witness my hand as Secretary and the Seal of the Division
aforesaid, this, the 8th day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

NC Department of Commerce
Division of Employment Security

J. Keith Crisco

J. Keith Crisco, Secretary

Dempsey E. Benton

Dempsey E. Benton, Assistant Secretary

File #12-M-60, New Hanover County Clerk of Court, Signed June 8, 2012

\$1,001 State Tax Lien Filed against Peterson in April 2011

As shown by the following images, a \$1,001.47 state tax lien was filed against Peterson in New Hanover County in April 2011 and then paid/satisfied in full later that same month. The Employment Security Commission North Carolina – Unemployment Insurance Division filed this lien.

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OF NORTH CAROLINA
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIVISION
POST OFFICE BOX 26504
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27611-6504

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CERTIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX DELINQUENCY

April 19, 2011

TO: CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 28401

RE: HAROLD W. PETERSON JR &
PAMELA P. DODGE
INDIVIDUALLY AND JOINTLY
C/O TIME PLUS PAYROLL SERVICES INC
695 MANSELL RD STE 250
ROSWELL GA 30076-8846

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Greetings:

The Commission is certifying to you the non-payment by this employer of unemployment tax, penalties, and/or interest past due under the Employment Security Law of North Carolina. Please enter this certificate on your judgment docket.

Copies of this certificate are being sent to an agent of the Commission in your county to serve as an execution pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 96-10(b)(1).

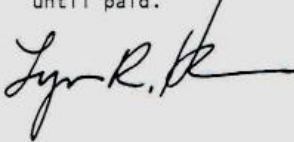
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Delinquent Period(s):

4th qtr 2010.

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| Taxes | \$719.86 |
| Interest on above through April 30, 2011** | \$13.38 |
| Penalty Late Filing | \$87.41 |
| Penalty Late Payment | \$174.82 |
| Penalty Worthless Check | \$0.00 |
| Court Costs/Docket Fee | \$6.00 |
| TOTAL TO DATE | \$1,001.47 |

**Interest continues to accrue on any tax due at a rate determined by G.S. 105-241.1(i) until paid.



Lynn R. Holmes, Chairman
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina

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BY: [Signature] 4/20/11

File #11-M-787, New Hanover County Clerk of Court, Filed April 20, 2011

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CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION
OF JUDGMENT

VS.

HAROLD W. PETERSON JR &
PAMELA P. DODGE
INDIVIDUALLY AND JOINTLY
5 SOUTH WATER ST
WILMINGTON NC 28401-4447

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State of North Carolina, to the Clerk of the Superior Court of NEW HANOVER
County -- Greetings:

Whereas, the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina,
on the 19th day of April, 2011, caused a judgment to be docketed in
your county against the above-named employer in the amount of \$1,001.47
for and on account of unpaid unemployment tax, penalties and interest, the
same being with respect to employment during the following quarter(s)/year(s):

4th qtr 2010

Whereas, this judgment has been paid and satisfied in full.

You are, therefore, hereby authorized and directed to enter
notation on the margin of the judgment to the effect that the said
judgment has been paid and satisfied in full and is in consequence
cancelled of record as provided by North Carolina General Statutes
Section 96-10 (b) (3).

Witness my hand as Chairman and the Seal of the Commission
aforesaid, this, the 27th day of April, 2011.

ATTEST:

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina

Lynn R. Holmes

Lynn R. Holmes, Chairman

David C. ...

Assistant Secretary

File #11-M-787, New Hanover County Clerk of Court, Signed April 27, 2011

\$1,413 State Tax Lien Filed against Peterson in October 2010

As shown by the following images, a \$1,413.72 state tax lien was filed against Peterson in New Hanover County in October 2010 and then paid/satisfied in full in November 2010. The Employment Security Commission North Carolina – Unemployment Insurance Division filed this lien.

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OF NORTH CAROLINA
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIVISION
POST OFFICE BOX 26504
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27611-6504

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CERTIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX DELINQUENCY

October 18, 2010

TO: CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 28401

RE: HAROLD W. PETERSON JR &
PAMELA P. DODGE
INDIVIDUALLY AND JOINTLY
C/O TIME PLUS PAYROLL SERVICES INC
500 COLONIAL CENTER PARKWAY STE 650
ROSWELL GA 30076-8859

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Greetings:

The Commission is certifying to you the non-payment by this employer of unemployment tax, penalties, and/or interest past due under the Employment Security Law of North Carolina. Please enter this certificate on your judgment docket.

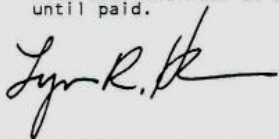
Copies of this certificate are being sent to an agent of the Commission in your county to serve as an execution pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 96-10(b)(1).

On or about the first of the month, you will be mailed a check covering your indexing fee for this and any other certificates sent to you during this month.

Delinquent Period(s):
2nd qtr 2010,

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| Taxes | \$1,265.26 |
| Interest on above through October 31, 2010** | \$15.93 |
| Penalty Late Filing | \$0.00 |
| Penalty Late Payment | \$126.53 |
| Penalty Worthless Check | \$0.00 |
| Court Costs/Docket Fee | \$6.00 |
| TOTAL TO DATE | \$1,413.72 |

**Interest continues to accrue on any tax due at a rate determined by G.S. 105-241.1(i) until paid.



Lynn R. Holmes, Chairman
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina

File #10-M-2087, New Hanover County Clerk of Court, Filed October 21, 2010

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OF NORTH CAROLINA File Number: 10M2087
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State of North Carolina, to the Clerk of the Superior Court of NEW HANOVER County -- Greetings:

Whereas, the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, on the 18th day of October, 2010, caused a judgment to be docketed in your county against the above-named employer in the amount of \$1,413.72 for and on account of unpaid unemployment tax, penalties and interest, the same being with respect to employment during the following quarter(s)/year(s):

2nd qtr 2010

Whereas, this judgment has been paid and satisfied in full.

You are, therefore, hereby authorized and directed to enter notation on the margin of the judgment to the effect that the said judgment has been paid and satisfied in full and is in consequence cancelled of record as provided by North Carolina General Statutes Section 96-10 (b) (3).

Witness my hand as Chairman and the Seal of the Commission aforesaid, this, the 15th day of November, 2010.

ATTEST:

Employment Security Commission of North Carolina
Lynn R. Holmes
Lynn R. Holmes, Chairman

Assistant Secretary

File #10-M-2087, New Hanover County Clerk of Court, Filed November 16, 2010

\$9,108 State Tax Lien Filed against Peterson in January 2012 – Lien “Issued in Error”

As shown by the following images, a \$9,108.00 state tax lien was filed against Peterson in New Hanover County in January and then canceled in March 2012 by a letter stating the lien had been “Issued in Error.” The Employment Security Commission North Carolina – Unemployment Insurance Division filed this lien.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DIVISION
COMMISSION OF NORTH CAROLINA
POST OFFICE BOX 26504
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA 27611-6504

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CERTIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX DELINQUENCY

January 10, 2012

TO: CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
NEW HANOVER COUNTY
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, 28401

RE: HAROLD W. PETERSON JR &
PAMELA P. DODGE
INDIVIDUALLY AND JOINTLY
5 SOUTH WATER ST
WILMINGTON NC 28401-4447

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Greetings:

The Commission is certifying to you the non-payment by this employer of unemployment tax, penalties, and/or interest past due under the Employment Security Law of North Carolina. Please enter this certificate on your judgment docket.

Copies of this certificate are being sent to an agent of the Commission in your county to serve as an execution pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 96-10(b)(1).


On or about the first of the month, you will be mailed a check covering your indexing fee for this and any other certificates sent to you during this month.

Delinquent Period(s):

2nd qtr 2011,

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| Taxes | \$8,089.25 |
| Interest on above through January 31, 2012** | \$203.82 |
| Penalty Late Filing | \$0.00 |
| Penalty Late Payment | \$808.93 |
| Penalty Worthless Check | \$0.00 |
| Court Costs/Docket Fee | \$6.00 |
| TOTAL TO DATE | \$9,108.00 |

**Interest continues to accrue on any tax due at a rate determined by G.S. 105-241.1(i) until paid.



Lynn R. Holmes, Chairman
Employment Security Commission of North Carolina

File #11-M-43, New Hanover County Clerk of Court, Filed January 11, 2012

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION OF NORTH CAROLINA
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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION
OF NORTH CAROLINA

VS.

HAROLD W. PETERSON JR &
PAMELA P. DODGE
INDIVIDUALLY AND JOINTLY
5 SOUTH WATER ST
WILMINGTON NC 28401-4447

CERTIFICATE OF SATISFACTION
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NEW HANOVER COUNTY CLERK C.S.C.
BY: [Signature]

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State of North Carolina, to the Clerk of the Superior Court of NEW HANOVER
County -- Greetings:

Whereas, the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina,
on the 10th day of January, 2012, caused a judgment to be docketed in
your county against the above-named employer in the amount of \$9,108.00
for and on account of unpaid unemployment tax, penalties and interest, the
same being with respect to employment during the following quarter(s)/year(s):

2nd qtr 2011

Whereas, this judgment has been cancelled as issued in error.

You are, therefore, hereby authorized and directed to enter
notation on the margin of the judgment to the effect that the said
judgment has been cancelled as issued in error and is in consequence
cancelled of record as provided by North Carolina General Statutes
Section 96-10(b)(3).

Witness my hand as Chairman and the Seal of the Commission
aforesaid, this, the 28th day of March, 2012.

ATTEST:

Employment Security Commission
of North Carolina

[Signature]
Lynn R. Holmes, Chairman

[Signature]
Assistant Secretary

File #11-M-43, New Hanover County Clerk of Court, Filed March 29, 2012

**A Notice of Foreclosure on a \$500,000 Loan Was Filed in Brunswick County
against Peterson’s Affiliated Company Snow Creek Group LLC in January 2011**

Searches of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds found that a Notice of Foreclosure on a \$500,000 loan was filed against Peterson’s affiliated company Snow Creek Group LLC in January 2011. The following image shows the Notice of Foreclosure.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
OF A DEED OF TRUST**

This notice of foreclosure is filed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 45-38.

Name of all parties in the original instrument:

GRANTOR: Snow Creek Group, LLC;

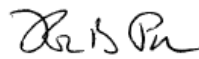
TRUSTEE: Paul McCombie, and

BENEFICIARY: FNB SOUTHEAST

The undersigned Trustee hereby files this **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE** on that debt or other obligation in the original principal amount of \$500,000.00 secured by the Deed of Trust executed by the Grantor to the Trustee for the benefit of the Beneficiary and recorded in Book 2468, Page 0007 in the Office of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 45-38.

Said Deed of Trust was foreclosed on November 10, 2010, and the lands conveyed thereby to LSB Properties, Inc. by Substitute Trustee's Deed dated January 31, 2011 and recorded in the Office of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds.

This the 31 day of January, 2011.



Robbie B. Parker, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

Notice of Foreclosure of a Deed of Trust, Bk. 3132 Pg. 0217, Brunswick County Register of Deeds, Filed January 31, 2011

The following images show that Peterson signed the trust deed for this \$500,000 loan.

Brunswick County, NC Register of Deeds page 1 of 8
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Robert J. Robinson



RET Rick Green
TOTAL 35 REV TC# 2
REC# 8 CK AMT 35 CK# 5504
CASH REF BY HJC

DEED OF TRUST

This document was prepared by: SUSAN RAYMOND, FNB SOUTHEAST - WILMINGTON, P. O. BOX 3448, WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28406
Please return after recording to: WILLIAM F. SMITH IV, FNB SOUTHEAST - WILMINGTON, P. O. BOX 3448, WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28406

DATE AND PARTIES. The date of this Deed Of Trust (Security Instrument) is SEPTEMBER 8, 2006. The parties and their addresses are:

GRANTOR:
SNOW CREEK GROUP, LLC
A North Carolina Limited Liability Company
212 ORANGE STREET
WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28401

TRUSTEE:
PAUL MCCOMBIE, FNB SOUTHEAST
704 SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD
WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28403

LENDER:
FNB SOUTHEAST WILMINGTON OFFICE
Organized and existing under the laws of North Carolina
704 SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD
WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28403

1. CONVEYANCE. For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, and to secure the Secured Debts and Grantor's performance under this Security Instrument, Grantor irrevocably grants, conveys and sells to Trustee, in trust for the benefit of Lender, with power of sale, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN

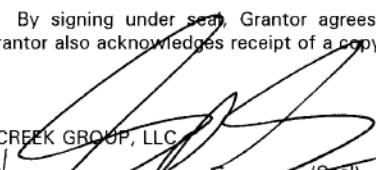
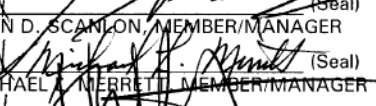
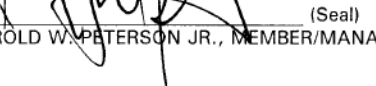
The property is located in BRUNSWICK County at +/- 25 ACRES (29 LOTS) CYPRESS BAY @ MARITIME SHORES S/D, TOWNCREEK TOWNSHIP, North Carolina 28479.

Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, wells, ditches and water stock, crops, timber, all diversion payments or third party payments made to crop producers and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described (all referred to as Property). This Security Instrument will remain in effect until the Secured Debts and all underlying agreements have been terminated in writing by Lender.

2. MAXIMUM OBLIGATION LIMIT. The total principal amount secured by this Security Instrument at any one time will not exceed \$500,000.00. This limitation of amount does not include interest and other fees and charges validly made pursuant to this Security Instrument. Also, this limitation does not apply to advances made under the terms of this Security Instrument to protect Lender's security and to perform any of the covenants contained in this Security Instrument.

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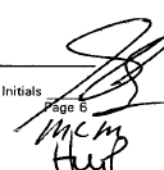
SIGNATURES. By signing under seal, Grantor agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Security Instrument. Grantor also acknowledges receipt of a copy of this Security Instrument.

GRANTOR:
 SNOW CREEK GROUP, LLC
 By  (Seal)
 SEAN D. SCANLON, MEMBER/MANAGER
 By  (Seal)
 MICHAEL A. MERRETT, MEMBER/MANAGER
 By  (Seal)
 HAROLD W. PETERSON JR., MEMBER/MANAGER

LENDER:
~~FNB SOUTHEAST WILMINGTON OFFICE~~
 By ~~Billy Smith~~ (Seal)

SNOW CREEK GROUP, LLC
 North Carolina Deed Of Trust
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A Notice of Foreclosure on a \$293,250 Loan Was Filed in Brunswick County against Peterson’s Affiliated Company Town Creek Landing LLC in August 2010

Searches of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds found that a Notice of Foreclosure on a \$293,250 loan was filed against Peterson’s affiliated company Town Creek Landing LLC in January 2011. The following image shows the Notice of Foreclosure.



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Attest, Ray Satterfield

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Chk 39.00 _____ Wk 6970 Cash \$ _____
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE
OF A DEED OF TRUST**

This notice of foreclosure is filed for recordation pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 45-38.

Name of all parties in the original instrument:

GRANTOR: Town Creek Landing, LLC;

TRUSTEE: Paul McCombie, and

BENEFICIARY: FNB Southeast.

The undersigned Trustee hereby files this **NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE** on that debt or other obligation in the maximum principal amount of \$293,250.00 secured by the Deed of Trust executed by the Grantor to the Trustee for the benefit of the Beneficiary and recorded in Book 2512 at Page 307 in the Office of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 45-38.

Said Deed of Trust was foreclosed on June 24, 2010, and the lands conveyed thereby to LSB Properties, Inc., by Substitute Trustee's Deed dated August 4th, 2010 and recorded in the Office of the Brunswick County Register of Deeds.

This the 4th day of August 2010.

ROBBIE B. PARKER, SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

Notice of Foreclosure of a Deed of Trust, Bk. 3132 Pg. 0217, Brunswick County Register of Deeds, Filed January 31, 2011

The following images show that Peterson signed the trust deed for this \$293,250 loan.

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RET Rick Green
9 TOTAL 38 REV _____ TC# 2
REC# _____ CK AMT 748 CK# 231
CASH _____ REF _____ BY TC

DEED OF TRUST

This document was prepared by: ALEX CHATFIELD, FNB SOUTHEAST - WILMINGTON, P. O. BOX 3448, WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28406
Please return after recording to: WILLIAM F. SMITH IV, FNB SOUTHEAST - WILMINGTON, P. O. BOX 3448, WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28406

DATE AND PARTIES. The date of this Deed Of Trust (Security Instrument) is NOVEMBER 22, 2006. The parties and their addresses are:

GRANTOR:
TOWN CREEK LANDING, LLC
A North Carolina Limited Liability Company
212 ORANGE STREET
WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28401

TRUSTEE:
PAUL MCCOMBIE, FNB SOUTHEAST
1001 MILITARY CUTOFF ROAD, STE. 100
WILMINGTON, North Carolina 28405

LENDER:
FNB SOUTHEAST WILMINGTON OFFICE
Organized and existing under the laws of North Carolina
704 SOUTH COLLEGE ROAD
WILMINGTON , North Carolina 28403

1. CONVEYANCE. For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, and to secure the Secured Debts and Grantor's performance under this Security Instrument, Grantor irrevocably grants, conveys and sells to Trustee, in trust for the benefit of Lender, with power of sale, the following described property:

SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED HEREIN.

The property is located in BRUNSWICK County at 6725 OCEAN HWY EAST, LELAND, North Carolina 28451. Together with all rights, easements, appurtenances, royalties, mineral rights, oil and gas rights, all water and riparian rights, wells, ditches and water stock, crops, timber, all diversion payments or third party payments made to crop producers and all existing and future improvements, structures, fixtures, and replacements that may now, or at any time in the future, be part of the real estate described (all referred to as Property). This Security Instrument will remain in effect until the Secured Debts and all underlying agreements have been terminated in writing by Lender.

2. MAXIMUM OBLIGATION LIMIT. The total principal amount secured by this Security Instrument at any one time will not exceed \$293,250.00. This limitation of amount does not include interest and other fees and charges validly made pursuant to this Security Instrument. Also, this limitation does not apply to advances made under the terms of this Security Instrument to protect Lender's security and to perform any of the covenants contained in this Security Instrument.

3. SECURED DEBTS. The term "Secured Debts" includes and this Security Instrument will secure each of the following:

A. Specific Debts. The following debts and all extensions, renewals, refinancings, modifications and replacements. A promissory note or other agreement, dated November 22, 2006, from Grantor to Lender, with a loan amount of \$293,250.00.

SIGNATURES. By signing under seal, Grantor agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Security Instrument. Grantor also acknowledges receipt of a copy of this Security Instrument.

GRANTOR:

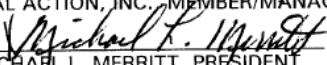
TOWN CREEK LANDING, LLC

By HARPOON, INC., MEMBER/MANAGER

By  (Seal)

HAROLD W. PETERSON, JR., PRESIDENT

By REAL ACTION, INC., MEMBER/MANAGER

By  (Seal)

MICHAEL L. MERRITT, PRESIDENT

LENDER:

FNB SOUTHEAST WILMINGTON OFFICE

By  (Seal)

Billy Smith

TOWN CREEK LANDING, LLC
North Carolina Deed Of Trust
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A.8 – Court Records & Other Public Records

Civil/Bankruptcy Court Searches – Peterson Named as a Defendant in Two Civil Cases, Including One in His Official Capacity as Mayor of Wilmington

The following searches were conducted for civil/bankruptcy court cases in which Peterson or his affiliated companies appear as a party. These searches yielded the results shown in the following tables.

Note that comprehensive in-person searches at the New Hanover County Clerk of Court and Brunswick County Clerk of Court are pending until further notice due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Also note, however, that some information about one civil case filed against Peterson and three of his affiliated companies in New Hanover County was available from prior research and has been incorporated into this report.

SUMMARY OF CIVIL/BANKRUPTCY COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH HAROLD PETERSON/
AFFILIATED COMPANIES AS A PARTY (1 OF 3)

| Search Term | New Hanover County Clerk of Court | Brunswick County Clerk of Court | North Carolina Appellate Court |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Harold Peterson | <p>RUN PENDING</p> <p>1 Result (from Prior Research):</p> <p>Chicago Title Insurance Company v. Snow Creek Group, LLC et al, New Hanover County Superior Court, Case #10-CVS-4033, Filing Date Unknown.</p> <p>Records from prior research show that this case named Peterson and three of his affiliated companies as defendants. The case appears to pertain loans that were made to Peterson’s companies. The plaintiffs alleged that Peterson’s companies had made fraudulent representations to the lender in relation to those loans. Records from prior research show case appear to show that this case was dismissed in September 2011.</p> | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Harper Peterson | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Antilles Sail, Inc. | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Berkshire Coincidence, LLC | <p>RUN PENDING</p> <p>1 Result (from Prior Research) – duplicate of result shown for Harold Peterson</p> | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Blue Post LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |

| Search Term | New Hanover County Clerk of Court | Brunswick County Clerk of Court | North Carolina Appellate Court |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Canopy Group, LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| City Market of Wilmington, LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Dirt Hound, LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Fathom That, Inc. | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Harpoon, Inc. | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Maritime Realty & Development, LLC | RUN PENDING 1 Result (from Prior Research) – duplicate of result shown for Harold Peterson | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Rio Amigos, LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Riverside Adventure Company | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Snow Creek Group, LLC | RUN PENDING 1 Result (from Prior Research) – duplicate of result shown for Harold Peterson | RUN PENDING | No results |
| South Water LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Tar Heel Creamery | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Town Creek Club, LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Town Creek Landing, LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Town Creek Ventures, LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Waccamaw Boys, LLC | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |
| Wilmington Maritime Heritage Foundation | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |

**SUMMARY OF CIVIL/BANKRUPTCY COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH HAROLD PETERSON/
AFFILIATED COMPANIES AS A PARTY (2 OF 3)**

| Search Term | North Carolina Business Court | PACER Federal Courts |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Harold Peterson | No results | No results |
| Harper Peterson | No results | 1 Result – Sullivan v. USA et al, U.S.D.C., North Carolina ED, Case #7:04-cv-00103, Filed 5/13/2004. Peterson named in his official capacity as former mayor of the City of Wilmington. Dozens of other federal, state, and local officials also named as defendants in this case. Plaintiff alleged that the defendants had failed to prevent illegal aliens from residing near his residence. (<i>Complaint, Filed 7/7/2004</i>) Court ruled in favor of defendants. (<i>Judgment, Filed 7/7/2004</i>) |
| Antilles Sail, Inc. | No results | No results |
| Berkshire Coincidence, LLC | No results | No results |
| Blue Post LLC | No results | No results |
| Canopy Group, LLC | No results | No results |
| City Market of Wilmington, LLC | No results | No results |
| Dirt Hound, LLC | No results | No results |
| Fathom That, Inc. | No results | No results |
| Harpoon, Inc. | No results | No results |
| Maritime Realty & Development, LLC | No results | No results |
| Rio Amigos, LLC | No results | No results |
| Riverside Adventure Company | No results | No results |
| Snow Creek Group, LLC | No results | No results |
| South Water LLC | No results | No results |
| Tar Heel Creamery | No results | No results |
| Town Creek Club, LLC | No results | No results |
| Town Creek Landing, LLC | No results | No results |
| Town Creek Ventures, LLC | No results | No results |
| Waccamaw Boys, LLC | No results | No results |
| Wilmington Maritime Heritage Foundation | No results | No results |

**SUMMARY OF CIVIL/BANKRUPTCY COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH HAROLD PETERSON/
AFFILIATED COMPANIES AS A PARTY (3 OF 3)**

| Search Term | Nexis Legal Cases | Nexis Legal Dockets | Nexis Bankruptcy Filings |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Harold Peterson | No results | No results | No results |
| Harper Peterson | 1 Result – Sullivan v. United States, 127 Fed Appx. 673 (May 4, 2005) U.S. Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal of defendant in the Sullivan v. United States case found in PACER. | 1 Result – Sullivan v. USA et al, U.S.D.C., North Carolina ED, Case #7:04-cv-00103, Filed 5/13/2004. Duplicate of case found in PACER. | No results |
| Antilles Sail, Inc. | No results | No results | No results |
| Berkshire Coincidence, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Blue Post LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Canopy Group, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| City Market of Wilmington, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Dirt Hound, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Fathom That, Inc. | No results | No results | No results |
| Harpoon, Inc. | No results | No results | No results |
| Maritime Realty & Development, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Rio Amigos, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Riverside Adventure Company | No results | No results | No results |
| Snow Creek Group, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| South Water LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Tar Heel Creamery | No results | No results | No results |
| Town Creek Club, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Town Creek Landing, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Town Creek Ventures, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Waccamaw Boys, LLC | No results | No results | No results |
| Wilmington Maritime Heritage Foundation | No results | No results | No results |

Summary of Criminal/Traffic Court Searches – Peterson Was the Defendant in 13 Traffic Infraction Cases in New Hanover County and Brunswick County

The following searches were conducted for criminal/traffic court cases in which Peterson appears as the defendant. These searches yielded the results shown in the following tables.

Note that comprehensive in-person searches at the New Hanover County Clerk of Court and Brunswick County Clerk of Court are pending until further notice due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Also note, however, that copies of 13 traffic violations filed against Peterson in New Hanover County and Brunswick County were available from prior research and have been incorporated into this report.

SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH HAROLD PETERSON AS DEFENDANT (1 OF 2)

| Search Term | New Hanover County Clerk of Court | Brunswick County Clerk of Court | North Carolina Appellate Court |
|--------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Harold Peterson | <p>RUN PENDING</p> <p>10 Results (from Prior Research):</p> <p>#17-IF-001683 (Drive Left of Center)</p> <p>#15-IF-704282 (Seat Belt)</p> <p>#12-IF-003972 (Unlawful Use of Highways)</p> <p>#09-CR-700406 (Expired Registration)</p> <p>#96-CF-012499 (Driving while Impaired; License Not in Possession (charges dismissed due to “No Probable Cause”))</p> <p>#95-CR-023911 (Expired Registration)</p> <p>#94-CR-030677 (Registration)</p> <p>#89-CR-013568 (Expired Registration)</p> <p>#88-CR-026466 (Expired Registration)</p> <p>#84-CR-11551 (Expired License)</p> | <p>RUN PENDING</p> <p>3 Results (from Prior Research):</p> <p>#17-IF-701767 (Speeding)</p> <p>#12-IF-702049 (Speeding; Seat Belt)</p> <p>#89-CR-006875 (Expired Registration)</p> | No results |
| Harper Peterson | RUN PENDING | RUN PENDING | No results |

SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC COURT SEARCHES FOR CASES WITH HAROLD PETERSON AS DEFENDANT (2 OF 2)

| Search Term | Nexis Criminal Records | Nexis Legal Cases | Nexis Legal Dockets | PACER Federal Courts |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Harold Peterson | 12 Results – All duplicates of searches in New Hanover County Clerk of Court and Brunswick County Clerk of Court | No results | No results | No results |
| Harper Peterson | No results | No results | No results | No results |

In 2002, the *Wilmington Star News* Reported that Peterson Had Been the Defendant in Six Traffic Infraction Cases – in One Case, Peterson Was Charged with “Driving while Impaired” but that Charge Was Later Dismissed Due to “No Probable Cause”

In 2002, the *Wilmington Star News* reported that Peterson had been the defendant in six traffic infraction cases. In one of these traffic infraction cases, Peterson was charged with “driving while impaired” but that charge was later dismissed due to “no probable cause.”

HEADLINE: Council has seen its share of tickets

All but one member of the Wilmington City Council have received traffic citations, but the Police Department didn’t have videotapes or audiotapes of any of those incidents.

Mayor Harper Peterson, who is white, has been cited six times since 1984. He had the most traffic citations of all the council members, according to Clerk of Court records. Mr. Peterson refused Friday to answer questions from the Morning Star unless they were submitted in writing. The newspaper doesn’t usually submit written questions to elected officials.

Mr. Peterson pleaded guilty in 1984 to having an expired driver’s license. He pleaded guilty in separate incidents in 1988 and 1989 on charges of having expired tags.

He was charged in December 1994 with displaying a fictitious, canceled, revoked or altered registration or tag. He failed to appear in court on the charge, but then pleaded guilty in May 1995. He was sentenced to “prayer for judgement continued,” which is usually reserved for first-time or minor offenses. It allows the charges to be dropped after a certain amount of time if he obeys the law.

He pleaded guilty, also in 1995, to having an expired tag, but the earlier charge that resulted in a prayer for judgement continued wasn’t activated.

In 1996, Mr. Peterson was charged with driving while impaired and failure to be in possession of his license. At the time, he said he had forgotten his license. After a breath-analysis test detected no alcohol in his blood, a magistrate found no probable cause and dismissed the case.

[“Council has seen its share of tickets,” Wilmington Star News, February 3, 2002 \(emphasis added\)](#)

Note that the “driving while impaired” case from 1996 described in the *Wilmington Star News* article undoubtedly was case #96-CF-012499 filed in New Hanover County (as shown in the prior section of this chapter). The following image shows the court record for this case, which confirms that the charges included “driving while impaired” and that the charges were dismissed due to “no probable cause.”

| THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM | | searchNC ^{criminal} courtrecords | | |
|--|---|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| Case Summary for Court Case: NEW HANOVER 96CR012499 | | | | |
| Defendant: PETERSON, HAROLD, WILLIAM | | | | |
| Case Information | | | | |
| Case Record Was Last Updated: 05/25/1996 | Process Type in District Court: CITATION | | | |
| Case Status: DISPOSED | Process Type in Superior Court: - | | | |
| Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT | Court Session | | | |
| Offense Date/Time: 05/17/1996 11:19 PM | • Date: 06/11/1996 | | | |
| Case Was Served on: 05/17/1996 | • Session: AM | | | |
| Fingerprinting Agency: - | • Room: - | | | |
| Citation Number: C6674899 | | | | |
| Violation of Court Orders | | | | |
| Outstanding Order for Arrest Exists: NO | Failed to Comply with Ordered Payment within Grace Period: NO | | | |
| Terms of Probation Were Violated: NO | Order to Show Cause Exists: NO | | | |
| Last Called And Failed on: - | | | | |
| Defendant | | | | |
| Name: PETERSON, HAROLD, WILLIAM | First Alias: - | | | |
| Date of Birth/Estimated Age: 12/16/1948 | Second Alias: - | | | |
| Race: WHITE | Driver's License State: NC | | | |
| Sex: MALE | Commercial Driver's License: NO | | | |
| Address: 212 ORANGE ST WILMINGTON, NC 28401 | | | | |
| Witnesses | | | | |
| | Name | Type | Agency | |
| | NEVITT, P | COMPLAINANT | CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT | |
| District Court Offense Information | | | | |
| Current Jurisdiction: DISTRICT COURT | | | | |
| # | | Description | Severity | Law |
| 01 | CHARGED | DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED | TRAFFIC | G.S. 20-138.1 |
| | CONVICTED | - | - | - |
| Plea: - | | Verdict: - | Disposed on: 05/22/1996 | |
| Disposition Method: NO PROBABLE CAUSE | | | | |
| 02 | CHARGED | LICENSE NOT IN POSSESSION | TRAFFIC | G.S. 20-7(A) |
| | CONVICTED | - | - | - |
| Plea: - | | Verdict: - | Disposed on: 05/23/1996 | |
| Disposition Method: NO PROBABLE CAUSE | | | | |

Case #96-CF-012499, New Hanover County Clerk of Court, Offense Date May 17, 1996

Driving Record – Peterson Has an Active License with No Suspensions or Accidents; One Traffic Violation Noted in 2017

Peterson’s driving record was received from the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles. The record shows that Peterson holds a valid license with no suspensions or accidents.

There is one traffic violation noted in 2017 on Peterson’s driving record for improper equipment related to the speedometer. This corresponds to case #17-IF-701767 filed in Brunswick County (as shown in the prior section of this chapter).

North Carolina Driver’s License Number 4529993 was issued to **Harold William Peterson, Jr.** on June 6, 1984 and most recently renewed on February 7, 2014. This currently valid Class C, non-commercial license will not expire until December 16, 2021.

Biographical information contained on this record included the facts that Harold William Peterson, Jr. is a 71 year old male who was born on December 16, 1948. He stands approximately five feet and eleven inches in height. The address associated to the driving record is noted as 212 Orange Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

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

There was one violation noted on this driving record.

The violation was for improper equipment pertaining to the speedometer. Mr. Peterson was cited for this violation on April 2, 2017 in Brunswick County.

Please note the North Carolina Department of Transportation only maintains information on driving histories for a period of 7 years with the exception of DUI’s which are maintained for a period of 10 years.

Harold William Peterson Jr., 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

Searches of *Nexis* hunting & fishing licenses for records pertaining to “Harold Peterson” and “Harper Peterson” 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 “Harold Peterson” and “Harper Peterson” These searches 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 Peterson or his affiliated companies.

- Statewide Term Contracts (ncadmin.nc.gov/government-agencies/procurement/statewide-term-contracts)
- Historically Underutilized Businesses (ips.state.nc.us/vendor/searchvendor.aspx?t=b)
- 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)

A.9 – Taught Victorian Poetry in Thailand to Avoid Military Service in Vietnam

In a 2006 Interview, Peterson Said that He Was a Conscientious Objector during the Vietnam War and Spent Two Years in Thailand Teaching English and Poetry – Peterson also Described His Time in Thailand as “Exciting” and that He “Traveled Quite a Bit”

In an Oct. 24, 2006, interview with the University of North Carolina Wilmington, Peterson said that he was a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War (after graduating from college in 1970) and spent two years in Thailand teaching English and Victorian Poetry. Peterson also described his time in Thailand as “exciting” and that He “traveled quite a bit.”

HEADLINE: Interview with Harper Peterson

Harper Peterson: Well, I was a Conscientious Objector. This was during the Vietnam War. And as a result, I did my service in Thailand. I decided not to stay at home. Typically, a CO would stay at home and work in a hospital or with the municipality. But I chose to go to Thailand and work there. Jones: In what capacity?

Harper Peterson: I was an educator for my first year. I was an English Teacher. I majored in Anthropology in College, but went over with the North American Presbyterian Church and was a secondary school, high school teacher in English as second language for a year. And then, the second year, I taught English at Thomas Ott University. I taught Victorian Poetry, which I never studied. In fact, the students knew more than I did. But the fact that I was a foreigner, and it was a high honor to have a foreigner teaching—

Jones: So how long were you in Thailand?

Harper Peterson: I was there two years. The funny thing about Thomas Ott, today it's the University where attorneys are born in Thailand. So I put that on my resume now that I taught at the legal school in Thailand. But also, worked in the Northern Thailand, In Chiang Mai, Chaing Rai, with hill [ph?] tribes. The Queen Mother at the time had a program trying to steer farmers away from the opium trade. That's the Golden Triangle Thailand, Burma, _____. And I worked with her program in Northern Thailand trying to introduce handicrafts as an alternative to the opium trade.

Jones: That's a good trade off.

Harper Peterson: So it was an eventful, exciting two years. I traveled quite a bit in the Far East and then—

[“Interview with Harper Peterson,” University of North Carolina Wilmington Archives and Special Collections, October 24, 2006 \(emphasis added\)](#)

In the Same 2006 Interview, Peterson Said that He Taught Theater and “Did a Lot of Sailing” after Returning to North Carolina from Thailand in 1971 – at that Time, the Draft Remained Ongoing and Americans Were Fighting and Dying in Vietnam

In an Oct. 24, 2006 interview with the University of North Carolina Wilmington, Peterson said that he taught theater and “did a lot of sailing” after returning to North Carolina from Thailand in 1971.

HEADLINE: Interview with Harper Peterson

Jones: What about the language, was there a barrier there?

Harper Peterson: There was. I didn't take any training, as you would for the Peace Corps program. I, basically, jumped on a plane, flew and landed in Bangkok and was driven to my school about 90 miles west, Nakhon Pathom, on the Quah [ph?], which is famous for the British Encampment, the prison camp during World War II. We were very close to that. And returned and came back to Chapel Hill, worked with the City for about a year, with the Recreation Department. And I was the Student Coordinator Director, taught theatre and recreational activities...

Harper Peterson: I fell in love with the South and had not been to Wilmington before 1972. When we would take a weekend off from school, we typically would go to Myrtle Beach or to Nagsine [ph]. They were closer. They didn't have I-40 back then. So Wilmington Wrightsville Beach was off the radar screen for weekend fun. So it was after I left Chapel Hill as an employee, myself and three friends, took my father's sailboat, a 40-foot sailboat, and pursued our dreams in the Caribbean. And we worked our way down. The mistake we made, we left in the middle of January in 1972. And wound up with a blown up engine in Wrightsville Beach and stayed for two months until March, and fell in love with the beach. And as you know, Carol, back then, after Labor Day, the beach was deserted, other than those folks that lived in the area. It was quite different than it is today. And it stayed that way until spring, for the Azalea Festival, when people began coming back So it was, for me, an ideal location to, kind of, settle. I wanted to be a writer, like every other--...

Jones: How did you support yourselves?

Harper Peterson: I worked and played. I did a lot of sailing. I was in my boat. I grew up on Long Island South. So we sailed as children. Played rugby, took that sport up. We established the K Pier Rugby Club, myself and others. And it's just a wonderful place. And then, I would spend my summers in the Caribbean.

Jones: Doing what, just sailing?

Harper Peterson: Teaching sailing.

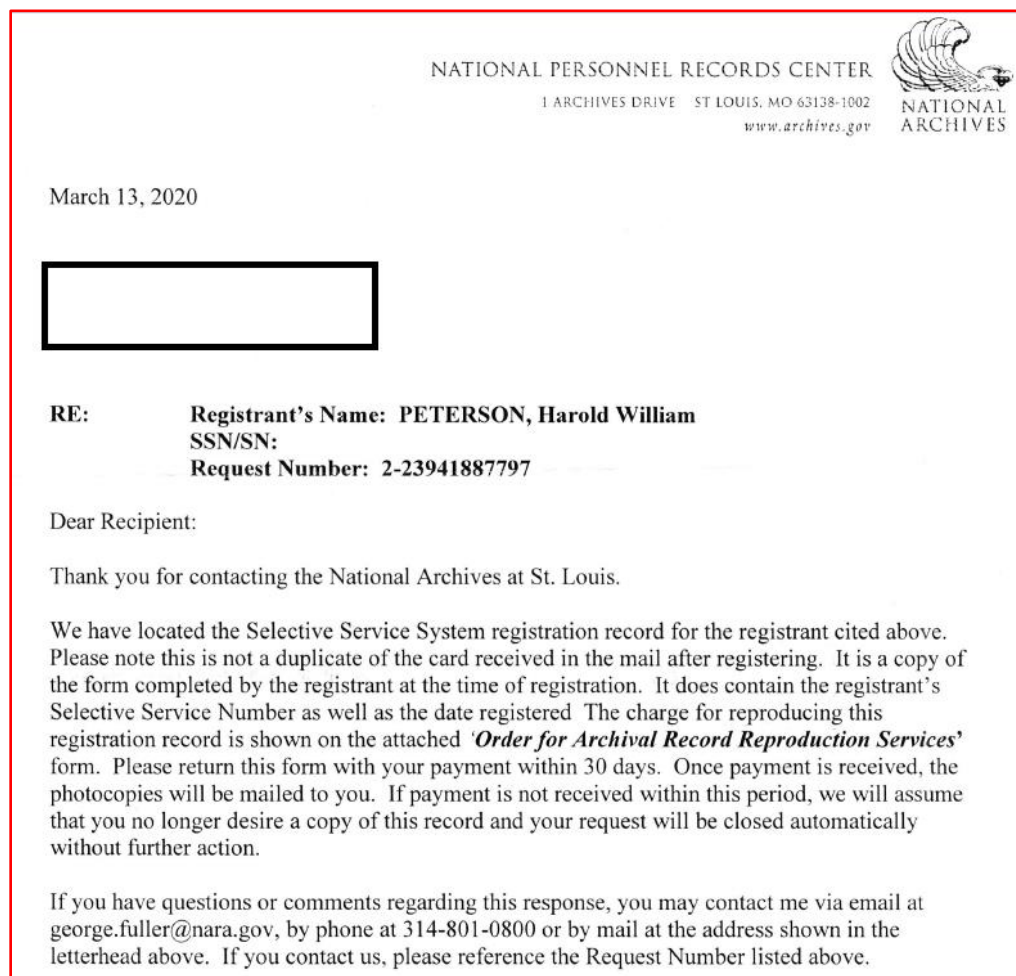
“Interview with Harper Peterson,” University of North Carolina Wilmington Archives and Special Collections, October 24, 2006 (emphasis added)

While Peterson was enjoyably passing his time teaching theater and sailing in the early 1970s, the draft remained ongoing and Americans were still fighting and dying in Vietnam.

- The Selective Service System and other websites state that the last draft call was in December 1972, that the draft ended in January 1973, and that the authority to induct ended in June 1973. ([“Vietnam Lotteries,” sss.gov/history-and-records](#); [“Lottery Facts,” vietnamwardraftlottery.com](#); [“U.S. military draft ends, Jan. 27, 1973,” Politico, January 27, 2012](#))
- The National Archives page for “Vietnam War U.S. Military Fatal Casualty Statistics” shows that there were 2,414 deaths in 1971; 759 deaths in 1972; and 68 in 1973. ([“Vietnam War U.S. Military Fatal Casualty Statistics,” archives.gov/research/military](#))

Selective Service System Records Pertaining to Peterson Have Been Requested from the National Archives – Copies of Responsive Records Still Pending as of April 21, 2020

Selective Service System records pertaining to Peterson have been requested from the National Archives. As shown by the following image, the National Archives has located SSS registration records pertaining to Peterson and payment has been remitted to obtain copies of these records. As of April 21, 2020, the copies of these responsive records remain pending.



Letter, National Archives National Personnel Records Center, March 13, 2020

SECTION B: POLITICAL HISTORY

B.1 – Summary of Peterson’s 2020 SD 9 Campaign

Peterson Is a Qualified Candidate for NC Senate District 9 in the November 3, 2020 Election – Running as a Democrat

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Peterson filed as a candidate for North Carolina State Senate District 9 on December 10, 2019. Peterson was the only Democrat to file for SD 9. His home address of 212 Orange St, Wilmington, NC 28401 is listed as his 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 09 (DEM) | | | | | |
| PETERSON, HAROLD WILLIAM JR | Harper Peterson | DEM | 12/10/2019 | 212 ORANGE ST | WILMINGTON, NC 28401 |

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

In December 2019, the *Wilmington Port City Daily* Reported that Peterson Had Filed for Reelection in SD 9 and Will Face a Rematch with Republican Michael Lee

On December 10, 2019, the *Wilmington Port City Daily* reported that Peterson had filed for reelection in North Carolina Senate District 9 and will face a rematch with Republican Michael Lee. Peterson only narrowly defeated Lee in the 2018 election cycle.

HEADLINE: Democrat Harper Peterson files for re-election in 2020 NC Senate District 9 race

Democrat incumbent Harper Peterson filed this week to run for re-election in the state’s 9th Senate district, which covers most of New Hanover County. Peterson won a narrow victory over former incumbent Republican Michael Lee in the 2018 election; Lee has also filed a campaign to retake his seat from Peterson.

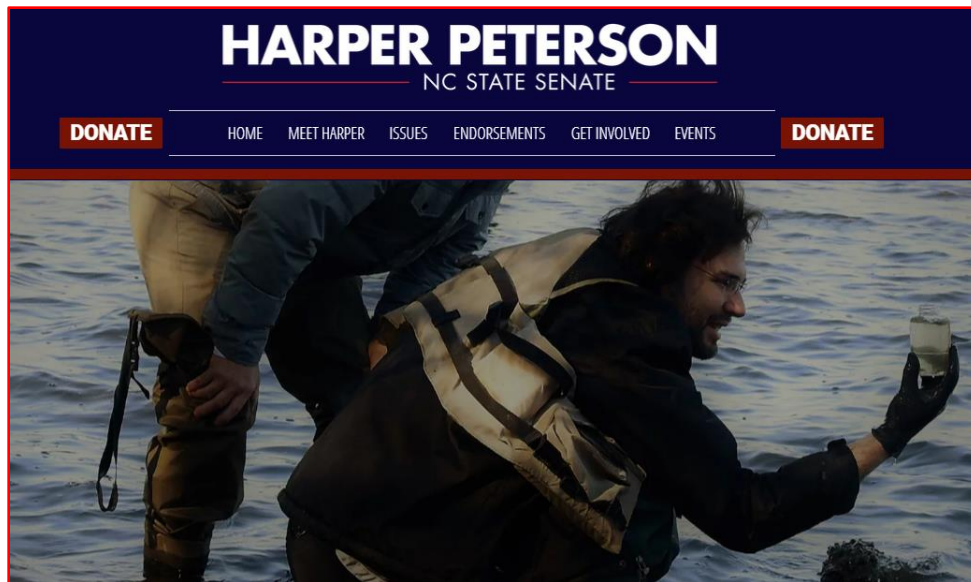
According to a press release from Peterson, “the concerns of the residents in New Hanover County remain a priority in his 2020 campaign, including investment in public schools and teacher pay, expansion of Medicaid, and bringing the film industry and other good-paying jobs back to the area.”

“In his tenure at the General Assembly, Sen. Peterson has introduced over 38 bills and sponsored many more, fighting for increased funding for public education, the expansion of Medicaid, tax incentives to bring the film industry back to New Hanover County, and climate change and environmental policy, including fighting for clean drinking water, free of GenX chemicals,” according to Peterson’s campaign.

[“Democrat Harper Peterson files for re-election in 2020 NC Senate District 9 race,” *Wilmington Port City Daily*, December 10, 2019](#) (emphasis added)

Peterson Has a 2020 Campaign Website, harperpetersonsenate9.com – Including an Issues Page with His Positions on “Our Water,” “Our Schools,” and “Our Future”

Peterson has a website for his 2020 SD 9 campaign (harperpetersonsenate9.com). The website includes a biography, a section on her stance on issues, and social media links.



“Homepage,” harperpetersonsenate9.com (accessed on 4/21/2020)

The issues page of Peterson’s website provides his platform positions on “Our Water,” “Our Schools,” and “Our Future.” The text of these is provided below.

Our Water

Access to clean, safe, drinking water is our right

Our public health, our coastal economy, and our quality-of-life are dependent on protecting our rivers, our coastal wetlands, and our ocean. Companies like DuPont, Chemours, Duke Energy Progress and the hog and poultry industries have treated our waters as their dumping grounds for years. Their profits should not come at our expense. For too long, our state leaders have protected polluters over people for political gain.

We must:

- Ensure corporate polluters are held accountable for cleaning up the messes they've made

[continued on next page...]

- Fund our North Carolina Departments of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Health and Human Services (DHHS) so that they may do their jobs to protect our health and our environment through research, regulation and enforcement. These are the agencies with the legal authority to hold polluters accountable.
- Repeal the Hardison Amendment, which prohibits DEQ from adopting stronger standards than the EPA's rules regarding air, water and solid and hazardous waste
- Fight the environmentally harmful and economically irresponsible proposal to conduct seismic blasting and oil leasing and drilling off our coast
- Create and support policies that foster smart growth initiatives to ensure new development does not damage one of the primary economic drivers of our region - our natural resources.

["Issues," harperpetersonsenate9.com](https://www.harperpetersonsenate9.com) (accessed on 4/21/2020)

Our Schools

Education is the foundation of a strong economy and vibrant, cohesive community

For as long as we can remember, North Carolina was known as "the education state." We invested in our teachers, in our children, and in our institutions. From Governor Hunt's Smart Start early education program to our award-winning community college system and public universities, we built a public education system that served our students and economic interests well. Sadly, public education is no longer a priority in the General Assembly

We must:

- Reinvest in public school education - our nation's universal economic bootstrap - by demanding professional pay for teachers, administrators, and support staff & providing robust spending for students, from pencils and computers to classrooms
- Guarantee universal pre-k education for every child
- Support and provide funding and opportunity for both rural and urban schools
- Support partnerships between scholastic research and the private sector to create and attract 21st Century jobs and industries
- Keep our children safe in and out of the classroom

["Issues," harperpetersonsenate9.com](https://www.harperpetersonsenate9.com) (accessed on 4/21/2020)

Our Future

I still believe in the American dream

We must protect the American dream. The basic things that form the foundation of successful communities have been under attack in recent years, and we must demand action. HB2 sent a signal that we don't want forward-thinking companies locating here. Our legislature decimated the Film Industry across the state by eliminating the incentive structure that worked so well, resulting in the loss of thousands of hard-working, well-paying green jobs, and hurting the thousands of small businesses that supported the industry. And the things that we all want to provide for our families, like a living wage, affordable housing, and health care seem out of reach for so many. Our rights are being chipped away, and we can wait no longer for that to change.

We must:

- Work to provide access to affordable health care for individuals and small businesses
- Restore the Film Industry rebate program to bring economic stimulus back to New Hanover County and put North Carolinians back to work
- Tackle unfairly gerrymandered districts by creating independent non-partisan committees to draw fair maps that give power to the people, not politicians
- Support affordable housing initiatives to meet the needs of hard-working citizens
- Support equal pay for women

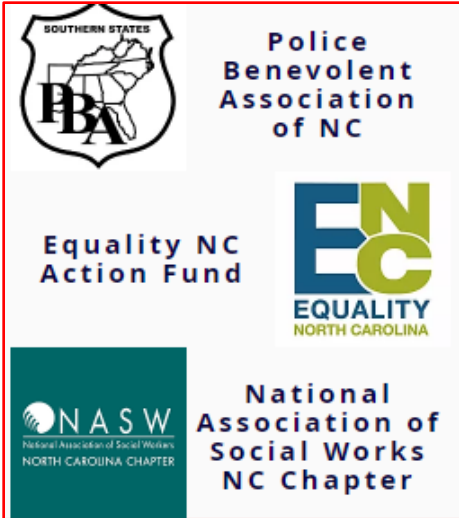
["Issues," harperpetersonsenate9.com](https://www.harperpetersonsenate9.com) (accessed on 4/21/2020)

Peterson's 2020 Campaign Website Features Endorsements from NC League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club of NC, NC Association of Educators, Police Benevolent Association of NC, and the National Association of Social Workers NC Chapter

Peterson's 2020 Campaign Website features endorsements from Clean Cape Fear, NC League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club of NC, NC Association of Educators, Police Benevolent Association of NC, Equality NC Action Fund, and National Association of Social Workers NC Chapter.



"Featured Endorsements," harperpetersonsenate9.com (accessed on 4/21/2020; image 1 of 2)



"Featured Endorsements," harperpetersonsenate9.com (accessed on 4/21/2020; image 1 of 2)

Campaign Finance Summary – In His Initial 2020 Campaign Finance Filing Covering January 1, 2020 through February 15, 2020, Peterson Reported Raising \$46,080 and Having \$110,092 Cash on Hand

Peterson’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, Peterson reported raising \$46,080.60 and spending \$17,091.67, ending with \$110,092.52 cash on hand.

| SUMMARY | | | |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Total This Period | Total This Election | |
| Cash on Hand at Beginning | \$81,103.59 | | -\$441.45 |
| RECEIPTS | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Aggregated Contributions from Individuals | \$1,003.00 | | \$4,343.00 |
| Contributions from Individuals | \$41,849.10 | | \$139,972.22 |
| Political Party Committees | \$2,728.50 | | \$2,728.50 |
| Other Political Committees (such as PACs) | \$500.00 | | \$5,600.00 |
| Loan Proceeds | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Refunds/Reimbursements To the Committee | \$0.00 | | \$29,817.89 |
| 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 | \$46,080.60 | | \$182,461.61 |
| EXPENDITURES | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Operating Expenditures | \$1,563.17 | | \$25,191.15 |
| Contributions to Candidates/Political Committees | \$12,750.00 | | \$43,250.00 |
| Coordinated Party Expenditures | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Aggregated Non-Media Expenditures | \$0.00 | | \$202.87 |
| Loan Repayments | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Refunds/Reimbursements From the Committee | \$50.00 | | \$50.00 |
| In-Kind Contributions | \$2,728.50 | | \$3,233.82 |
| Total Expenditures | \$17,091.67 | | \$71,827.84 |
| Cash on Hand at End of Reporting Period | \$110,092.52 | | \$110,092.52 |

Committee to Elect Harper Peterson (STA-7I5864-C-001), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed February 24, 2020

B.2 – Contributions from Liberal Megadonors

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

On February 4, 2020, Henry Van Ameringen contributed \$5,400 to Peterson’s 2020 State Senate campaign.

The screenshot shows the 'Campaign Document Search By Entity' interface. The search criteria are 'Campaign Finance 2020 First Quarter for: COMMITTEE TO ELECT HARPER PETERSON [STA-7I5864-C-001]'. Below the search results, a table titled 'RECEIPTS' displays the following entry:

| 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 |
|------------|----------|---|-------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 02/04/2020 | | Henry Van Ameringen Retired 37 W 12th St New York, NY 10011-8502 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$5,400.00 | \$5,400.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-7I5864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed February 24, 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 \(emphasis added\)](#)

Environmental Group Megadonor Fred Stanback Contributed a Total of \$10,400 to Peterson’s State Senate Campaigns

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Fred Stanback contributed a total of \$10,400 to Peterson’s State Senate campaigns.

FRED STANBACK CONTRIBUTIONS TO HARPER PETERSON FROM 2001 TO PRESENT

| Recipient | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Fred Stanback | 507 W Innes St Ste 270 Salisbury, NC | Self-Employee | Philanthropy | 4/20/2018 | \$5,000 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Fred Stanback | 507 W Innes St Ste 270 Salisbury, NC | Self-Employee | Philanthropy | 1/27/2020 | \$5,400 |
| | | | | | Total | \$10,400 |

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

The following is Fred Stanback’s most recent contribution to Peterson taken from Peterson’s 2020 first quarter amended campaign finance report. On January 21, 2020, Fred Stanback contributed \$5,400 to Peterson.

| 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 |
|------------|----------|---|-------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 01/27/2020 | | Fred Stanback Philanthropy Self-Employee 507 W Innes St Ste 270 Salisbury, NC 28144-4265 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$5,400.00 | \$5,400.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed February 24, 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...

[continued on next page...]

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.

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)

B.3 – Summary of Campaign Contributions Made to Others – \$18,180 to Democrats

Summary of Searches – Peterson Has Contributed a Total of \$18,592 to Other Candidates and Committees at the NC State and Federal Levels

Peterson has contributed a total of \$18,592.14 from 2001 to present at the North Carolina state, and federal levels.

The following table summarizes the searches conducted for contributions by “Harold Peterson” and “Harper Peterson” and his affiliated businesses. The searches were narrowed to ensure the address of the contributor and employer/occupation matched that of Peterson. Results for contributors with the same name who could not be verified as the subject of the report (i.e. individuals with incomplete addresses) were excluded.

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

| Search Term | Federal | North Carolina | New Hanover County |
|---|--|--|--------------------|
| “Harold Peterson” OR “Harper Peterson” (excluded contributors that could not be confirmed to be the subject of this report) | Contributions totaling \$1,355 were found | Contributions totaling \$17,237.14 were found | No results |
| Antilles Sail | No results | No results | No results |
| Berkshire Coincidence | No results | No results | No results |
| Blue Post | No results | No results | No results |
| Canopy Group | No results | No results | No results |
| City Market of Wilmington | No results | No results | No results |
| Dirt Hound | No results | No results | No results |
| Harpoon | No results | No results | No results |
| Maritime Realty & Development | No results | No results | No results |
| Rio Amigos | No results | No results | No results |
| Riverside Adventure Company | No results | No results | No results |
| Snow Creek Group | No results | No results | No results |
| South Water | No results | No results | No results |
| Tar Heel Creamery | No results | No results | No results |
| Town Creek Club | No results | No results | No results |
| Town Creek Landing | No results | No results | No results |
| Town Creek Ventures | No results | No results | No results |
| Waccamaw Boys | No results | No results | No results |
| Wilmington Maritime Heritage Foundation | No results | No results | No results |

Source: Federal Election Commission; North Carolina Board of Elections

Federal Contributions – Peterson Has Contributed a Total of \$1,355 to Other Federal-Level Democrat Candidates and Committees; No Contributions Made to Republicans

The Federal Election Commission online campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named “Harold Peterson” and “Harper Peterson” and his affiliated companies. ([“FEC Receipts Search,” fec.gov/data/receipts](#)) The searches were further narrowed to ensure that either the full name (Harold W Peterson Jr), or address (212 Orange St, PO Box 83, or PO Box 864), or employer/occupation (NC State, state senator, or self-employed) of the contributor matched that of the Harold Peterson who is the subject of this research report. Other contribution results that could not be verified as coming from the subject of the report were excluded from consideration.

As shown in the table below, Peterson contributed a total of \$1,355 to other federal-level Democratic candidates and committees from 2001 to present. Peterson made no federal-level contributions to Republicans.

SUMMARY OF PETERSON’S FEDERAL-LEVEL CONTRIBUTIONS BY RECIPIENT (2001 TO PRESENT)

| Recipient of Contributions from Harper Peterson/Harold Peterson (Kitty Hawk, NC) | Party Affiliation | Total Amount Contributed |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Actblue | Democrat | \$5 |
| Gillibrand for Senate (via ActBlue) | Democrat | \$50 |
| TurnNCBlue (via ActBlue) | Democrat | \$50 |
| John Edwards for President | Democrat | \$550 |
| Kyle Horton for Congress | Democrat | \$300 |
| North Carolina Democratic Party – Federal (direct and via ActBlue) | Democrat | \$400 |
| Grand Total | | \$1,355 |

Source: [“FEC Receipts Search,” fec.gov/data/receipts](#)

Peterson contributed to the following Democratic candidates and committees:

- **Gillibrand for Senate** – Kirsten Gillibrand is a Democratic Senator from New York.
- **TurnNCBlue** – TurnNCBlue.org is a PAC that describes itself as “Aggressively Progressive.”



turnncblue.org (accessed on 4/20/20)

- **John Edwards for President** – Edwards was a Democratic presidential candidate in 2008.
- **Kyle Horton for Congress** – Horton was the Democratic candidate for Congress (NC-7) in 2018. This was the campaign committee for former Democratic U.S. Senator Kay Hagan from North Carolina.

HEADLINE: David Rouzer Defeats Kyle Horton in U.S. Congressional Race

U.S. Congressman David Rouzer defeated his Democratic challenger Kyle Horton in the District 7 race, 55 percent to 42 percent. Rouzer points to economic growth as a key factor in the race.

*["David Rouzer Defeats Kyle Horton in U.S. Congressional Race,"](#)
[WHQR, November 7, 2018](#)*

State Contributions – Peterson Has Contributed a Total of \$16,825 to Other State-Level Democrat Candidates and Committees and Contributed \$250 to Planned Parenthood; No Contributions Made to Republicans

The North Carolina State Board of Elections online campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named “Harold Peterson” and “Harper Peterson” and his affiliated companies. (*["FEC Receipts Search," fec.gov/data/receipts](#)*) The searches were further narrowed to ensure that either the full name (Harold W Peterson Jr), or address (212 Orange St, PO Box 83, or PO Box 864), or employer/occupation (NC State, state senator, or self-employed) of the contributor matched that of the Harold Peterson who is the subject of this research report. Other contribution results that could not be verified as coming from the subject of the report were excluded from consideration.

As shown in the table below, Peterson has contributed a total of \$16,825 to other state-level Democratic candidates and committees from 1993 to present. Peterson also contributed \$250 to the Planned Parenthood Action PAC of NC and \$162.14 to the Southern States Police Benevolent Assn. PAC. Peterson has made no state-level contributions to Republicans.

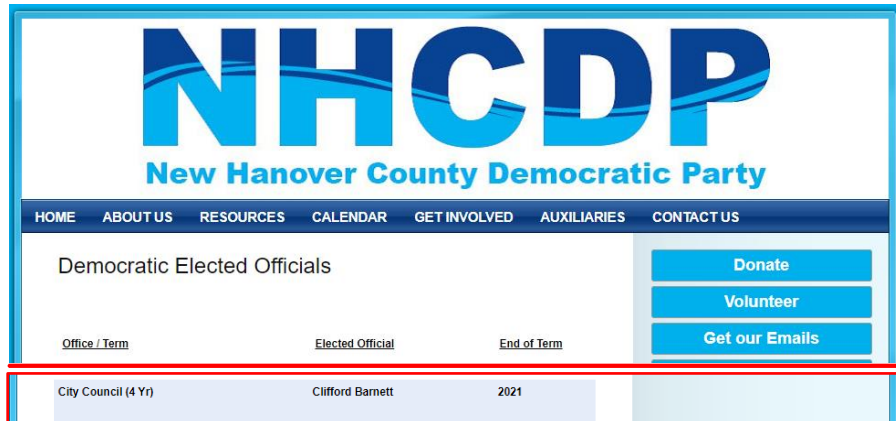
SUMMARY OF PETERSON’S STATE-LEVEL CONTRIBUTIONS BY RECIPIENT (1993 TO PRESENT)

| Recipient of Contributions from “Harper Peterson”/“Harold Peterson” | Party Affiliation | Total Amount Contributed |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Barnett for City Council | Democrat | \$100.00 |
| Comm for the Election of Marcia Morgan | Democrat | \$400.00 |
| Comm to Elect Joy K Alford-Brand District Court Judge | Democrat | \$200.00 |
| Comm to Elect Ralph Campbell | Democrat | \$125.00 |
| Committee to Elect Jessica Holmes | Democrat | \$100.00 |
| Cooper for North Carolina | Democrat | \$100.00 |
| Dan Besse 2008 | Democrat | \$250.00 |
| Elaine Marshall Comm | Democrat | \$200.00 |
| Elect Deb Butler | Democrat | \$250.00 |
| Elect Paul Lawler | Democrat | \$100.00 |
| Elizabeth for NC Senate Comm | Democrat | \$500.00 |
| Haynes for Council | Democrat | \$100.00 |
| James Middleton for New Hanover County Commission | Democrat | \$100.00 |
| Kirk DeViere Campaign Committee | Democrat | \$250.00 |
| Michael (Mike) Glancy Candidate | Democrat | \$150.00 |
| North Carolina Democratic Party (NC DEC – State) | Democrat | \$10,000.00 |
| New Hanover Democratic Party (NEW HANOVER DEC) | Democrat | \$3,900.00 |
| Democratic Subtotal | | \$16,825.00 |
| | | |
| Planned Parenthood Action PAC NC | Non-Partisan | \$250.00 |
| Southern States Police Benevolent Assn PAC | Non-Partisan | \$162.14 |
| Non-Partisan Subtotal | | \$412.14 |
| | | |
| Total | | \$17,237.14 |

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

Peterson contributed to the following Democratic candidates and committees:

- **Barnett for City Council** – Barnett for City Council is the campaign committee for Clifford Barnett, a Democratic member of the Wilmington City Council.



"Democratic Elected Officials," newhanoverdems.org (accessed on 4/20/2020)

- **Comm for the Election of Marcia Morgan** – Morgan is a Democratic candidate for the North Carolina House, District 19.



electmarciamorgan.com (accessed on 4/20/2020)

- **Comm to Elect Joy K Alford-Brand Dist Ct Judge** – Alford-Brand was a Democratic candidate for the North Carolina 5th District Court.

HEADLINE: N.C. 5th District Judicial Race

Joy Alford-Brand

Age: 36

Political affiliation: Democrat.

["N.C. 5th District Judicial Race," Wilmington Star-News, October 15, 2008](#)

- **Comm to Elect Ralph Campbell** – Campbell was a former Democratic North Carolina State Auditor.

HEADLINE: Former state auditor Ralph Campbell Jr. dies; he was 1st black elected statewide

Ralph Campbell Jr., the former state auditor who was the first black person elected to a statewide executive office in North Carolina, died late Tuesday at Duke Raleigh Hospital. He was 64.

Campbell, a member of a prominent family of civil-rights activists in Raleigh, died of lung cancer, Lightner Funeral Home President Bruce Lightner said Wednesday.

Campbell was elected state auditor in 1992 and served three terms until he was narrowly defeated in 2004 by Republican Les Merritt. Campbell was a member of the Raleigh City Council from 1986 to 1991. After leaving office, he was N.C. Democratic Party treasurer.

"Former state auditor Ralph Campbell Jr. dies; he was 1st black elected statewide,"
Winston Salem Journal, January 13, 2011

- **Committee to Elect Jessica Holmes** – Holmes is the Democratic candidate for North Carolina Commissioner of Labor.

HEADLINE: Candidates work for Labor post

After a long career in public service, North Carolina's current Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry — who you probably know if you've ever stepped foot in a North Carolina elevator — is calling it quits....

"That's part of the appeal of the office," said Josh Dobson, four-term N.C. House representative from McDowell County who's one of three Republicans seeking his party's nomination to compete against unopposed Morrisville Democrat Jessica Holmes in November.

"Candidates work for Labor post," Smoky Mountain News, January 22, 2020

- **Cooper for North Carolina** – Cooper for North Carolina is the campaign committee for current North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper. He is a Democrat and was elected governor in 2016. (roycooper.com)
- **Dan Besse 2008** – Dan Besse 2008 was the campaign committee for Democratic Lieutenant Governor candidate Dan Besse.

HEADLINE: Besse appears to lose run for Lieutenant Governor post

Winston-Salem City Council Member Dan Besse appears to have lost his first run for state office, trailing the other three democratic candidates for Lieutenant Governor with 67 percent of the votes in.

"Besse appears to lose run for Lieutenant Governor post,"
Winston-Salem Journal, May 6, 2008

- **Elaine Marshall Comm** – Marshall is the Democratic North Carolina Secretary of State.

HEADLINE: Secretary of state, Democratic candidates speak at luncheon

North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall spoke to an energized crowd of Democrats Saturday afternoon at Sol y Luna Mexican Restaurant in Laurel Park.

The event was a campaign fundraiser for Marshall, but also featured candidates for office giving speeches and getting to know voters.

[“Secretary of state, Democratic candidates speak at luncheon.”](#)
[Hendersonville Times-News, August 12, 2019](#)

- **Elect Deb Butler** – Butler is a Democratic State Representative from New Hanover County.

HEADLINE: Candidates line up to file for 2020 general election

It was a full house at the New Hanover County Board of Elections Monday as candidates and their supporters lined up to file paperwork to run in the 2020 general election. The filing period opened at noon on Monday....

Representative Deb Butler also filed to run for re-election Monday to the North Carolina House of Representatives. Many supporters in attendance wore “I will not yield” t-shirts, quoting Butler’s outraged comments on the NC House floor that garnered national attention in September. The New Hanover County Democrat vocally opposed the surprise vote to override Governor Roy Cooper’s veto of the state budget. The vote came on a day many Democrats were attending Sept. 11th remembrance ceremonies, giving Republicans the needed supermajority for the override vote that they would not have otherwise had.

[“Candidates line up to file for 2020 general election.”](#) *[WECT, December 2, 2019](#)* (emphasis added)

- **Elect Paul Lawler** – Lawler is a Democratic candidate for Wilmington City Council.

HEADLINE: Meet the candidates: Wilmington City Council

There are no shortage of candidates running for three open seats on the Wilmington City Council.

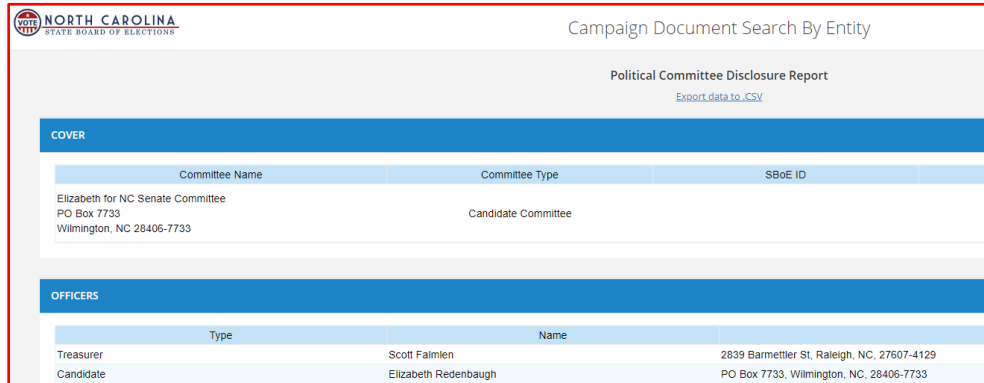
That list includes seven challengers and all three incumbents -- Neil Anderson, Margaret Haynes and Paul Lawler....

Name: Paul Lawler...

Political affiliation: Democrat

[“Meet the candidates: Wilmington City Council.”](#) *[Wilmington Star-News, October 12, 2019](#)*

- **Elizabeth for NC Senate Comm** – Elizabeth for NC Senate was the campaign committee for candidate Elizabeth Redenbaugh.



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| Committee Name | Committee Type | SBoE ID |
| Elizabeth for NC Senate Committee PO Box 7733 Wilmington, NC 28406-7733 | Candidate Committee | |

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| Treasurer | Scott Falmien | 2839 Barmettler St, Raleigh, NC, 27607-4129 |
| Candidate | Elizabeth Redenbaugh | PO Box 7733, Wilmington, NC, 28406-7733 |

[ELIZABETH FOR NC SENATE COMM \(STA-94Q9SB-C-001\),
NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed January 12, 2015](#)

Redenbaugh was a Democrat who ran for North Carolina State Senate District 9.

HEADLINE: Wake County among the hot spots on the legislative map

As Sen. Chad Barefoot, R-Wake, and Sarah Crawford, his Democratic challenger, have knocked on doors across their district this summer, they have run into sultry 95-degree days and voters who are cool to this year's political rhetoric....

Senate 9 (New Hanover County)

From a numbers standpoint, this district is a prototypical swing seat, split roughly evenly between Republicans, Democrats and unaffiliated voters.

Although Sen. Michael Lee, R-New Hanover, is technically an incumbent, he was appointed to fill Sen. Thom Goolsby's term after the legislature adjourned for the year. **He faces Democrat Elizabeth Redenbaugh, a school board member who could capitalize on the front-and-center attention given to education issues this year.**

["Wake County among the hot spots on the legislative map."](#)
[WRAL, September 12, 2014 \(emphasis added\)](#)

- **Haynes for Council** – Haynes is a Democratic candidate for Wilmington City Council.

HEADLINE: Meet the candidates: Wilmington City Council

There are no shortage of candidates running for three open seats on the Wilmington City Council. That list includes seven challengers and all three incumbents -- Neil Anderson, Margaret Haynes and Paul Lawler....

Name: Margaret Haynes...

Political affiliation: Democrat

["Meet the candidates: Wilmington City Council," Wilmington Star-News, October 12, 2019](#)

- **James Middleton for New Hanover County Commission** – Middleton was a Democratic candidate for New Hanover County Commission.

HEADLINE: Elections 2018: James Middleton Running for New Hanover County Commission

Three Democrats are on the primary ballot for the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners. Incumbent Rob Zapple, James Middleton and Julia Olson-Boseman. Two of those three will move on to the general election. James Middleton is the political newcomer of the group.

[“Elections 2018: James Middleton Running for New Hanover County Commission.”](#)
[WHQR, April 27, 2018](#)

- **Kirk DeViere Campaign Committee** – DeViere is a Democratic candidate for State Senate District 19.

HEADLINE: INSIDE POLITICS: DeViere leads Meredith in campaign cash

In Fayetteville and Cumberland County, the N.C. Senate District 19 election promises to be a tough competition again in 2020.

Democratic state Sen. Kirk deViere and Republican former state Sen. Wesley Meredith have been actively raising money ahead of their rematch for Cumberland County’s state Senate 19 seat.

DeViere narrowly defeated Meredith in an expensive battle in 2018. DeViere spent more than \$956,000 to win that race, state election records show, while Meredith spent more than \$1.4 million.

[“INSIDE POLITICS: DeViere leads Meredith in campaign cash.”](#)
[Fayetteville Observer, March 8, 2020](#)

- **Michael (Mike) Glancy Candidate** – Glancy was a Democratic candidate for North Carolina State Representative, District 13.

HEADLINE: STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 13; McComas goes too far in radio, TV attacks, Glancy says

Mike Glancy is denouncing Rep. Danny McComas's campaign for "vicious lies" in new political ads about him on TV and radio, and the Republican incumbent is debating whether to kill the ads.

Rep. McComas said his campaign was discussing the ads and plans a press conference this morning.

The ads claim the Democratic candidate is a member of the "radically liberal" American Civil Liberties Union, and, as a result, stands with those who defend flag burning and child pornography.

[“STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 13; McComas goes too far in radio, TV attacks, Glancy says,”](#)
[Wilmington Star-News, October 29, 1996](#)

- **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.

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| 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](#)

- **New Hanover Democratic Party (New Hanover DEC)** – New Hanover DEC is the political action committee for the Democratic Party of New Hanover County.

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| Committee Name | Committee Type | SBoE ID |
| New Hanover County Democratic Party 5041 New Centre Dr Wilmington, NC 28403-1680 | Political Action Committee | STA-C3911N-C-001 |

[New Hanover DEC \(STA-C3911N-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed February 25, 2020](#)

County Contributions – Search of New Hanover County Board of Elections Found No Results for Peterson

The New Hanover County Board of Elections maintains an online database with local election campaign finance filings. ([“Campaign Finance and Reporting,” nbcgov.com](#)) Searches were conducted for Peterson and his affiliated companies.. There were no results.

B.4 – Other Political History

In February 2020, the Bernie Sanders for President 2020 Campaign Made a \$3,048 Expenditure to Peterson’s Affiliated Company City Market of Wilmington for “Rent/Utilities/Internet”

In a search of the Federal Election Commission online campaign finance database an expenditure was found to Peterson’s affiliated company City Market of Wilmington from Bernie 2020, the campaign committee for presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. City Market of Wilmington received \$3,038.50 from Bernie 2020 for “Rent/Utilities/Internet” on February 29, 2020.

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[Bernie 2020 \(C00696948\), FEC Form 3, Filed March 20, 2020](#)

In a February 2020 Twitter Post, Harper Announced His Endorsement of Presidential Candidate Amy Klobuchar

In a February 2020 Twitter post, Peterson endorsed Presidential Candidate Amy Klobuchar.



[@Harper4NC, Twitter.com, February 27, 2020](#) (accessed on 4/23/2020)

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

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

Federal-Level Lobbyist Registration – No Results for Peterson

The following federal-level lobbying registration databases were searched for Peterson. 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 “Harper Peterson” and “Harold Peterson” returned no results.

B.5 – Problematic Tenure as Wilmington Mayor (2001-2003)

Peterson Was Mayor of Wilmington, NC from 2001-2003

Peterson served as mayor of Wilmington, NC from 2001-2003.

HEADLINE: Former Wilmington mayor Peterson to run for Senate

Former Wilmington mayor Harper Peterson plans to run for a N.C. Senate seat in 2018. Peterson, a Democrat, made the announcement in front of a gathering at the Hannah Block Historic USO/Community Arts Center Thursday.

Peterson served on city council in the 1990's and as Mayor of Wilmington from 2001-2003.
[*“Former Wilmington mayor Peterson to run for Senate.” WECT, September 14, 2017*](#)

In a July 2002 Editorial, the *Wilmington Morning Star* Wrote “Wilmington Mayor Harper Peterson Knows What to Do about Strong Women Who Don't Always Agree with Him. He Fires Them”

On July 3, 2002, the *Wilmington Morning Star* published an editorial critical of Peterson’s leadership style especially when it came to women. The *Wilmington Morning Star* wrote, “Wilmington Mayor Harper Peterson knows what to do about strong women who don't always agree with him. He fires them.”

The editorial noted that Peterson fired City Manager Mary Gornito and removed Councilman Laura Padgett from the Transportation Advisory Committee due to disagreements. The editorial concluded by noting that all Peterson has “mainly accomplished so far is to decapitate the city staff, re-open issues that had been settled, and divide the council and the city.”

EDITORIAL HEADLINE: Power plays aren't leadership

Wilmington Mayor Harper Peterson knows what to do about strong women who don't always agree with him.

He fires them.

City Manager Mary Gornito's head was the first to fall. Now Councilman Laura Padgett's.

Ms. Padgett made the mistake of disagreeing with Mr. Peterson's apparent intention to scrap a two-year-old decision to turn the police station into a transportation center for buses, taxis and trains.

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Instead, bowing to the desires of Cape Fear Community College, the mayor talks of putting the center somewhere else - and possibly splitting it into two stations a couple of blocks apart. What an odd "center" that would be.

Mr. Peterson says he removed Ms. Padgett from the Transportation Advisory Committee because "a stronger voice is needed." In reality, what he seems to want is a "stronger voice" that agrees with him and his allies.

Mr. Peterson says he also is concerned about "council conduct, and in establishing a positive attitude." That apparently means nodding politely when he proposes something dreamed up in meetings from which potential skeptics have been excluded. To question such an idea and to cite arguments against it, is, in Mr. Peterson's words, "disruptive" and to engage in "personal attack and disruptive strategy."

It is an odd way of leading, particularly for a politician who talks so much about "openness and inclusiveness" and invites everyone's opinions at a dizzying procession of public meetings.

But perhaps Mr. Peterson doesn't believe he needs to lead. He knows that on most issues, he can count on three cooperative council members to back him. (Certainly Jason Thompson, who says, "you have to play with the team and can't be on the opposite side" - or think for yourself, evidently.)

The mayor condescendingly invites the quiet and thoughtful Ms. Padgett to "participate in a productive, civil and cooperative manner."

The key word is "cooperative." She'll be just fine if she's a good girl who does what she's told.

Of course, the important issue here isn't the way the mayor gets along with one council member, but the way he leads the city to deal with its problems and plan for its future.

Mr. Peterson talks a good game. But what he has mainly accomplished so far is to decapitate the city staff, re-open issues that had been settled, and divide the council and the city.

Editorial, "Power plays aren't leadership," Wilmington Morning Star, July 3, 2002 (emphasis added)

In September 2002, the NAACP Criticized Peterson and the City of Wilmington for Not Doing Enough to Stop Racism and Sexism after a Black Female Fire Captain Was Called Racial Slur by a White Firefighter

In September 2002, the *Wilmington Morning Star* reported that the NAACP had criticized Peterson and the City of Wilmington for not doing enough to stop racism and sexism after a white firefighter used a racial slur in reference to a black female fire captain.

The engineer was put on a two-week suspension but New Hanover County NAACP head Reb John Fredlaw stated he had not received a satisfactory response from Peterson or other Wilmington city officials about additional sanctions being taken against the firefighter.

HEADLINE: Dangerous Words; NAACP: Fire him; Racial slur hasn't cost man his job despite city policy

The flames of racism and sexism have been stoked within the Wilmington Fire Department, and the city hasn't done enough to put them out, the NAACP said Friday.

The Rev. John Fredlaw, head of the New Hanover County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said the city has not reacted severely enough in reprimanding a white male engineer who used racist, sexist terms in speaking to a black female fire captain in January.

The engineer - the person who drives the fire truck - Donald Ragavage, denied making the remark Friday but said he wouldn't comment further. The 12-year veteran of the fire department directed comments to Raleigh attorney Travis Payne...

Rev. Fredlaw said the slurs were lobbed at Cassandra Sidberry, the first black woman hired in the Wilmington Fire Department, the first woman promoted to captain and one of only three black women in the department.

Capt. Sidberry, who has been with the department since 1984, declined to comment Friday because she was at work. She said she didn't think she should take the city's time to talk about the incident.

But Rev. Fredlaw wasn't bound by the city's rules. He explained Capt. Sidberry called the fire station where Mr. Ragavage works in January to tell the crew a former firefighter had died. Mr. Ragavage responded several times by saying "Yes, sir," even after she warned him that he was on thin ice.

After a back-and-forth between the two, Mr. Ragavage said he wouldn't call Capt. Sidberry "ma'am," then he fired the offensive terms at her, Rev. Fredlaw said.

Rev. Fredlaw said he has a signed statement from one of Mr. Ragavage's superiors, who says he overheard the incident.

Rev. Fredlaw said Capt. Sidberry has spent the past eight months trying to follow the city's protocol for reporting the incident, but so far, all that has happened is that **Mr. Ragavage was suspended for 14 days in the spring.** The suspension could not be confirmed, however, with all city officials refusing to comment on "a personnel matter."

Rev. Fredlaw said the two-week suspension flouted the city's "no tolerance" policy on racism and that Mr. Ragavage should be fired...

Rev. Fredlaw said suspension isn't good enough. He said he met with city officials, including Mayor Harper Peterson, interim City Manager Ed Fare and City Attorney Tom Pollard, several months ago and still hasn't received a satisfactory response. He said he asked Mr. Peterson to inform the City Council of the incident.

Friday afternoon, Mr. Peterson said he didn't remember details of the meeting and therefore couldn't comment on it, although he said, "I'm sure I told him it was a personnel issue and had to be handled by the city attorney and the city manager."

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The mayor added he is "concerned about anything about racial discrimination," and he will discuss the incident with the City Council on Monday...

Rev. Fredlaw told the story while standing outside City Hall where he and a delegation of members of the NAACP and the International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters met to hand-deliver a letter to members of the Wilmington City Council.

The letter, from the head of the firefighters' association, describes the work environment as "abusive" with regard to sex and ethnicity.

*"Dangerous Words; NAACP: Fire him; Racial slur hasn't cost man his job despite city policy,"
Wilmington Morning Star, September 28, 2002 (emphasis added)*

In an October 2003 Editorial, the *Wilmington Star News* Characterized Peterson's Tenure as Wilmington Mayor as "Dysfunctional" and Noted that "Mr. Peterson Often Seems to View those Who Disagree with Him as Enemies"

In October 2003, the *Wilmington Star News* published an editorial critical of Peterson's tenure as mayor with the headline "Two more years would be too much." The editorial focused on Peterson's style of leadership noting, "Mr. Peterson often seems to view those who disagree with him as enemies."

Rather than working with his City Manager Peterson chose to fire her. The *Wilmington Star News* wrote that under Peterson's tenure as Wilmington Mayor "The city's relationship with New Hanover County has reached rock bottom" and "Wilmington's reputation for dysfunctional government and a chaotic and inexplicably hostile business climate has spread statewide."

EDITORIAL HEADLINE: Two more years would be too much

Wilmington Mayor Harper Peterson has used his office's limited powers energetically during the past two years. He has invited residents to offer comments on a long list of issues - a welcome and healthy step, particularly for black residents, many of whom have felt frozen out of city affairs.

He has offered a stream of ideas and proposals and sparked many a meeting to discuss the city's future. Again, that was a good thing. Too often, mayors and councils seem to get bogged down in the day-to-day running of the city and lose sight of where they ought to be leading it.

The mayor also shares credit for getting a room tax passed to help finance a downtown convention center.

The issue for voters on Tuesday isn't Mr. Peterson's policies, but the way he pursues them. More fundamentally, the issue is Mr. Peterson's style of leadership.

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It's fine to change things that need changing. It's admirable to take firm and principled stands. But it's wise to make reasonable efforts to persuade others to join you, or at least to respect their opinions.

Mr. Peterson often seems to view those who disagree with him as enemies. It appears he would rather run over people than win them over.

Instead of setting new goals for the city manager and seeing whether she met them, the incoming mayor, with the votes of his frequent supporters, fired her.

Mr. Peterson also failed to be candid with her or the public. Asked about rumors that he wanted to get rid of the manager, among others, the incoming mayor strongly implied that he would not; at one point, he said he was not coming into office with a drawn sword. The next thing anybody knew, that sword beheaded the city staff.

The unexplained firing and the deceptive game of words was a fitting opening to Mr. Peterson's term as mayor. More of the same followed.

The city's relationship with New Hanover County has reached rock bottom.

The mayor and his allies have overturned established decisions and policies, called for more studies, overworked a stretched-thin city staff, hired consultants and left other government officials and business people baffled about what's next.

Mr. Peterson seems to believe the mayor should run the city. But that is not the form of government under which Wilmington operates.

During this mayor's term, Wilmington's reputation for dysfunctional government and a chaotic and inexplicably hostile business climate has spread statewide.

Before Mr. Peterson was elected, his supporters assured skeptics that he had changed since his disagreeable and often unproductive stint on the City Council.

But he hasn't changed. He has simply been given more power...

A lot of Wilmingtonians have had enough.

Editorial, "Two more years would be too much," Wilmington Star News, October 3, 2003 (emphasis added)

SECTION C: HEALTHCARE POLICY ISSUES

C.1 – Support for Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina

In December 2018, the *Wilmington Star News* Reported that Peterson Was “Pushing for Medicaid Expansion” after Being Elected to the North Carolina State Senate

In December 2018, the *Wilmington Star News* profiled recently elected State Senator Peterson about the issues he planned to address as a legislator. The article noted that Peterson was “pushing for Medicaid expansion.”

HEADLINE: Wilmington senator-elect ‘learning the ropes’ of state Senate

His early days representing New Hanover County in the N.C. Senate are going to feel like when he left for college, N.C. Sen.-elect Harper Peterson said.

“Obviously, I’ve served at the local level, but it’s a different environment,” said Peterson, a former Wilmington mayor and city council member who defeated N.C. Sen. Michael Lee, R-New Hanover, in November’s election. “So I’m a student right now. I’m back and forth to Raleigh just kind of learning the ropes.”

That doesn’t mean the soon-to-be Democratic freshman senator doesn’t have a laundry list of issues he would like to address, including doing more to address emerging contaminants in the Cape Fear region’s drinking water, advocating for the return to the state’s former film incentive program from its current grant program and pushing for Medicaid expansion to help tackle the opioid epidemic...

...Peterson said the state needs to stop refusing to expand Medicaid. His call echoes that of Gov. Roy Cooper, who has steadfastly said the state’s refusal to accept the expansion as part of the Affordable Care Act leaves millions of dollars to combat the epidemic untapped.

“We need to get serious about Medicaid expansion,” Peterson said.

*“Wilmington senator-elect ‘learning the ropes’ of state Senate,” *Wilmington Star News*, December 22, 2018 (emphasis added)*

In January 2019, Peterson Sponsored SB 3, a Bill to Expand Medicaid

On January 30, 2019, Peterson sponsored SB 3, the Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap bill.

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[SB 3 \(2019-2020 Session\), nclcg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to the North Carolina Medical Society blog, Senate Bill 3 would expand the state Medicaid program to accept individuals that have an adjusted gross income at or below 133% the federal poverty level.

BLOG HEADLINE: HB 5/SB 3 – Medicaid Expansion Bills

HB 5 / SB 3 Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap

This bill was filed jointly in the House and Senate...

This bill would allow individuals under the following criteria to be eligible for Medicaid benefits:

- **Adjusted gross income at or below 133% federal poverty level (FPL)**
- **Age range: 19-65**
- **Not entitled or enrolled in Medicare Part A or B**
- **Not otherwise eligible for Medicaid coverage currently**

Benefits would be received through an Alternative Benefit Plan established by DHHS. The co-payments for benefits would be the same as current Medicaid beneficiaries.

The start date would be effective on the date that capitated coverage begins.

The bill states that it is the intent of the NCGA to enact legislation to replace the Hospital Provider Assessment with a similar hospital provider assessment. It is the intent to impose upon these same hospital providers a Medicaid Coverage Gap Assessment that will pay for the state share of the program and the administrative costs of Medicaid expansion.

[“HB 5/SB 3 – Medicaid Expansion Bills,” North Carolina Medical Society Blog, February 1, 2020](#) (emphasis added)

In June 2019, Republican Senate Leader Phil Berger Criticized Medicaid Expansion as a “Mistake that Not Only Will Fail to Solve the Problems Its Proponents Claim It Solves, but Will Create New Problems”

On June 21, 2019, Republican State Senate leader Phil Berger published an opinion article criticizing efforts to expand Medicaid in North Carolina. Berger stated that Medicaid expansion was a “mistake that not only will fail to solve the problems its proponents claim it solves, but will create new problems.”

Berger noted that Medicaid expansion would cost “approximately \$173 million per year” with the state paying for those additional costs through “taxing the state’s hospitals and insurance companies.” Additionally, Berger warned that rising costs could crowd out vulnerable populations such as “the 12,000 disabled North Carolinians with severe developmental needs currently on the waitlist for the state’s optional Intellectual/Development Disability (IDD) Medicaid program.”

OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE: The other side of Medicaid expansion

“Expand Medicaid!” “Don’t expand Medicaid!” Welcome to one of the most significant debates in the current session of North Carolina’s General Assembly.

Gov. Roy Cooper and legislative Democrats have made expanding Medicaid their number one goal for the 2019 legislative session. Republican legislators remain wary about both the policy and fiscal merits of Medicaid expansion in North Carolina. The governor’s director of legislative affairs has even been quoted in the media saying, “The session ends when we get Medicaid expansion.” There’s also an ongoing guessing game as to whether Cooper will veto any budget passed by the legislature if it doesn’t include Medicaid expansion.

The argument for Medicaid expansion goes something like this — there are people in the state that do not currently have health insurance coverage; Medicaid expansion provides insurance for every adult in the state whose income is less than 133 percent of the federal poverty level; 90 percent of the cost of the program is paid by the federal government, and expanding Medicaid will solve all sorts of current problems such as rural hospital closings and the opioid crisis.

Hearing those arguments you may wonder why North Carolina isn’t already on board the Medicaid expansion bandwagon. Well, like many things that sound too good to be true, there is another side to the story. A full accounting of the facts leads to the inescapable conclusion that expanding Medicaid would be a mistake that not only will fail to solve the problems its proponents claim it solves, but will create new problems and rekindle problems that have just recently been put to rest – such as Medicaid cost overruns and yearly budget deficits.

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Let's take a closer look at how the arguments for Medicaid expansion hold up. First, the claim that Medicaid will provide insurance coverage for approximately 500,000 people that don't currently have coverage. The truth is, approximately 300,000 of those 500,000 — 60 percent — are either eligible for government-subsidized health coverage through the federal exchange or are already receiving health insurance through their employer. The actual “coverage gap” only exists for less than half of the expansion population. And who is in that gap? Children? No; children in low-income families are already eligible for Medicaid. Low-income pregnant women? No; they are also currently eligible. How about severely disabled individuals? No; already eligible. The truth is that the vast majority of those who would become eligible for coverage under Medicaid expansion are able-bodied adults between the ages of 18 and 50.

Ok; but it's “free” money; why not take it? You've been told that the money is “free” because the federal government currently pays 90 percent of the cost of Medicaid expansion, and the state will only be on the hook for 10 percent — approximately \$173 million per year. And that cost will be paid by taxing the state's hospitals and insurance companies. But what will the state do when the federal government changes the rules and pays less than 90 percent? In fact, the same thing just happened with the children's health program. The federal government changed its match rate, blowing a \$140 million hole in our budget and forcing the state to come up with the additional funds to continue the program.

In other states, expansion enrollment has far exceeded projections, increasing the financial pressure on other important budget items. Likely the first victims of expansion crowding out funding will be the 12,000 disabled North Carolinians with severe developmental needs currently on the waitlist for the state's optional Intellectual/Development Disability (IDD) Medicaid program. Medicaid expansion would force these folks to continue waiting at the back of the line as able-bodied adults receive care.

State Senator Phil Berger Opinion Article, “The other side of Medicaid expansion,” Raleigh News & Observer, June 21, 2019 (emphasis added)

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 opinion article 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 \(emphasis added\)](#)

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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...

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

C.2 – Support for Medicare for All

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[@Harper4NC, Twitter.com, February 11, 2019](https://twitter.com/Harper4NC/status/1092811111111111111) (accessed on 4/21/2020)

The Green New Deal Plan Proposed by Rep. Ocasio-Cortez in February 2019 Includes a “Medicare for All” Single Payer Healthcare Program, among Other Components

It was widely reported that the Green New Deal plan proposed by Rep. Ocasio-Cortez in February 2019 includes a “Medicare For All” single payer healthcare program, among other components. For example, *Fox Business* published an article analyzing the specific language of the Rep. Ocasio-Cortez Green New Deal resolution. The article noted that Green New Deal included “High-quality health care” for all Americans (i.e. Medicare for All).

HEADLINE: Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal blueprint is released: What to know

Since entering the political foray, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has made climate change a cornerstone of her agenda, embracing the notion of a Green New Deal.

And on Thursday, Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., unveiled their Green New Deal resolution, broad legislation -- modeled after New Deal-era programs -- that promotes a significantly expanded federal role in reducing U.S. greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050.

But that’s not the only demand included in the resolution, the framework of which was posted online by NPR on Thursday.

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Ocasio-Cortez and Markey laid out expansive proposals to not only aggressively reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next three decades, but to guarantee millions of “good, high-wage jobs” while ensuring economic security for all Americans.

The resolution also calls for huge investments in climate-friendly infrastructure, in addition to protections for indigenous people, communities of color, the poor and others considered to be a part of a “vulnerable community.”

Other notable goals proposed in the resolution include:...

"High-quality health care" for all Americans.

["Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal blueprint is released: What to know," Fox Business, February 7, 2019](#)
(emphasis added)

In January 2020, Peterson Co-Headlined a “Women’s Rally and March” with then-Democratic U.S. Senate Candidate Erica Smith, Who Supports Medicare for All – at the Rally, Peterson Said “If You Will Lead, I and the Other Men in this Audience Will Follow”

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On January 18, 2020, Peterson attended and spoke at a downtown Wilmington “Women’s Rally and March.” According to *Wilmington Star News*, Peterson was the only man to speak at this rally. During his speech at the rally, Peterson stated, “If you will lead, I and the other men in this audience will follow.”

Democratic U.S. Senate candidate, Erica Smith also spoke at this “Women’s Rally and March.”

HEADLINE: Women's March draws lively, political crowd to downtown Wilmington

Clad in pink pussy hats and toting signs -- including one that read, "This is what democracy looks like" -- hundreds of people took to the streets of downtown Wilmington Saturday afternoon for the fourth annual Women's Rally and March.

One after the other, more than a dozen speakers called for fighting climate change, protecting public education and combating gun violence, among other hot-button issues.

Coordinated by Women Organizing for Wilmington, or WoW!, the march and rally at Innes Park next to Thalian Hall was held in conjunction with dozens of other protests held across the country and the world -- including in Washington, D.C., where numbers were reportedly a fraction of the 500,000 who rallied in 2017, the event's first year.

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The numbers in Wilmington seemed strong, though, and it was a lively crowd, building through the early part of the rally to a peak of perhaps 500 or so people by 1 p.m., before dwindling back down as protesters prepared to march to North Fourth Street at 3 p.m. There, female musicians were scheduled to perform during an open mic event at the Bottega bar and music venue, and Jessica Holmes, chairwoman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners and a candidate for North Carolina Commissioner of Labor, was to hold a fundraiser at the Foxes Boxes restaurant...

Female empowerment was the theme Saturday, with speaker after speaker -- many of whom are in or running for office -- demanding equal rights and equal pay for women. It was a diverse crowd, with a significant number of young people in attendance, not counting the young children who were there with their parents...

Among the speakers were N.C. Sen. Erica D. Smith, a U.S. Senate candidate who got cheers when she said, "You can't spell America without Erica"; WoW organizer Lynn Shoemaker, who proclaimed that "today is a battle cry to action"; and N.C. Sen. Harper Peterson, the only man to speak, saying, "If you will lead, I and the other men in this audience will follow."

*"Women's March draws lively, political crowd to downtown Wilmington," Wilmington Star News, January 18, 2020
(emphasis added)*

The following image shows a picture of Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Erica Smith speaking at the 2020 Wilmington "Women's Rally and March."



["Photos: Wilmington Women's March," Wilmington Star News, January 18, 2020](#)

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According to the Lexington Dispatch, Erica Smith’s U.S. Senate Campaign Platform Was Aligned with “Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren on Policies such as Medicare for All and the Green New Deal”

In February 2020, *the Lexington Dispatch* profiled the candidates running for U.S. Senate in North Carolina. The article noted that Erica Smith’s campaign platform was aligned with “Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren on policies such as Medicare for All and the Green New Deal.”

In the article, Erica Smith described her platform as “job creation, being able to have a livable wage, sustaining our planet, providing health care for all.”

HEADLINE: Populism vs. pragmatism underpins NC Senate primary

Voters seeking to take back a U.S. Senate seat in closely divided North Carolina must choose whether liberal populism or centrist pragmatism is best suited to unseat Republican incumbent Thom Tillis, a devotee of President Donald Trump...

Next month’s Democratic Senate primary has some parallels to the presidential race in that voters are trying to decide which candidate — and which philosophy — have the best shot at defeating the Republican incumbent. But it’s not neatly delineated...

Underscoring the seat’s importance, a mysterious PAC funded by a group with ties to Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has spent around \$3 million in the Democratic primary to help a Senate candidate well behind in fundraising — an effort to create a taxing Democratic battle that could help Tillis stay in office.

The leading candidates are ex-state legislator Cal Cunningham, an Iraq war veteran and lawyer hailing from Lexington who ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate 10 years ago, and current state Sen. Erica Smith...

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Smith, a former engineer turned K-12 teacher and pastor from northeastern North Carolina, criticizes Cunningham as “the establishment’s pick” and says party leaders are stacking the deck against her as a black woman.

Both candidates describe themselves as progressive and say they will support whoever becomes the Democratic presidential nominee. But they are clearly in separate political lanes.

While Smith said she won’t endorse a presidential candidate before the primary, her platform is aligned with those who embrace Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren on policies such as Medicare for All and the Green New Deal...

In an interview, Smith described her platform as “job creation, being able to have a livable wage, sustaining our planet, providing health care for all.”

“Populism vs. pragmatism underpins NC Senate primary,” Lexington Dispatch, February 26, 2020 (emphasis added)

According to Conservative American Action Forum, a Medicare for All Single-Payer Healthcare Program Is Estimated to Cost Taxpayers \$36 Trillion between 2020 and 2029

The Conservative American Action Forum published a paper analyzing the specific costs of the Green New Deal plan proposed in February 2019 by Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, including the Medicare for All single-payer healthcare proposal. The Conservative American Action Forum found that Medicare for All would cost taxpayers an estimated \$36 trillion between 2020 and 2029.

D. Universal Health Care

To analyze the GND promise for universal health care, we build on the estimate by the Center for Health and Economy (H&E) of the Medicare for All proposal by 2016 presidential candidate Bernie Sanders. In particular, we make several assumptions.

There is Limited Plan Choice. A single-payer system would eliminate consumer choice relative to how insurance is currently administered. Thus there would be no plan choices outside of an actuarial value range that is comparable to the current actuarial value of Medicare.

Actuarial Values of Plans. Current Medicare beneficiaries receive insurance with an actuarial value in the 70 to 80 percent range. We assume that these are the most bare-bones options and permit the equivalent of current individual market health insurance plans with Gold metal levels.

Administrative Savings: We adopt the H&E estimate of the decrease in administrative costs. **Total Government Spending.** All costs to the consumer are eliminated by converting all health insurance-related costs into federal spending.

Under these assumptions the universal coverage will cost roughly \$36 trillion between 2020 and 2029. In addition to the tax cost and diminished choice, one would expect decreased access to providers, particularly among those who currently have health coverage.

“The Green New Deal: Scope, Scale, and Implications,” American Action Forum (emphasis added)

Peterson Contributed a Total of \$300 to 2018 Democratic Congressional Candidate Kyle Horton – Horton Supports “a Solution to Get Us toward Medicare for All”

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CONTRIBUTIONS FROM HAROLD PETERSON TO KYLE HORTON

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| Kyle Horton For Congress | 201801319091227084 | Harold W Peterson | 212 Orange St Wilmington, NC, 284014423 | N/A, Retired | 12/10/2017 | \$50 |
| | | | | | TOTAL | \$300 |

Source: Federal Election Commission

The following image shows Peterson’s \$250 contribution to Kyle Horton in June 2017.

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Kyle Horton Was a 2018 Candidate Who Ran for North Carolina’s 7th Congressional District – Horton Ran on a Medicare for All Platform and Promised “a Solution to Get Us toward Medicare for All”

In August 2018, the *Daily Caller* reported that Kyle Horton was running for Congress on a platform of “universal healthcare coverage for ALL Americans.”

HEADLINE: Democratic Doctors Running As First-Time Congressional Candidates Push Medicare Expansion, Even Medicare-For-All

At least nine doctors are running as first-time Democratic candidates for Congress and pushing health care policies like Medicare expansion and even Medicare-for-All.

Their platforms represent a trend in the medical establishment, which is growing more open to progressive concepts like single-payer health care.

If they were to win, the candidates would nearly double the number of physicians in Congress, which is 14. However, most of these Democratic candidates face “steep climbs” in primaries or against Republican incumbents, reported The Washington Post...

Medicare-for-All is a common platform for these first-time Democratic candidates, even though it has failed to win primaries in states including Texas, Iowa and New York, reported Politico...

And internal medicine doctor Kyle Horton, running for Congress in North Carolina, said she will “champion quality, universal healthcare coverage for ALL Americans.”

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BLOG HEADLINE: A Local Woman Doctor In The U.S. House Could Make History

From coastal NC, to Washington, D.C., out from the whirlwind political climate that rivals recent hurricanes comes women strong and fit to lead. In Eastern NC, Dr. Kyle Horton is one who could help make political history considering the recent nationwide “blue wave.”

Horton’s ready for the challenge in Washington as she fights for North Carolina’s House of Representatives 7th Congressional District seat against Republican David Rouzer. With the primary coming up in May and election in November, she could be one of the only female physicians in Congress if she takes the seat.

Horton, along with seven other women physicians, is one of a new wave of physicians and women entering Congress in this election cycle...

With her medical background, Horton would have health care as her initial agenda. She even has a plan. **“I’m passionate about stabilizing the markets from the Affordable Care Act, and working toward achieving the goal that health care should be a fundamental and basic human right, period. I support looking at a solution to get us toward Medicare for all,”** Horton said. What I would like to see happen is to drop the Medicare eligible age to 55, right now. That would take the older, sicker patients out of the private market, and give them a public option. This would stabilize the private markets, with healthier pools of patients.”

[“A Local Woman Doctor In The U.S. House Could Make History,” PoliticsNC, January 2, 2018 \(emphasis added\)](#)

SECTION D: JOBS & BUSINESS CLIMATE ISSUES

D.1 – Support for the Green New Deal

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[“Environmental groups petition Rep. Rouzer to support Green New Deal,” WECT, February 8, 2019 \(emphasis added\)](#)

The website of 350 Wilmington has a photo of the event showing Peterson with other attendees in front of the office of Rep. Rouzer.



[“Events,” 350 Wilmington \(accessed on 4/22/2020\)](#)

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[NEWS ANCHOR – 0:19] Today, members of 350 Wilmington, 350 U.N.C.W. and the Cape Fear Sierra Club dropped off a petition at Congressman David Rouzer’s office to ask for his support.

[LINDSAY LAKE, CO-DIRECTOR: 350 WILMINGTON] Because our future depends on it. We had a horrible hurricane and disasters are happening all across the United States, and it’s time we stand up for ourselves and our environment and our future and our children. Our children’s lives depend on the actions that we take right now.

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In February 2019, the *Washington Free Beacon* reported that a study by the American Action Forum had found that the Green New Deal could cost up to \$94.4 trillion over 10 Years to implement. This would cost each household in the U.S. more than \$600,000 over ten years. Note that these estimated costs included all the elements of the Green New Deal plan that had been proposed by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, including universal healthcare. Additional details about Peterson’s support for universal healthcare is provided in a separate chapter of this report.

HEADLINE: Study: Green New Deal Would Cost Up to \$94 Trillion

The "Green New Deal" would cost up to \$94.4 trillion, or over \$600,000 per household in the United States, according to a new study.

The American Action Forum study offers a conservative estimate of the costs of providing every resident in the country a federal job with benefits, "adequate" housing, "healthy food," and health care.

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Though Democratic socialist Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's (D., N.Y.) plan is vague on specifics, it calls for the "economic transformation" of the United States, a complete overhaul of transportation systems, and retrofitting every single building. A supplemental document explaining the plan, since deleted from her website after it was widely mocked on social media, called for economic security for everyone, even those "unwilling to work," the elimination of air travel, and "farting cows."

However, the American Action Forum was able to calculate estimates for several items the plan does propose, including guaranteed green housing, universal health care, and food security. Estimates of specific goals identified in the Green New Deal would cost each household in America between \$36,100 and \$65,300 every year.

"The American Action Forum's analysis shows that the Green New Deal would bankrupt the nation," said Sen. John Barrasso (R., Wyo.), chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

"On the upper end, every American household would have to pay \$65,000 per year to foot the bill," he said. "The total price tag would be \$93 trillion over 10 years. That is roughly four times the value of all Fortune 500 companies combined. That's no deal."...

The American Action Forum calculated guaranteed green housing would cost between \$1.6 trillion and \$4.2 trillion; a federal jobs guarantee between \$6.8 trillion and \$44.6 trillion; a net zero emissions transportation system between \$1.3 trillion and \$2.7 trillion; a low-carbon electricity grid for \$5.4 trillion; and "food security" for \$1.5 billion.

Enough high-speed rail "to make air travel unnecessary," would cost roughly \$1.1 to \$2.5 trillion. Universal Health Care, or a Medicare-for-all type plan, would cost \$36 trillion over 10 years, totaling \$260,000 per household in the United States.

Many of the figures are conservative estimates. For instance, researchers assumed obtaining a low-carbon electricity grid would require no new construction of transmission assets, when in actuality, such a grid would require new infrastructure.

"The Green New Deal is clearly very expensive," the American Action Forum said. "Its further expansion of the federal government's role in some of the most basic decisions of daily life, however, would likely have a more lasting and damaging impact than its enormous price tag."

In all, the plan would cost between \$52.6 trillion and \$94.4 trillion, over 10 years. The burden to the taxpayer would amount to between \$361,010 and \$653,010 for each household over 10 years.

Electricity rates would necessarily skyrocket under such a plan.

"Study: Green New Deal Would Cost Up to \$94 Trillion," Washington Free Beacon, February 25, 2020 (emphasis added)

In February 2019, the North Carolina’s John Locke Foundation Said the Green New Deal’s Plan Was to “Transform Society Forcibly” Which “Has Been the Starting Point of Every Totalitarian Regime of the Last 100 Years” and “Will Be a Disaster of Venezuelan Proportions”

In February 2019, the John Locke Foundation, a North Carolina conservative research institute, said the Green New Deal’s plan is to “transform society forcibly.” It added that government force to transform society “has been the starting point of every totalitarian regime of the last 100 years.”

Dr. Roy Cordato, then-Senior Economist and Resident Scholar at the John Locke Foundation, wrote an opinion article that said the economic scheme to enact the plan “will be a disaster of Venezuelan proportions.”

OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE: Dr. Roy Cordato: Green New Deal Relies On Threat Or Use Of Government Force

As the specifics (and many of the absurd objectives) of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s Green New Deal (GND) have come to light, the common refrain from Democrats who support it is that the plan is “aspirational.” In other words, they believe the world that Ocasio-Cortez envisions is somehow ideal. It is the world we all aspire to live in. But is it?

Let’s be clear. The world that so many Democrats are proclaiming as “aspirational” will be achieved and maintained almost completely by the use or threat of government force. The goals outlined – the elimination of air travel to be substituted for with high-speed trains, the rebuilding or “retrofitting” of all structures, the elimination of cows (and along with it beef and cheese) – cannot be realized without explicit or implicit threats of force.

In other words, the plan is to transform society forcibly. This has been the starting point of every totalitarian regime of the last 100 years. And, in fact, there are no examples of governments that have started with this premise and attempted to carry out their plans that have not ended in totalitarianism, regardless of whether they arose from violent takeover, as was the case in Russia or Cuba, or from some form of democratic process, as has been the case with Nicaragua and Venezuela....

Ocasio-Cortez’s funding scheme hits the price-level from both sides of this equation. She calls for massive new debt financing paid through massive new increases in the money supply, while simultaneously incentivizing the economy not to produce valuable goods and services by imposing exorbitant new taxes and onerous regulations. The combination will be a disaster of Venezuelan proportions. As the output of basic consumer goods and services shrink and the money supply grows, prices will necessarily rise and shortages will develop. This means the tax base will shrink, which will add pressure to expand the growth of the money supply even further to pay for the GND’s programs. This will produce additional increases in the price-level and more shortages. The resulting spiral downward should be obvious. It is exactly how Venezuela ended up where it is today, in extreme poverty and with a currency that is almost worthless.

*[Dr. Roy Cordato Opinion Article, “Green New Deal Relies On Threat Or Use Of Government Force.”](#)
[Locke Foundation February 25, 2019](#) (emphasis added)*

D.2 – Ties to Environmental Organizations that Support the Green New Deal

The North Carolina Sierra Club PAC Contributed a Total of \$3,748 to Peterson’s 2018 State Senate Campaign

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, the North Carolina Sierra Club PAC contributed a total of \$3,748.65 to Peterson’s 2018 State Senate campaign. This total included \$248.65 of in-kind contributions.

NC SIERRA CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS TO HARPER PETERSON FROM 2001 TO PRESENT

| Recipient | Contribution Type | Contributor | City/State | Date | Amount |
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| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Regular | North Carolina Sierra Club PAC | Raleigh, NC | 8/30/2018 | \$1,000.00 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Regular | North Carolina Sierra Club PAC | Raleigh, NC | 9/27/2018 | \$1,000.00 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Regular | North Carolina Sierra Club PAC | Raleigh, NC | 10/15/2018 | \$1,000.00 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Regular | North Carolina Sierra Club PAC | Raleigh, NC | 10/29/2018 | \$500.00 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | In-Kind | NC Sierra Club PAC | Raleigh, NC | 11/2/2018 | \$47.82 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | In-Kind | NC Sierra Club PAC | Raleigh, NC | 11/3/2018 | \$47.82 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | In-Kind | NC Sierra Club PAC | Raleigh, NC | 11/5/2018 | \$114.76 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | In-Kind | NC Sierra Club PAC | Raleigh, NC | 11/6/2018 | \$38.25 |
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Source: [“Transaction Search by Entity,” cf.ncsbe.gov](#)

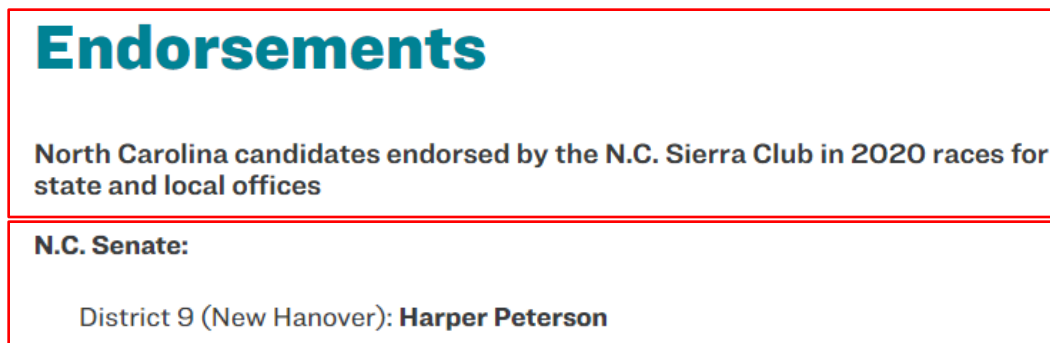
The following image shows an example of a contribution that North Carolina Sierra Club PAC gave to Peterson – that being on October 29, 2018, when the North Carolina Sierra Club PAC contributed \$500 to Peterson.

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| 10/29/2018 | | North Carolina Sierra Club PAC 19 W Hargett St Ste 210 Raleigh, NC 27601-1350 | Other Political Committee Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$500.00 | \$3,500.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed January 9, 2019](#)

The Sierra Club Has Endorsed Peterson for His 2020 State Senate Campaign

As shown by the following image from the group’s website, the Sierra Club has endorsed Peterson for his 2020 State Senate campaign.



[“Endorsements,” sierraclub.org](#) (accessed on 4/17/2020)

The Sierra Club Endorsed the Green New Deal Calling It a “Bold Plan” to “Tackle the Climate Crisis” – the Sierra Club Brags that It Is “Mobilizing Its More than 3.5 Million Members” to Pass the Green New Deal

In February 2019, the Sierra Club published a press release applauding Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for introducing Green New Deal resolutions in Congress.

The press release stated, “The Sierra Club endorsed these Green New Deal resolutions and is mobilizing its more than 3.5 million members and supporters to encourage broad congressional backing for the resolutions.”

PRESS RELEASE HEADLINE: Sierra Club Applauds Markey And Ocasio-Cortez’s Green New Deal Resolutions

Today, Senator Ed Markey and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez introduced joint resolutions in the Senate and House, respectively, that unveiled a bold plan for a Green New Deal to tackle the climate crisis, create millions of good, high-wage jobs, secure clean air and water, and counteract systemic injustices.

The Sierra Club endorsed these Green New Deal resolutions and is mobilizing its more than 3.5 million members and supporters to encourage broad congressional backing for the resolutions.

Today’s resolutions outline 14 Green New Deal projects, including proposals to “repair and upgrade U.S. infrastructure,” retrofit buildings, “build resiliency against climate change-related disasters,” “meet 100 percent of our power demand through clean, renewable and zero-emission energy sources,” restore our ecosystems, and “spur massive growth in clean U.S. manufacturing.” The resolutions make clear that specific policies to implement these projects must be developed via an inclusive process, “led by frontline and vulnerable communities and workers.”

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The Sierra Club will continue working with a broad array of partners, frontline communities, and members of Congress -- as it has for much of the past year -- to help build alignment and momentum behind the Green New Deal goals and projects named in today's resolutions.

["Sierra Club Applauds Markey And Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal Resolutions," Sierra Club Press Release, February 7, 2019 \(emphasis added\)](#)

The North Carolina League of Conservation Voters Contributed a Total of \$500 to Peterson's 2018 State Senate Campaign

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters contributed a total of \$500 to Peterson's 2018 State Senate campaign.

The following image shows that on October 9, 2018, the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters contributed \$500 to Peterson.

| 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 |
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| 10/09/2018 | | North Carolina League of Conservation Voters 112 S Blount St Ste 103 Raleigh, NC 27601-1474 | Other Political Committee Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed October 21, 2018](#)

The North Carolina League of Conservation Voters Has Endorsed Peterson for His 2020 State Senate Campaign

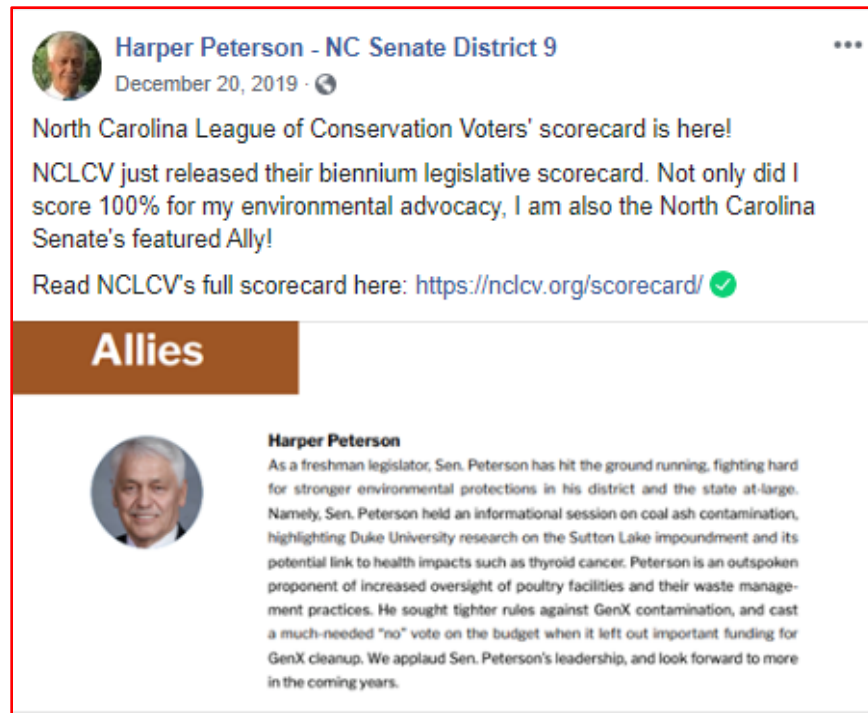
Peterson's campaign website features an endorsement from the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters.



["Featured Endorsements," harperpetersonsenate9.com \(accessed on 4/17/2020\)](#)

In December 2019, the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters Named Peterson a Featured Senate “Ally” for Environmental Advocacy

On December 20, 2019, the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters named Peterson as a featured Senate “ally” for environmental advocacy.



[Harper Peterson-NC Senate District 9, Facebook.com, December 20, 2019](#) (accessed on 4/17/2020)

HEADLINE: Peterson Named State Lead For National Environmental Caucus

State Sen. Harper Peterson was selected as the 2020 N.C. State Lead for the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators, according to a news release...

The role comes less than a month after the N.C. League of Conservation Voters named Peterson as a featured Senate “ally” for environmental advocacy.

[“Peterson Named State Lead For National Environmental Caucus,” Wilmington Biz, February 18, 2020](#) (emphasis added)

The League of Conservation Voters Is an Adamant Supporter of the Green New Deal and Applauded Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for Introducing the Green New Deal in Congress

In February 2019, the League of Conservation Voters published a press release praising the members of Congress who introduced the Green New Deal. The press release stated, “LCV applauds Senator Markey and Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez for their climate leadership, and we support the Green New Deal resolution. We are thrilled to see so many members of Congress following through on the climate action.”

PRESS RELEASE HEADLINE: LCV SUPPORTS GREEN NEW DEAL RESOLUTION

In anticipation of the introduction of the joint resolutions on the Green New Deal, League of Conservation Voters President Gene Karpinski issued the following statement in support:

“LCV applauds Senator Markey and Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez for their climate leadership, and we support the Green New Deal resolution. We are thrilled to see so many members of Congress following through on the climate action that voters clearly said they wanted from their leaders on Election Day, including 100% clean, renewable energy, major investments in climate-smart infrastructure and efficiency, good-paying jobs, and a just transition for workers and communities hardest hit by pollution. The climate crisis is a problem of epic proportions that requires a level of ambition just as big. This is an all hands-on-deck moment, and now is the time to challenge ourselves as never before.”

“LCV Supports Green New Deal Resolution” League of Conservation Voters Press Release, February 7, 2019

(emphasis added)

D.3 – Ties to Radical Environmental Group 350.org

In September 2019, Peterson Participated in the “Cape Fear Die-In” Protest Organized by the Wilmington Chapter of 350.org

In September 2019, Peterson participated in the “Cape Fear Die-In” protest organized by 350 Wilmington, a chapter of the environmental group 350.org. The purpose of the event was to protest the lack of action on climate change. The *Wilmington Star-News* described it as “a ’60s-style ‘die in’” and “meant to kick off a week of strikes, protests and other activities to draw attention” to the environmental group 350.org.

HEADLINE: Cape Fear Die-In protests lack of action on climate change

Activists in downtown Wilmington were organized by the 350 Wilmington group. The gathering kicked off a week of strikes, protests and other activities meant to fight climate change.

Close to 200 activists, many of them high school and college students, held a ’60s-style “die-in” at Wilmington City Hall on Friday morning to protest a lack of action to combat climate change.

The Cape Fear Die-In, organized by the 350 Wilmington group, which is part of the international environmental organization 350.org, was meant to kick off a week of strikes, protests and other activities to draw attention to their cause. It’s part of an international effort led by activists including Swedish teen Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old who has become the face of the climate strike movement....

Also at the protest was North Carolina State Sen. Harper Peterson. He recalled being a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1970 and celebrating the first Earth Day.

“Here we are nearly 50 years later, and we’re not at a crossroads — we’re at a cliff,” Peterson said. “I’m thankful for these high school and college students here today. These are our new leaders on this issue.”

Peterson pressed the need for renewable energy sources, as well for getting harmful chemicals out of drinking water and banning offshore oil drilling and exploration.

“Each of us needs to do our part,” he said. “Think globally, act locally. That is the cry. I’m a foot soldier in this fight.”

[“Cape Fear Die-In protests lack of action on climate change.” Wilmington Star News, September 20, 2019](#)
(emphasis added)

At the September 2019 protest, Peterson posed for pictures with 350 Wilmington co-founder and co-director Lindsay Lake. Lake was also a participant in a February 2019 event at the office of Rep. David Rauzer to drop off petitions asking Rep. Rauzer to support the Green New Deal.

PHOTOS: Cape Fear Die-In



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Lindsay Lake (left), with N.C. State Sen. Harper Peterson. Lake is a UNCW grad student and co-founder and co-director of 350 Wilmington. She helped organize the protest Friday morning at Wilmington City Hall to protest a lack of action to combat climate change. [JOHN STATON/STARNEWS]

[“Cape Fear Die-In protests lack of action on climate change,” Wilmington Star News, September 20, 2019](#)

In a February 2019 Twitter Post, Peterson “Joined 350 Wilmington” to Deliver Petitions to Support the Green New Deal to the Wilmington Office of Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC)

In a February 2019 Twitter post, Peterson said he “joined 350 Wilmington, NC Sierra Club, and many concerned constituents” to deliver “thousands of petitions calling for climate change leadership” to the Wilmington office of Rep. David Rouzer (R-NC). The petitions urged Rouzer to support the Green New Deal, environmental legislation introduced by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-New York).

In his post, Peterson lauded 350 Wilmington for organizing the event.

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



[@Harper4NC, Twitter.com, February 8, 2019](#) (accessed on 4/21/2020)

Though it was not expressly stated in Peterson’s Twitter post, the event was in support of the Green New Deal.

HEADLINE: Environmental groups petition Rep. Rouzer to support Green New Deal

One local lawmaker calls it “the most important issue facing our society and country today.”

Outside Rep. David Rouzer’s office at the New Hanover County Government Center on Friday, Sen. Harper Peterson (D-NHC) joined environmental groups 350 Wilmington, 350 UNCW and the Cape Fear Sierra Club to show their support for a Green New Deal, a four-part program aimed at addressing and offsetting the effects of global climate change. They dropped off a petition at Rouzer’s office asking for his support.

“I am a citizen participating with a citizens’ group that’s concerned about our environment,” Peterson said. “The realities — however you want to classify it, climate change or water reality — is reality, and I think we need to approach the challenge in a non-partisan way.

“This is not a crossroads we’re at. We’re at a cliff. We have a short amount of time to understand the threat, not only to our government, our democracy, but our survival. I think now more than ever people need to come together (and) at least have a discussion about the challenges we face.”

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Lindsay Lake, the co-director of 350 Wilmington and communications director of 350 UNCW, applauded Peterson for his support of the Green New Deal, and is hopeful other North Carolina politicians will get on board with the proposal introduced Thursday by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-New York) and Sen. Ed Markey (D-Mass.).

[“Environmental groups petition Rep. Rouzer to support Green New Deal,” WECT, February 8, 2019 \(emphasis added\)](#)

The website of 350 Wilmington has a photo of the event showing Peterson with other attendees in front of the office of Rep. Rouzer.



[“Events,” 350 Wilmington \(accessed on 4/22/2020\)](#)

Vox Called 350.org and Its Founder Bill McKibben the “Radical Flank” of Environmentalism

Vox called 350.org and founder Bill McKibben the “radical flank” of environmentalism. The article explained how the radical tactics used by McKibben could be used by “activists with positions and demands outside the current mainstream,” such as those that want to legalize drugs. It cites a paper by the journal *Organization & Environment* that “charts the effect that Bill McKibben, his organization 350.org, and their campaign” have had on the climate change debate.

HEADLINE: The McKibben effect: a case study in how radical environmentalism can work

One of the perennial debates in politics is over the role of radicals — activists with positions and demands outside the current mainstream. Think hard drug legalizers, advocates for a universal basic income, or, on the right, those who want to repeal the 17th Amendment. (Yes, this is a thing on the right now.)...

A new paper, forthcoming in the journal *Organization & Environment*, takes a fresh look at this dynamic in the context of the climate movement. Specifically, it seeks to chart the effects that Bill McKibben, his organization 350.org, and their campaign to get big institutions to divest from fossil fuels have had on the public climate change debate.

Is there a McKibben Effect — a radical flank effect on the US climate debate? And is it positive or negative?

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Todd Schifeling (of Temple University) and Andrew John Hoffman (of University of Michigan) set out to examine this question empirically.

Their starting point is that much research has been done on the direct interactions of activist interest groups and business/academic/political groups, but much less has been done on the indirect effects of radical flanking. It may be that a radical campaign does not succeed at achieving its own stated goals, but causes important shifts elsewhere in the debate.

This, more or less, is what they speculate is true of McKibben/350.org’s divestment campaign. Shortly after the 2010 midterms, students began advocating that their universities divest from investments in fossil fuels. McKibben and 350 took up the charge and popularized it, to the point that, as of today, 749 institutions are participating, worth about \$5.53 trillion in investments.

Schifeling and Hoffman acknowledge that the divestment movement has not — and, realistically, probably cannot — accomplish its goal of substantially affecting the financial health of large fossil fuel companies.

But that was not its only aim. It also set out to remove the “social license” of fossil fuel companies to operate, to cast them as moral outlaws like cigarette makers. And it was paired, in 2012, with McKibben’s widely read “Global Warming’s Terrifying New Math,” which made clear that the vast bulk of existing fossil fuel reserves could not be developed in a climate-safe world — that fossil fuel companies’ interests were at odds with humanity’s interests.

To measure the indirect effects of that radical framing, Schifeling and Hoffman compiled an enormous database of newspaper stories about climate change published between 2011 and 2015. Using software wizardry (uh, details in the paper), they analyze the stories in three steps.

First, they look for the rise of mentions of the radical flank — the actors (McKibben and 350) and their policy demand (divestment). Second, they look at the process by which the demand becomes dissociated from the actors and enters mainstream dialogue. And third, they look at other changes in the structure of the debate.

[“The McKibben effect: a case study in how radical environmentalism can work.”](#)
[Vox, November 17, 2017](#) (emphasis added)

350.org Founder Bill McKibben Said the Goal of Responding to the Pandemic “Can’t Simply Return to the Status-Quo” and Environmental Policy Could Be Included “In Ways that Were Unimaginable Just a Few Days Ago

In a *New Yorker* opinion article, 350.org founder Bill McKibben wrote that the goal of responding to the economic crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic “can’t be simply return to the status-quo.” McKibben advocated that Democrat using their “legislative power” to ensure an economic recovery package would include environmental policy that would “help solve the looming climate crisis in ways that were unimaginable just a few days ago.”

OPINION ARTICLE HEADLINE: If We’re Bailing Out Corporations, They Should Bail Out the Planet

One of the best chances to make some positive use of the coronavirus pandemic may be passing swiftly. As the economy craters, big corporations are in need of government assistance, and, on Capitol Hill, the sound of half a trillion dollars in relief money is bringing out the lobbyists. On Thursday afternoon, Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Democrat of Rhode Island, described the scene as a “trough” and mentioned a quote from a lobbyist in *The Hill*: “Everybody’s asking for something and those that aren’t asking for something only aren’t because they don’t know how.” Whitehouse added, “I fear that enviros don’t know how to ask, because, so far in this scrum, we haven’t heard much from them.”

The corporations will get assistance, but the Democrats have enough legislative power to insure that it comes with at least a few strings attached. If they attach those strings with even a modicum of care, they will have used this emergency to help solve the looming climate crisis in ways that were unimaginable just a few days ago. For busy legislators looking for a principle to enforce in handing out relief to corporations, here’s a shorthand: any bailout depends on your industry promising to meet the targets set in the Paris climate accords, and demonstrating in the next few months what that plan looks like....

Our goal can’t be simply a return to the status-quo ante, because that old normal was driving a climate crisis that will eventually prove every bit as destructive as a pandemic. With just a little courage from Democratic legislators, we could actually be building a world that is safer on every front.

*Bill McKibben Opinion Article, “If We’re Bailing Out Corporations, They Should Bail Out the Planet,”
[New Yorker, March 20, 2020](#) (emphasis added)*

In March 2020, the *Washington Times* Said 350.org Founder Bill McKibben “Urged Congress to Take Advantage of the Unprecedented Opportunity” of Coronavirus Crisis Response to “Take Serious Climate Action”

In March 2020, the *Washington Times* reported on the response by environmental groups who were looking to leverage the economic collapse caused by the coronavirus crisis to pass environmental legislation. The article said Bill McKibben, the founder of 350.org, “urged Congress to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunity” and “take serious climate action.”

HEADLINE: Climate activists prod Democrats to leverage coronavirus crisis

For climate-change activists, there’s an upside to the novel coronavirus outbreak.

Not only did China see its greenhouse-gas emissions drop as its economy shuttered, but Democrats held up Monday nearly \$2 trillion in pandemic relief to squeeze in items from their climate wish list, including re-upping renewable-energy tax credits and tacking emissions mandates on the aviation and cruise industries.

As House Majority Whip James Clyburn, South Carolina Democrat, reportedly said last week, “This is a tremendous opportunity to restructure things to fit our vision.”

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Prodding the Democrats were global-warming gurus like Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org, who urged Congress to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunity to address both the coronavirus and climate “crises.”

“Congress: don’t waste this chance,” tweeted Mr. McKibben. “If you’re going to bail out corporations, in return demand that they take serious climate action. We could actually work on both crises at once!”

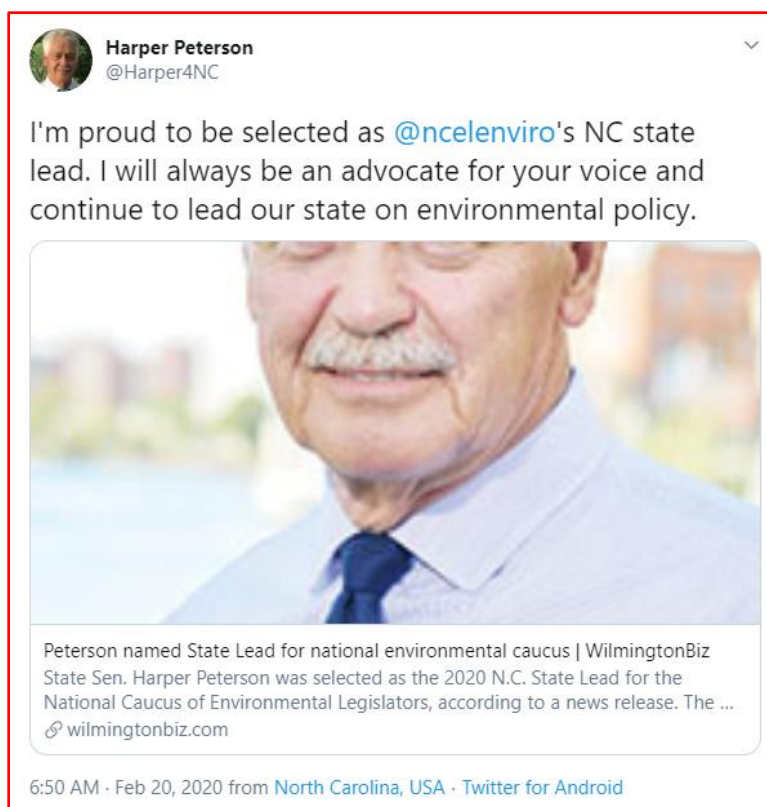
[“Climate activists prod Democrats to leverage coronavirus crisis,” Washington Times, March 23, 2020 \(emphasis added\)](#)

D.4 – Ties to Environmental Organizations that Support Carbon Taxes

In a February 2020 Twitter Post, Peterson Said He Was “Proud to Be Selected” as the North Carolina State Lead for the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

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



[@Harper4NC, Twitter.com, February 20, 2020](#) (accessed on 4/21/2020)

The Washington DC-based NCEL calls itself “a nonpartisan network of legislative champions to protect, conserve, and improve the natural and human environment.”

The National Caucus of Environmental Legislators empowers a nonpartisan network of legislative champions to protect, conserve, and improve the natural and human environment.

We believe that the key to advancing sound policy in the states is well-informed legislatures with strong champions who can advocate on behalf of the environment, develop shared strategies, and collaborate with their peers across the country on shared learning and action.

NCEL does not lobby for the enactment or defeat of any state or federal legislation.

[“About,” ncel.net](#)

NCEL describes State Leads as “supporting NCEL’s mission within the state, assisting in organizing state events, and advising on the agenda for” their national forums.

What Are State Leads?

The National Caucus of Environmental Legislators developed state leadership positions for members in each state to encourage robust participation, assist in identifying new environmental champions, and recognize the leadership that many members already demonstrate within the Caucus.

NCEL State Leads serve a one-year term, with the possibility of multiple terms. Their role includes supporting NCEL’s mission within the state, assisting in organizing state events, and advising on the agenda for our [national forums](#).

[“State Leads,” ncel.net](#)

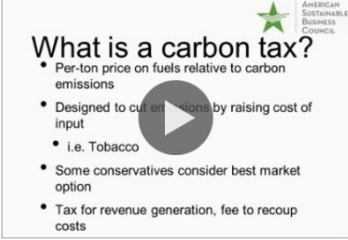
The National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL) Supports Carbon Taxes – NCEL Provides Webinars to “Become a Leading Carbon Tax Advocate” and Created a Multistate Alliance to Encourage States to Pass Carbon Pricing Legislation

The National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL) supports carbon taxes. The website includes a page on “Carbon Pricing,” another term for carbon taxes. The page contains webinars to provide ways for member legislators to “become a leading carbon tax advocate.” NCEL also created a “multistate alliance” that encourages member legislators to introduce legislation in each state to impose costs on carbon emissions (i.e., institute carbon taxes).



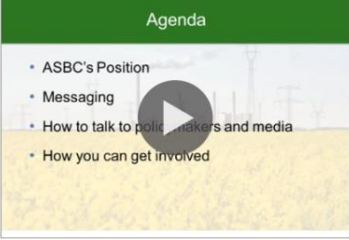
[“Carbon Pricing,” ncel.net \(image 1 of 2\)](#)

Webinars




What is a carbon tax?

- Per-ton price on fuels relative to carbon emissions
- Designed to cut emissions by raising cost of input
 - i.e. Tobacco
- Some conservatives consider best market option
- Tax for revenue generation, fee to recoup costs



Agenda

- ASBC's Position
- Messaging
- How to talk to policymakers and media
- How you can get involved



The Conservative Case for a National Carbon Tax

Webinar
June 8, 2016

ASBC webinar outlining the 'Business Case for a Carbon Tax'

[Watch the Webinar](#)

ASBC webinar on Become a Leading Carbon Tax Advocate

[Watch the Webinar](#) [Download the PDF](#)

ASBC webinar on "The Conservative Case for a National Carbon Tax"

[Download the PDF](#)

["Carbon Pricing," ncel.net \(image 2 of 2\)](#)

In January 2018, NCEL announced the “multistate alliance on carbon pricing.” In a press release, NCEL Executive Director Jeff Mauk said that state legislators “can’t wait for the federal government to act” and called carbon pricing “a market-based strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”

PRESS RELEASE HEADLINE: State Lawmakers Form Multistate Alliance on Carbon Pricing

Today state legislators from nine states announced the formation of the Carbon Costs Coalition. This multi-state coalition is focused on reducing carbon emissions, ensuring equity in policy proposals, developing market-based solutions, creating resilient local and regional economies, and improving public health. By coordinating efforts, these legislators are leading a state-based movement to take action on climate....

“State legislators across the country know that they can’t wait for the federal government to act on climate change,” said Jeff Mauk, Executive Director of the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL). **“Carbon pricing is a market-based strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that is being praised by economists and leaders from across the political spectrum.”**

["State Lawmakers Form Multistate Alliance on Carbon Pricing," National Caucus of Environmental Legislators Press Release, January 31, 2018 \(emphasis added\)](#)

D.5 – Agriculture and Food Security Issues

In April 2019, Peterson Sponsored SB 516, a Bill to Target the Poultry Industry for Allegedly Polluting Waterways

On April 2, 2019, Peterson sponsored SB 516, a bill to target the poultry industry for allegedly polluting waterways. The bill was titled, “Direct ERC To Study Dry Litter Poultry Waste.”

The screenshot shows the North Carolina General Assembly website for Senate Bill 516. The bill title is "Direct ERC To Study Dry Litter Poultry Waste." The bill number is S515. The session is 2019-2020. The bill was filed on 4/2/2019. The last action was "Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 4/3/2019". The sponsor is Peterson (Primary). The bill has attributes: Public; Requests Study. The counties listed are "No counties specifically cited". The statutes are 143-215.10B (Sections). The keywords are: AGRICULTURAL LOCATION, AGRICULTURAL WASTE, AGRICULTURE, AGRICULTURE DEPT., ANIMALS, COMMISSIONS, DEQ, DHHS, EMPLOYMENT, ENVIRONMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMM., LABOR DEPT., LIVESTOCK & POULTRY, PLANNING & ZONING, PUBLIC, REPORTS, STUDIES, WASTE MANAGEMENT. The history table shows the following actions:

| DATE | CHAMBER | ACTION | DOCUMENTS | VOTES |
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| 4/3/2019 | Senate | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate | | |
| 4/3/2019 | Senate | Passed 1st Reading | | |
| 4/2/2019 | Senate | Filed | DRAFT: DRS45201-SB-2 | |

[“SB 516 \(2019-2020 Session\), nclg.gov \(red boxes added\)](#)

According to the environmental blog *Sound Rivers*, HB 516 “would require the state to conduct a “science-based study of the environmental and public health impacts of poultry waste.”

BLOG HEADLINE: Support the Bill to Assess the Poultry Industry’s Impact in NC!

The largest and fastest-growing source of nutrient pollution in our waterways is the poultry industry, according to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. But the industry operates with so little regulation that state doesn’t even know where poultry operations are located, much less have good information on the impacts.

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Some facts:

- North Carolina’s 515 million chickens and turkeys produce 5 million tons (ten billion pounds!) of waste each year.
- Roughly 4.2 million chickens and turkeys drowned following Hurricane Florence, according to the state. Composting their carcasses cost the state and federal governments a total of \$12.6 million.
- There are more than 56 million birds in the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico basins combined
- From 2008 to 2018, 87 new poultry operations were built in the Neuse and Tar-Pamlico, adding nearly 13 million new birds and their waste in the two basins

That’s why we support a new bill before the state senate, and we’re grateful to State Sen. Harper Peterson for introducing it.

SB 516 would require the state to conduct a long overdue fact-driven, science-based study of the environmental and public health impacts of poultry waste. We urge you to call your NC Representative and Senator in Raleigh today (find them here) and ask them to support SB 516.

[“Support the Bill to Assess the Poultry Industry’s Impact in NC,” Sound Rivers Blog, April 18, 2019 \(emphasis added\)](#)

Peterson Is Supported by the Sierra Club – North Carolina Sierra Club PAC Contributed to Peterson’s 2018 Campaign; Sierra Club Has Endorsed His 2020 Reelection

As detailed in another chapter of this report, Peterson is supported by the Sierra Club.

- According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, the North Carolina Sierra Club PAC contributed a total of \$3,748.65 to Peterson’s 2018 State Senate campaign. This total included \$248.65 of in-kind contributions. ([“Transaction Search by Entity,” cf.ncsbe.gov](#))
- The Sierra Club has endorsed Peterson for his 2020 State Senate campaign. ([“Endorsements,” sierraclub.org](#))

The Sierra Club Supports Lawsuits against Hog Farming – GOP Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler Warned, “If We Don’t Do Something about It Right Now there Is Not a Farm in this Country that Is Going to Be Safe”

In August 2018, the *Raleigh News & Observer* published a story about lawsuits against the hog farm industry awarding millions in damages. The North Carolina chapter of the Sierra Club supported and praised these lawsuits stating, “Once again, a jury of North Carolina citizens has sent a message that Smithfield needs to clean up its act.”

Republican Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler warned, “If we don’t do something about it right now there is not a farm in this country that is going to be safe.”

HEADLINE: Jury awards hog farm neighbors their biggest verdict yet

A federal jury on Friday awarded more than \$470 million to six neighbors of a hog farm in Pender County who complained of excessive noise, odor, flies, buzzards and other disruptions to their quality of life.

The stunning verdict, reached after just three hours of deliberation, came against pork producer Murphy-Brown, and marked the third time that juries have ruled against the company in a nuisance lawsuit. At \$473.5 million, this was the largest of the three.

The first two verdicts were reduced in line with state law capping punitive damages. The cap will lower the amount to \$94 million in total damages in this case.

The jury awarded \$75 million each in punitive damages to the six neighbors, and \$3 million to \$5 million each in compensatory damages, according to court documents.

The verdict came in as dozens of national and state politicians and agricultural officials convened across town at the State Fairgrounds. The roundtable event, which was carried live online, was meant to galvanize national opposition to these North Carolina lawsuits that have triggered panic in the agricultural industry.

"If we don't do something about it right now there is not a farm in this country that is going to be safe," N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler told the gathering. "... This has got to stop. Farmers are being put out of business because of this."

There are 26 lawsuits with more than 500 plaintiffs suing Murphy-Brown. The lawsuits were consolidated in 2015. These first three trials were among five initial lawsuits designated to go to trial, giving both sides an opportunity to gauge the strengths and weaknesses of their cases. The lawsuits are expected to be resolved in appeals court or through a settlement at some point.

The first two trials ended with verdicts against Murphy-Brown with multimillion-dollar awards. The third trial began more than four weeks ago.

Pork Council: 'Outrageous' verdict

The N.C. Pork Council issued a statement calling the verdict "outrageous."

The state chapter of The Sierra Club praised the verdict, saying hog producers are using outdated technology that sprays fields with waste water from lagoons.

"Once again, a jury of North Carolina citizens has sent a message that Smithfield needs to clean up its act," Sierra Club government relations director Cassie Gavin said in an email. "Air and water pollution and odors from factory hog farms have been a problem in our state since the explosive growth of these operations in the 1990s. ... The hog industry should improve its waste management and state lawmakers should require better practices to protect the public health and the environment."

The six neighbors in the latest lawsuit, who live in five homes, argued that the disruption from the hog farms, while not consistently offensive, could be staggering.

"Jury awards hog farm neighbors their biggest verdict yet," Raleigh News & Observer, August 3, 2018 (emphasis added)

In April 2020, the CEO of SmithField Foods Warned that the Recent Closures of Meat Processing Plants from the Coronavirus Epidemic Was Putting the U.S. Meat Supply “Perilously Close” to a Shortage

On April 13, 2020, NPR published a story on the recent closures of meat processing plants due to the Coronavirus epidemic. Smithfield Foods CEO Kenneth Sullivan warned that “It is impossible to keep our grocery stores stocked if our plants are not running.” Sullivan also stated that “The closure of this facility, combined with a growing list of other protein plants that have shuttered across our industry, is pushing our country perilously close to the edge in terms of our meat supply.”

HEADLINE: U.S. Meat Supply Is 'Perilously Close' To A Shortage, CEO Warns

One of the country's largest pork-producing plants closed indefinitely after nearly 300 of its employees tested positive for COVID-19. And the company's CEO warned that the coronavirus pandemic is pushing the nation's meat supply "perilously close" to the edge.

"It is impossible to keep our grocery stores stocked if our plants are not running," Smithfield Foods CEO Kenneth Sullivan said in a statement.

Smithfield decided to close its plant in Sioux Falls, S.D., which provides 4% to 5% of the pork produced in the United States. The move came after South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem urged the company to "do more" to address the pandemic.

"The closure of this facility, combined with a growing list of other protein plants that have shuttered across our industry, is pushing our country perilously close to the edge in terms of our meat supply," Sullivan said.

Smithfield is one of several meat-producing companies that have suspended or cut back on production in recent weeks.

JBS USA has closed a Souderton, Pa., beef plant until at least Thursday and has reduced production at a second facility in Greeley, Colo., because of high absenteeism among employees.

Cargill and Tyson Foods have also closed plants in Pennsylvania and Iowa.

Sullivan warned that the growing shutdowns are hurting the nation's meat supply in a way that is reaching throughout the U.S. economy.

"These facility closures will also have severe, perhaps disastrous, repercussions for many in the supply chain, first and foremost our nation's livestock farmers. These farmers have nowhere to send their animals," he wrote.

Because meat is perishable it must be kept in cold storage, making it difficult for stores to carry large amounts of inventory, says Krista Foster, who teaches supply chain management at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. "Once the existing inventory is used up, consumers can expect to see smaller quantities of pork products in stores due to processing plant closures," Foster says.

["U.S. Meat Supply Is 'Perilously Close' To A Shortage, CEO Warns," NPR, April 13, 2020 \(emphasis added\)](#)

D.6 – Contributions from Trial Lawyers

NC Advocates for Justice Contributed \$5,200 to Peterson’s 2018 State Senate Campaign – NC Advocates for Justice Is the State’s Trial Lawyer Association

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, NC Advocates for Justice contributed \$5,200 to Peterson’s 2018 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 |
|------------|----------|--|--|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 08/21/2018 | | NC Advocates for Justice PO Box 10918 Raleigh, NC 27605-0918 | Other Political Committee Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$5,200.00 | \$5,200.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed October 21, 2018](#)

According to its website, the North Carolina Advocates for Justice “represent those injured by the wrongdoing of others, workers fighting for their rights in the workplace, the disabled, those addressing family problems, consumers, those in debt, and those accused of crime.”

For over 50 years, the North Carolina Advocates for Justice (NCAJ) has protected individual rights in North Carolina. NCAJ members, now 3,500 strong, represent those injured by the wrongdoing of others, workers fighting for their rights in the workplace, the disabled, those addressing family problems, consumers, those in debt, and those accused of crime. They include attorneys, legal assistants, law school faculty and students, and law office managers.

The North Carolina Advocates for Justice accomplishes its mission through effective advocacy work in the NC state legislature advocating for the rights of all citizens, through the development of various legal publications and over 40 professional development seminars annually to help attorneys improve their skills, and through the administration of a variety of public outreach initiatives aimed at enhancing public understanding of the U.S. legal system. The organization's Legal Affairs Committee also monitors the development of law and serves as a trial attorney advocate to the State Bar.

[“About Us,” ncaj.com](#) (accessed on 4/20/2020; emphasis added)

Individual Trial Lawyers Contributed a Total of \$20,500 to Peterson’s State Senate Campaigns

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, trial lawyers have contributed a total of \$20,500 to Peterson’s State Senate campaigns. The following table provides a summary of trial lawyer contributions to his state senate campaigns.

TRIAL LAWYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO HARPER PETERSON FROM 2001 TO PRESENT

| Trial Lawyer | Total Contribution |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Jeremy Wilson | \$100 |
| Walter Holton | \$100 |
| Mona Lisa Wallace | \$300 |
| Leonard T. Jernigan | \$350 |
| Joel Rhine | \$1,000 |
| Alex Hall | \$2,550 |
| Kathleen Glancy | \$3,500 |
| Robert Zaytoun | \$12,600 |
| TOTAL | \$20,500 |

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

Each trial lawyer is discussed in further detail below.

Robert Zaytoun Contributed a Total of \$12,600 to Peterson’s State Senate Campaigns – Zaytoun Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Wrongful Death and Personal Injury Cases

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Robert Zaytoun contributed a total of \$12,600 to Peterson’s State Senate campaigns.

ROBERT ZAYTOUN CONTRIBUTIONS TO HARPER PETERSON FROM 2001 TO PRESENT

| Recipient | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Robert Zaytoun | 7700 Umstead Forest Dr Raleigh, NC | Zaytoun Law Firm | Attorney | 11/1/2017 | \$2,000 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Robert Zaytoun | 7700 Umstead Forest Dr Raleigh, NC | self | Attorney | 7/31/2018 | \$2,500 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Robert Zaytoun | 7700 Umstead Forest Dr Raleigh, NC | self | Attorney | 9/9/2018 | \$2,500 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Robert Zaytoun | 7700 Umstead Forest Dr Raleigh, NC | self | Attorney | 11/3/2018 | \$200 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Robert Zaytoun | 7700 Umstead Forest Dr Raleigh, NC | Self Employed | Attorney | 5/8/2019 | \$2,500 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Robert Zaytoun | 7700 Umstead Forest Dr Raleigh, NC | Self Employed | Attorney | 11/19/2019 | \$2,900 |
| | | | | | Total | \$12,600 |

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

The following is Robert Zaytoun’s most recent contribution to Peterson taken from Peterson’s 2019 year end semi-annual campaign finance report. On November 19, 2019, Robert Zaytoun contributed \$2,900 to Peterson.

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| 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 |
| 11/19/2019 | | Robert Zaytoun Attorney Self Employed 7700 Umstead Forest Dr Raleigh, NC 27612-7361 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Credit Card | \$2,900.00 | \$5,400.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed January 31, 2020](#)

According to his biography, Robert Zaytoun is a personal injury attorney at Zaytoun Ballew & Taylor.

Raleigh personal injury and medical malpractice attorney Robert Zaytoun

Robert Zaytoun, principal in Zaytoun Ballew & Taylor, began his career in 1976 with Salem & Salem, a litigation firm in Tampa, Florida. He became a member with the Florida Bar in 1977 and continues in good standing. He returned to his native North Carolina in 1978, taking a position as an Assistant District Attorney for Wake County. After four years of intense trial work as a prosecutor, trying over 100 cases in front of juries as lead counsel for the State, Robert entered the private practice of law in Raleigh in 1982, focused on criminal defense. His practice soon evolved into representing injured people in personal injury cases. Over the last 25 years, his practice has grown to specializing in catastrophic personal injury, medical malpractice, wrongful death, business litigation, torts, health care fraud and abuse, product liability, managed care litigation and Qui Tam “Whistle Blower” litigation.

[“Robert Zaytoun,” zaytounlaw.com](http://zaytounlaw.com) (accessed on 4/17/2020; emphasis added)

Zaytoun Ballew & Taylor specializes in wrongful death, car accidents, and personal injury cases.

Motor Vehicle Accidents

The roads and highways that crisscross our state, and the entire nation, are a part of our everyday life. A dangerous part.



While most of us are good drivers, distracted, careless or drunk drivers are a persistent danger on our roadways — and can cause a catastrophic wreck in an instant.

Raleigh personal injury lawyers representing those injured in car, truck, motorcycle and bicycle accidents.

From car wrecks to motorcycle and bicycle accidents to truck crashes, the experienced legal team at Raleigh’s Zaytoun Ballew & Taylor have over 30 years of experience in fighting for justice for accident victims.



To find out more, see the Motor Vehicle Accidents practice areas below or on the menu to the right.

[“Motor Vehicle Accidents,” zaytounlaw.com](http://zaytounlaw.com) (accessed on 4/17/2020)

Jeremy Wilson Contributed \$100 to Peterson’s 2020 State Senate Campaign – Wilson Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Wrongful Death and Personal Injury Cases

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Jeremy Wilson contributed \$100 to Peterson’s 2020 State Senate campaign.

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| 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 |
| 03/18/2019 | | Jeremy Wilson Attorney Ward and Smith, P.A. 8822 New Forest Dr Wilmington, NC 28411-8935 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Credit Card | \$100.00 | \$100.00 |


[*Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed July 26, 2019*](#)

According to his biography, Jeremy Wilson “leads the personal injury and wrongful death practice” at the law firm, Ward and Smith.

Jeremy leads the Personal Injury and Wrongful Death practice. He has extensive experience litigating claims for wrongful death, serious personal injury, and a broad range of civil litigation before state and federal courts, including cases involving vehicle accidents, professional malpractice, premises liability, products liability, and class actions, among other areas. He has also litigated numerous cases involving complex insurance coverage issues.

In addition, Jeremy represents clients in business litigation cases, having represented numerous entities (from small area businesses, to financial institutions, to large corporations) in matters including contract and intellectual property disputes. He also has extensive experience in other areas of litigation, such as trusts and estates and eminent domain cases.

[*“Jeremy M. Wilson,” wardandsmith.com \(accessed on 4/17/2020; emphasis added\)*](#)



Personal Injury + Wrongful Death

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Perhaps you or a family member were seriously injured. Perhaps a loved one lost his or her life. It's hard to know what to do and where to get help. We know, because we've been there with more than a thousand clients, dealing with everything from auto accidents to nursing home deaths.

When you're facing a catastrophic personal injury or the loss of a loved one, you have the right to fierce, knowledgeable advocates who will listen to you, work to find the truth, and seek justice for you and your family. You have the right to allies who understand what you're going through and can help.

Personal Injury + Wrongful Death Related Practices

[*“Personal Injury + Wrongful Death” wardandsmith.com \(accessed on 4/17/2020\)*](#)

Mona Lisa Wallace Contributed \$300 to Peterson’s 2020 State Senate Campaign – Wallace Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Wrongful Death and Personal Injury Cases

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Mona Lisa Wallace contributed \$300 to Peterson’s 2020 State Senate campaign.

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| 02/07/2020 | | Mona Lisa Wallace Attorney Wallace and Graham, PA 1101 Sumter Ct Salisbury, NC 28144-2868 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$300.00 | \$300.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed February 24, 2020](#)

According to her biography, Mona Lisa Wallace is a partner at Wallace & Graham P.A. and has “settled numerous significant personal injury, wrongful death, defective drug, asbestos, multiple-claimant and mass-tort claims.”

Mona Lisa Wallace is a partner in the law firm of Wallace & Graham, P.A. She has successfully brought, litigated, and settled numerous significant personal injury, wrongful death, defective drug, asbestos, multiple-claimant and mass-tort claims. She has successfully prosecuted asbestos toxic exposure claims on behalf of thousands of workers. Her products liability experience injuries and wrongful deaths from asbestos, silica, chemical poisonings and other dangers and exposures.

[“Mona Lisa Wallace,” wallacegraham.com](#) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

Wallace & Graham P.A. specializes in Personal Injury and car accident cases.

Personal Injury / Car / Motorcycle / Trucking Accidents
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Our firm has handled significant personal injury claims since its inception. Our civil attorneys currently represent numerous individuals who were killed or badly injured as a result of the negligent conduct of others, resulting in substantial monetary recoveries. Many involve fatal tractor-trailer, motorcycle, automobile, and deaths from tankers that are transporting hazardous chemicals.

Our firm routinely works with insurance companies and adjusters to timely settle automobile accident cases where fault is admitted. However, in many cases, amicable settlements cannot be reached, and our firm is required to file and litigate the matters in court. Some of the cases we have been involved in litigating recently include:

- The death of an innocent driver taking his wife to the doctor who died when a tractor trailer pulled from the highway directly into his path in the non-passing lane of I-85. The investigating officer cited our client to be at fault. We were able to prove the investigating officer's report was inaccurate, and that our client was unable to avoid the collision. Sadly, the wife who survived is

Mona Lisa Wallace
Partner

[“Personal Injury / Car / Motorcycle / Trucking Accidents,” wallacegraham.com](#) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

Joel Rhine Contributed \$1,000 to Peterson’s 2020 State Senate Campaign – Rhine Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Wrongful Death and Personal Injury Cases

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Joel Rhine contributed \$1,000 to Peterson’s 2020 State Senate campaign.

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| 11/18/2019 | | Joel Rhine Attorney Rhine Law Firm 1176 Arboretum Dr Wilmington, NC 28405-5239 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Credit Card | \$1,000.00 | \$1,000.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed January 31, 2020](#)

According to his biography, Joel Rhine leads the Rhine Law firm.

Joel R. Rhine is a nationally recognized trial attorney who chooses to live in Wilmington, North Carolina. Mr. Rhine enjoys the best of both worlds: he leads the Rhine Law Firm, P.C.'s charge on a host of important North Carolina cases, while participating in large national cases (primarily class action and mass tort cases with an occasional massive single-event matter). Mr. Rhine has decades of experience in complex litigation and is one of the most recognized and respected trial attorneys in North Carolina.

["About," carolinaaccidentattorneys.com](#) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

The Rhine Law firm specializes in catastrophic injuries, including personal injury and wrongful death.

Catastrophic Injuries

- Amputation
- Bone Injury
- Brain Injury
- Burn Injury

North Carolina Personal Injury Lawyers

Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Representation

As the term implies, accidents are unexpected. Most people do not spend time preparing for the unlikely event of being injured, even those who work in dangerous jobs like construction or who participate in extreme sports. However, should the unthinkable happen, you'll want a dedicated advocate on your side who will put your interests first in seeking compensation from any parties that may be liable for your injuries.

["North Carolina Personal Injury Lawyers," carolinaaccidentattorneys.com](#) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

Leonard T. Jernigan Contributed a Total of \$350 to Peterson’s 2018 State Senate Campaign – Jernigan Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Wrongful Death and Personal Injury Cases

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Robert Leonard T. Jernigan contributed a total of \$350 to Peterson’s 2018 State Senate campaign.

LEONARD T. JERNIGAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO HARPER PETERSON FROM 2001 TO PRESENT

| Recipient | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount |
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| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Leonard Jernigan | 1206 Marlowe Rd Raleigh, NC | Self | Lawyer | 8/17/2018 | \$100 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Leonard T. Jernigan | 1206 Marlowe Rd Raleigh, NC | The Jernigan Law Firm | Attorney | 10/11/2018 | \$250 |
| | | | | | Total | \$350 |

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

The following is Leonard T. Jernigan’s most recent contribution to Peterson taken from Peterson’s 2018 third quarter campaign finance report. On October 11, 2018, Leonard T. Jernigan contributed \$250 to Peterson.

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| 10/11/2018 | | Leonard T. Jernigan Attorney The Jernigan Law Firm 1206 Marlowe Rd Raleigh, NC 27609-6348 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Credit Card | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed October 21, 2018](#)

According to his biography, Leonard T. Jernigan works for the Jernigan Law firm with primary areas of practice including workers’ compensation and personal injury.

Leonard T. Jernigan, Jr., born in Durham, North Carolina; admitted to the bar, North Carolina and U.S. District Court, Eastern, Middle and Western Districts of North Carolina; United States Supreme Court...

Primary Areas of Practice:
Workers’ Compensation
Personal Injury.

[“Leonard T. Jernigan,” jernlan.com](#) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

The Jernigan law firm specializes in personal injury cases including wrongful death, auto accidents, and slip & fall.

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| Cases We Handle | <h3>Personal Injury Lawyers at The Jernigan Law Firm</h3> <p>The Jernigan Law firm is dedicated to helping clients with personal injury claims in Raleigh, Durham, Cary, Garner, Morrisville, Apex, and surrounding areas of the Triangle. The personal injury lawyers at the Jernigan Law Firm exhibit the highest ethical and professional standards when handling personal injury compensation claims. The personal injury attorneys at the Jernigan Law Firm will work diligently, honestly, and with compassion when handling your personal injury compensation claims. Our aim is to help personal injury clients receive a fair and just dispensation. The personal injury lawyers at Jernigan Law Firm are a team that works for the benefit of their personal injury clients, always exhibiting compassion, consideration, and respect for all persons involved.</p> <p>Personal Injury Compensation Claims in Raleigh, Durham, Cary, Garner, Morrisville, Apex, & Beyond</p> |
| Workers' Compensation | |
| Civil Litigation | |
| Personal Injury | |
| Slip & Fall | |
| Wrongful Death | |
| Auto Accidents | |

["Personal Injury Lawyers at The Jernigan Law Firm," jernlaw.com \(accessed on 4/20/2020\)](#)


Walter Holton Contributed \$100 to Peterson’s 2020 State Senate Campaign – Walter Holton Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Workers’ Compensation and Personal Injury Cases

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Walter Holton contributed \$100 to Peterson’s 2020 State Senate campaign.

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| 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 | |
| 06/15/2019 | | Walter Holton Attorney Holton Law Firm, LLC 301 N Main St Winston Salem, NC 27101-3836 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed July 26, 2019](#)

According to his biography, Walter Holton works for the Holton Law firm specializing in personal injury and workers compensation.

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| <h4>Areas of Practice</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal and Traffic • Wills and Estates • Civil Litigation • Personal Injury and Workers Comp |  <h3>Walter C. Holton</h3> <p>Walter C. Holton, Jr. is a third-generation Winston-Salem lawyer whose legal lineage dates to 1878 when his grandfather (A. E. Holton), great uncles (John and Samuel Holton) and great aunt (Tabitha Ann Holton) were licensed to practice law by the North Carolina Supreme Court. While her brothers were licensed on January 7, 1878, Tabitha's admission occurred days later after the Court heard arguments for and against admitting the first female attorney in North Carolina and, in fact, in the South. Portraits of both Tabitha and John hang in the Yadkinville Courtroom honoring their years of practice in Yadkin and Surry Counties. A.E. Holton practiced in Winston-Salem and served as one of two United States Attorneys in North Carolina from 1897 to 1914, appointed by Presidents McKinley and Teddy Roosevelt. Walter's father (Walter C. Holton, Sr.) practiced law in Winston-Salem in the 1950's and 60's, later serving as an Assistant City Solicitor in Winston-Salem and as a candidate in 1968 for the newly created N. C. Court of Appeals. His uncle (George Holton) also practiced law in Winston-Salem for many years, as did his sister Ann Holton Guill.</p> |
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["Walter C. Holton," walterholton.com \(accessed on 4/20/2020\)](#)

The Holton Law firm’s area of practice includes personal injury and workers’ compensation. This includes car wrecks, wrongful death cases, and injuries on the job.

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| <p>Areas of Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Estate • Criminal and Traffic • Family and Domestic • Wills and Estates • Civil Litigation • Personal Injury and Workers Comp • Business Law | <p>Personal Injury and Workers Compensation</p> <p>Personal Injury and Worker’s Compensation includes car wrecks, wrongful death cases, injuries on the job, and other incidents where someone is injured as the result of another’s negligence. Our personal injury and worker’s compensation attorneys are prepared to handle all parts of personal injury and worker’s compensation from negotiating with insurance adjusters to taking your case to trial. While nothing can replace the injuries or pain someone endures from them, we work hard to make sure you receive all you deserve.</p> <p>Personal Injury: Personal injury involves all types of accidents from car wrecks to wrongful death cases. All of these accidents happen as the result of someone else’s carelessness and the consequences can be devastating. Our attorneys work closely with you to make sure you understand the entire process while obtaining the maximum recovery. We make sure that you are informed and we work to get the best possible results.</p> <p>Worker’s Compensation: Personal injury involves all types of accidents from car wrecks to wrongful death cases. All of these accidents happen as the result of someone else’s carelessness and the consequences can be devastating. Our attorneys work closely with you to make sure you understand the entire process while obtaining the maximum recovery. We make sure that you are informed and we work to get the best possible results.</p> |
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“Personal Injury and Workers Compensation,” walterholton.com (accessed on 4/20/2020)

Alex Hall Contributed a Total of \$2,550 to Peterson’s State Senate Campaigns – Alex Hall Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Wrongful Death and Personal Injury Cases

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Alex Hall contributed a total of \$2,550 to Peterson’s State Senate campaigns.

ALEX HALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO HARPER PETERSON FROM 2001 TO PRESENT

| Recipient | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Alex Hall | 1414 Country Club Rd Wilmington, NC | Self Employed | Attorney | 6/12/2018 | \$350 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Alex Hall | 1414 Country Club Rd Wilmington, NC | Hall & Green, LLP | Attorney | 8/27/2018 | \$200 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Alex Hall | 1414 Country Club Rd Wilmington, NC | Hall & Green, LLP | Attorney | 11/6/2019 | \$1,000 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Alex Hall | 1414 Country Club Rd Wilmington, NC | Hall & Green, LLP | Attorney | 11/17/2019 | \$1,000 |
| | | | | | Total | \$2,550 |

Source: *“Transaction Search by Entity,” cf.ncsbe.gov*

The following is Alex Hall’s most recent contribution to Peterson taken from Peterson’s 2019 year end semi-annual campaign finance report. On November 17, 2019, Alex Hall contributed \$1,000 to Peterson.

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| 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 |
| 11/17/2019 | | Alex Hall Attorney Hall & Green, LLP 1414 Country Club Rd Wilmington, NC 28403-4004 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$1,000.00 | \$2,000.00 |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed January 31, 2020](#)

According to his biography, Alex Hall worked for the law firm Hall & Green specializing in areas such as personal injury and wrongful death.

Alexander M. Hall has been practicing law in New Hanover County for more than 35 years. He currently specializes in the areas of DWI, personal injury law, wrongful death and criminal law. Alex completed his undergraduate studies at the University of North Carolina and received his law degree from South Texas College of Law, magna cum laude, in 1977.

Alex was a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1985 to 1990. While serving in the House of Representatives, Alex served as the Finance Committee Chairman from 1989 to 1990. Alex is a member of the North Carolina Advocates for Justice (NCAJ) and currently serves and Chair of the organization’s Small Office Practice Section. He was Vice President of the NCAJ from 1995 – 1997 and was a member of it’s Board of Governors from 1992 to 2002. Alex was also on the Board of Trustees for the Political Action Committee from 1982 to 1985, and again in 1995.

[“Our Team,” hallandgreenlaw.com](#) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

Hall & Green specializes in personal injury cases including car accidents and animal bites.

In its most simple form, a personal injury is when you suffer an injury due to someone else’s action where accidental or intentional. This type of injury, however, can be life changing. It can ruin your physical and emotional health – and be disruptive to your entire family. You can also be left with the substantial financial impact of medical bills and lost wages. You could have continued pain, suffering and even permanent disabilities.

Car accidents are a primary source of personal injuries in North Carolina, but injuries can range from a collision to a dog bite. In North Carolina, an injured person must prove that they did not contribute to the negligence that led to the injury. In fact, if an insurance company can prove that you – in any way – contributed to the accident, you may have to completely forfeit any compensation for your sustained injuries.

Personal injury law can be complicated and time consuming. The experienced attorneys at Hall & Green could help save your family time, money and emotional heart ache.

[“Personal Injury,” hallandgreenlaw.com](#) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

***Kathleen Glancy Contributed a Total of \$3,500 to Peterson’s State Senate Campaigns –
Kathleen Glancy Works for a Law Firm Specializing in Workers’ Compensation and
Personal Injury Cases***

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Kathleen Glancy contributed a total of \$3,400 to Peterson’s State Senate campaigns.

KATHLEEN GLANCY CONTRIBUTIONS TO HARPER PETERSON FROM 2001 TO PRESENT

| Recipient | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Kathleen Glancy | 5244 Marina Club Dr Wilmington, NC | Kathleen Shannon Glancy, P.A. | Attorney | 6/29/2018 | \$500 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Kathleen Glancy | 114 S Front St Wilmington, NC | Kathleen Shannon Glancy, P.A. | Attorney | 10/10/2018 | \$200 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Kathleen Glancy | 114 S Front St Wilmington, NC | Kathleen Shannon Glancy, P.A. | Attorney | 10/10/2018 | \$100 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Kathleen Glancy | 114 S Front St Wilmington, NC | Kathleen Shannon Glancy, P.A. | Attorney | 10/25/2018 | \$250 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Kathleen Glancy | 114 S Front St Wilmington, NC | Kathleen Shannon Glancy, P.A. | Attorney | 11/1/2018 | \$500 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Kathleen Glancy | 114 S Front St Wilmington, NC | Kathleen Shannon Glancy, P.A. | Attorney | 6/14/2019 | \$1,000 |
| Committee to Elect Harper Peterson | Kathleen Glancy | 114 S Front St Wilmington, NC | Kathleen Shannon Glancy, P.A. | Attorney | 2/12/2020 | \$1,000 |
| | | | | | Total | \$3,550 |

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

The following is Kathleen Glancy’s most recent contribution to Peterson taken from Peterson’s 2020 first quarter campaign finance report. On February 12, 2020, Kathleen Glancy contributed \$1,000 to Peterson.

| NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Campaign Document Search By Entity | | | | | | | | | | |
| Applications | | | | | | | | | | |
| Campaign Finance 2020 First Quarter for: COMMITTEE TO ELECT HARPER PETERSON [STA-7I5864-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 | |
| 02/12/2020 | | Kathleen Glancy Attorney Kathleen Shannon Glancy, P.A. 114 S Front St Wilmington, NC 28401-4413 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Credit Card | \$1,000.00 | \$2,000.00 | |

[Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-7I5864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed February 24, 2020](#)

According to her biography, Kathleen Glancy, “has devoted her legal career exclusively to helping NC families of the injured and disabled in claims of Workers’ Compensation, Social Security Disability, and Personal Injury.”

She is board certified in Workers' Compensation Law since 2000 by the NC State Bar that governs the requirements and qualification of state certified specialists. A graduate (1980) of the University of Santa Clara School of Law, Mrs. Glancy received her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Irvine. She was licensed in NC in 1983 and previously in Ohio in 1980.

Ms. Glancy founded her law firm dedicated to protecting the rights of injured workers and their families in 1985. Since then she has devoted her legal career exclusively to helping NC families of the injured and disabled in claims of Workers' Compensation, Social Security Disability, and Personal Injury.

She is an active leader in the Workers' Compensation Section of North Carolina Advocates for Justice (NCAJ). She has served as Chair of the NCAJ Workers' Compensation Section Chairperson, Political Action Committee, and as Vice President of Membership. As a member of the Workplace Injury Litigation Group (WILG), she has served as Chair of the Medicare Taskforce. Mrs. Glancy is also a past appointed member of the Advisory Committee for the North Carolina Industrial Commission and a member of the American Association for Justice (AAJ), the American Bar Association (ABA), and the National Organization of Social Security Representatives (NOSSCR). She is a frequent lecturer on the interaction of Workers' Compensation and Social Security Disability programs, Medicare Set-Asides, and the indemnity offset, among other topics.

["Kathleen Shannon Glancy," glancynet.com](http://glancynet.com) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

According to the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, "North Carolina's Legal Climate Fell from Seventh in the Nation to 33rd" Due to "the Growing Influence of Personal Injury Attorneys in Our State Government"

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In just two years, North Carolina's legal climate fell from seventh in the nation to 33rd, marking North Carolina's lowest ranking since 2002. This erosion is attributed to erratic court decisions, shifts in the courts, changes in policy and the growing influence of personal injury attorneys in our state government.

We know that North Carolina must improve its legal climate in order to attract and retain investment. That's why the NC Chamber advocates for policies that will foster certainty and predictability in our legal system, providing job creators the transparency and clarity they need to do business.

["Tort Reform & Legal Climate," ncchamber.com](http://ncchamber.com) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

D.7 – Sponsored Legislation Targeting Businesses/Corporations

In March 2019, Peterson Sponsored SB 338, which the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce Included on Their 2019 “Bad Bills that Threaten North Carolina’s Business Climate” List – the Bill Would Set Energy Rates

On March 21, 2019, Peterson sponsored SB 338, a bill to set energy rates.

North Carolina General Assembly
Bill # (Ex: H1 or S1) 2019-2020 Session

HOUSE SENATE AUDIO CALENDARS COMMITTEES BILLS & LAWS DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING ABOUT

Senate Bill 338 (=H513) S339

Efficient and Affordable Energy Rates.
2019-2020 Session

VIEW BILL DIGEST
VIEW AVAILABLE BILL SUMMARIES

| EDITION | FISCAL NOTE |
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| Filed | |
| Edition 1 | |

Last Action: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 3/25/2019

Sponsors: Van Duyn; Woodard (Primary)
Foushee; Lowe; Marcus; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Searcy; Waddell

Attributes: Public

Counties: No counties specifically cited

Statutes: 105.62 (Chapters); 105-187.91, 105-187.92, 105-187.93, 105-187.94, 105-187.95, 62-155.1, 62-155.2 (Sections)

Keywords: COMMERCE, COMMISSIONS, CONSERVATION, ELECTRICITY, ENVIRONMENT, FUNDS & ACCOUNTS, INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC, UTILITIES, UTILITIES COMM.

HISTORY

| DATE | CHAMBER | ACTION | DOCUMENTS | VOTES |
|-----------|---------|--|------------------------|-------|
| 3/25/2019 | Senate | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate | | |
| 3/25/2019 | Senate | Passed 1st Reading | | |
| 3/21/2019 | Senate | Filed | DRAFT: DRS45142-LMf-25 | |

[SB 338 \(2019-2020 Session\), \[ncleg.gov\]\(https://www.ncleg.gov\) \(red boxes added\)](https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/SessionDocuments/SB_338_339_340_341_342_343_344_345_346_347_348_349_350_351_352_353_354_355_356_357_358_359_360_361_362_363_364_365_366_367_368_369_370_371_372_373_374_375_376_377_378_379_380_381_382_383_384_385_386_387_388_389_390_391_392_393_394_395_396_397_398_399_400_401_402_403_404_405_406_407_408_409_410_411_412_413_414_415_416_417_418_419_420_421_422_423_424_425_426_427_428_429_430_431_432_433_434_435_436_437_438_439_440_441_442_443_444_445_446_447_448_449_450_451_452_453_454_455_456_457_458_459_460_461_462_463_464_465_466_467_468_469_470_471_472_473_474_475_476_477_478_479_480_481_482_483_484_485_486_487_488_489_490_491_492_493_494_495_496_497_498_499_500_501_502_503_504_505_506_507_508_509_510_511_512_513_514_515_516_517_518_519_520_521_522_523_524_525_526_527_528_529_530_531_532_533_534_535_536_537_538_539_540_541_542_543_544_545_546_547_548_549_550_551_552_553_554_555_556_557_558_559_560_561_562_563_564_565_566_567_568_569_570_571_572_573_574_575_576_577_578_579_580_581_582_583_584_585_586_587_588_589_590_591_592_593_594_595_596_597_598_599_600_601_602_603_604_605_606_607_608_609_610_611_612_613_614_615_616_617_618_619_620_621_622_623_624_625_626_627_628_629_630_631_632_633_634_635_636_637_638_639_640_641_642_643_644_645_646_647_648_649_650_651_652_653_654_655_656_657_658_659_660_661_662_663_664_665_666_667_668_669_670_671_672_673_674_675_676_677_678_679_680_681_682_683_684_685_686_687_688_689_690_691_692_693_694_695_696_697_698_699_700_701_702_703_704_705_706_707_708_709_710_711_712_713_714_715_716_717_718_719_720_721_722_723_724_725_726_727_728_729_730_731_732_733_734_735_736_737_738_739_740_741_742_743_744_745_746_747_748_749_750_751_752_753_754_755_756_757_758_759_760_761_762_763_764_765_766_767_768_769_770_771_772_773_774_775_776_777_778_779_780_781_782_783_784_785_786_787_788_789_790_791_792_793_794_795_796_797_798_799_800_801_802_803_804_805_806_807_808_809_810_811_812_813_814_815_816_817_818_819_820_821_822_823_824_825_826_827_828_829_830_831_832_833_834_835_836_837_838_839_840_841_842_843_844_845_846_847_848_849_850_851_852_853_854_855_856_857_858_859_860_861_862_863_864_865_866_867_868_869_870_871_872_873_874_875_876_877_878_879_880_881_882_883_884_885_886_887_888_889_890_891_892_893_894_895_896_897_898_899_900_901_902_903_904_905_906_907_908_909_910_911_912_913_914_915_916_917_918_919_920_921_922_923_924_925_926_927_928_929_930_931_932_933_934_935_936_937_938_939_940_941_942_943_944_945_946_947_948_949_950_951_952_953_954_955_956_957_958_959_960_961_962_963_964_965_966_967_968_969_970_971_972_973_974_975_976_977_978_979_980_981_982_983_984_985_986_987_988_989_990_991_992_993_994_995_996_997_998_999_1000)

The North Carolina Chamber of Commerce described SB 383 as a bad bill that “threatens North Carolina’s business climate” in their 2019 legislative scorecard.

Bad Bills that Threaten North Carolina's Business Climate
Across all three pillars of North Carolina Vision 2030, these are the bills opposed by the NC Chamber during the 2019 legislative session:

SB 308 Save the Internet Act

SB 338/HB 513 Efficient & Affordable Energy Rates

SB 361 Healthy NC

SB 503 Wage Theft Act

SB 539 Repeal CON Laws

SB 671/HB 731 Natural Gas Transportation Cost Recovery

2019 Legislative Scorecard, North Carolina Chamber of Commerce (red box: added)

In March 2019, Peterson Sponsored SB 339, a Constitutional Amendment to Ban Corporations from Having Constitutional Rights

On March 21, 2019, Peterson sponsored SB 339, a “We the People” Act/Referendum.

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY | Bill # (Ex: H1 or S1) | 2019-2020 Session

HOUSE SENATE AUDIO CALENDARS COMMITTEES BILLS & LAWS DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING ABOUT

Senate Bill 339 (=H512) | S340

"We the People" Act/Referendum.
2019-2020 Session

VIEW BILL DIGEST

VIEW AVAILABLE BILL SUMMARIES

| EDITION | FISCAL NOTE |
|-----------|-------------|
| Filed | |
| Edition 1 | |

Last Action: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 3/25/2019

Sponsors: Van Duyn; Nickel (Primary); deViere; Garrett; Marcus; Mohammed; Peterson; Searcy; Smith; Waddell

Attributes: Public; Affects Constitution

Counties: No counties specifically cited

Statutes: No affected General Statutes

Keywords: CAMPAIGN FINANCE, CITIZENSHIP, COMMERCE, CONSTITUTION, US, CORPORATIONS, FOR-PROFIT, ELECTIONS, PUBLIC, REFERENDUM & INITIATIVE

HISTORY

| DATE | CHAMBER | ACTION | DOCUMENTS | VOTES |
|-----------|---------|--|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 3/25/2019 | Senate | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate | | |
| 3/25/2019 | Senate | Passed 1st Reading | | |
| 3/21/2019 | Senate | Filed | DRAFT: DRS45144-LU-43 | |

SB 339 (2019-2020 Session), nclg.gov (red boxes added)

According to a NC Council of Churches legislative update of introduced bill, SB 339 is “a referendum urging Congress to pass a constitutional amendment stating that constitutional rights belong only to individuals and not to corporations and that free speech does not protect unlimited spending on political campaign contributions.”

HEADLINE: Raleigh Report – March 25, 2019

INTRODUCED BILLS

ECONOMIC JUSTICE...

SB 339 – “We the People” Act/Referendum would have NC voters consider a referendum urging Congress to pass a constitutional amendment stating that constitutional rights belong only to individuals and not to corporations and that free speech does not protect unlimited spending on political campaign contributions. Introduced by Sens. Van Duyn and Nickel. Not yet referred.

[“Raleigh Report – March 25, 2019,” NC Council of Churches, March 25, 2019](#)

SB 339 appears to be supported by the group NC We The People. According to their website, NC We The People is a group dedicated to nullifying Citizens United and getting corporate money out of politics.



[“Homepage,” ncwethepeople.org](#) (accessed on 4/20/2020)

SECTION E: STATE FISCAL ISSUES

E.1 – Voted against \$125 State Tax Refunds for Individual North Carolinians

In August 2019, Peterson Voted against HB 74, a Bill to Provide Refunds to Taxpayers up to a Maximum of \$125 for Individuals and \$250 for Married Couples – the Conservative Civitas Institute Praised HB 74 as Way to Cement “Commitment Toward Limited Government”

On August 27, 2019, Peterson voted against HB 74, a bill to provide refunds to taxpayers up to a maximum of \$125 for individuals and \$250 for married couples.

- [HB 74 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Second Reading, [Roll Call #575](#), 8/27/2019, Passed 30-16, Peterson – NO

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY | Bill | cl | 2019-2020 Session

HOUSE SENATE AUDIO CALENDARS COMMITTEES BILLS & LAWS DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING ABOUT

SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #575

2019-2020 Session

HB 74: Taxpayer Refund Act. | Vote: Second Reading

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| Roll Call #575 Outcome: PASS Sponsor: TORBETT Time: 8/27/2019 3:14 p.m. | Total votes: 46 Noes: 16 Excused Absence: 4 | Ayes: 30 Not Voting: 0 Excused Vote: 0 |
| Ayes (Democrat) D. Davis; Lowe; Searcy; Waddell | Ayes (Republican) J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger; Bishop; Britt; Brown; Burgin; Daniel; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; Hise (Chair); Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McClinnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Steinburg; Wells | |
| Noes (Democrat) Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; Fitch; Foushee; Garrett; J. Jackson; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson ; Robinson; Smith; Van Duyn; Woodard | Noes (Republican) None | |
| Excused Absence (Democrat) deViere | Excused Absence (Republican) J. Davis; Sawyer; Tillman | |

[HB 74 \(2019-2020 Session\), Senate Roll Call #575, ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to the *Carolina Journal*, Republican legislative leaders proposed HB 74 “as a means of giving taxpayers back some of the money in the unexpected budget surplus.” Under the terms of HB 74, “married couples filing income taxes jointly would get up to \$250 and individual filers would get \$125.”

HB 74 passed in the State Senate but languished in the State House until it was later resurrected into a new bill that included a rider to a \$7.5 million bailout for the city of Roanoke Rapids.

HEADLINE: State legislature addressed variety of issues before adjourning

The 2019 session of the N.C. General Assembly began Jan. 9, both in the House and the Senate. The session ended on Halloween, which was Wednesday, Oct. 31. Lawmakers left without a budget, failing to override Gov. Roy Cooper’s veto, which came in June...

Here’s a look at a few items which may not have attracted big headlines over the final 48 hours of a hectic week on Jones Street:

Roanoke Rapids bailout

The N.C. House Finance Committee tacked a \$7.5 million bailout for Roanoke Rapids to a bill aiming to give taxpayers a refund.

In August, Speaker of the House Tim Moore, R-Cleveland, and Senate Leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, announced House Bill 74, “Taxpayer Refund Act,” as a means of giving taxpayers back some of the money in the unexpected budget surplus. The revenue forecast estimated around \$900 million more in tax collections than anticipated. Republican wanted to give a chunk of the money back to taxpayers. Under H.B. 74, married couples filing income taxes jointly would get up to \$250 and individual filers would get \$125.

The bill passed the Senate. It’s sat in the House since August.

The House Finance Committee resurrected the income tax refund bill, but with an additional rider: a bailout for Roanoke Rapids.

The new version of the bill, a proposed committee substitute to Senate Bill 105, includes a \$7.5 million grant to Roanoke Rapids to help pay off a debt incurred by a failed theatre project.

“State legislature addressed variety of issues before adjourning,” Carolina Journal, November 4, 2019 (emphasis added)

Civitas Action noted that HB 74 “would provide refunds to taxpayers up to a maximum of \$125 for individual and \$250 for a married couple.” In addition, HB 74 cemented a “commitment toward limited government.” Civitas Action penalized Peterson for voting against HB 74 in their 2019 legislative scorecard.

HB 74, the Taxpayer Refund Act, would provide refunds to taxpayers up to a maximum of \$125 for individual and \$250 for a married couple. Because HB 74 cements our commitment toward limited government and underscores the truth that funding derives – not from the government – but from the people, Civitas Action believes a vote for HB 74 is a vote for freedom.

2019 Freedom Rankings, Civitas Action

GOP Senate Leader Phil Berger Praised HB 47 by Stating, “Refunding up to \$250 Means a Lot to a Family that’s Living Paycheck to Paycheck” – GOP Speaker Tim Moore Noted that HB 74 Would Be “Sending Taxpayer Relief Back Home to Hardworking North Carolinians”

North Carolina Republican legislative leaders praised HB 74. GOP Senate Leader Phil Berger noted that “refunding up to \$250 means a lot to a family that’s living paycheck to paycheck.”

GOP Speaker of the House Tim Moore stated, “sending taxpayer relief back home to hardworking North Carolinians is consistent with the General Assembly’s successful approach to the state budget that built the \$900 million surplus and benefits families with higher take-home pay, more jobs, and a rapidly growing economy.”

HEADLINE: Political Notebook: N.C. taxpayers may see additional refund with latest legislative proposal

With support from Rowan County’s lone state senator, the N.C. Senate passed a bill last week that would provide a refund to taxpayers.

The Taxpayer Refund Act, if made into law, would give every taxpayer in the state a refund if he paid state taxes. The refund would be capped at \$125 for individuals and \$250 for a couple.

“Tax revenues don’t belong to the government; they belong to the people who earned it,” Senate Leader Phil Berger said. “Refunding up to \$250 means a lot to a family that’s living paycheck to paycheck. We collected more money than was needed, so we’re giving it back.”

The Senate passed House Bill 74 on a vote of 30-16, mostly along partisan lines, last Tuesday. Sen. Carl Ford, R-33, voted in favor of it.

The initial bill would authorize the state Department of Public Instruction to carry forward funding to develop statewide school safety initiatives, including interagency collaboration. That bill was passed by the House unanimously.

“Sending taxpayer relief back home to hardworking North Carolinians is consistent with the General Assembly’s successful approach to the state budget that built the \$900 million surplus and benefits families with higher take-home pay, more jobs, and a rapidly growing economy,” House Speaker Tim Moore said...

The conservative Civitas Action supports passage of the bill, calling the justification “simple and straightforward.”

“Counting administrative costs, the refund program would use approximately \$663 million or almost three-quarters of the revenue surplus and distribute it to 5.1 million taxpayers,” the group stated. “The refunds will not jeopardize commitments already made in the state budget for schools, salary increases, school construction or water and sewer infrastructure.”

“Political Notebook: N.C. taxpayers may see additional refund with latest legislative proposal,” Salisbury Post,

September 2, 2019 (emphasis added)

E.2 – Voted against Raises for K-12 Teachers and Community College Educators

In October 2019, Peterson Voted against SB 354, a Bill to Raise Teacher Salaries by 3.9% – Republican State Rep. Jeffrey Elmore Praised SB 354 and Stated, “School Employees across the State Can Finally See Their Pay Unfrozen and See Pay Increases with the Holiday Season Approaching”

On October 31, 2019, Peterson voted against SB 354, a bill to raise teacher salaries by 3.9%.

- [SB 354 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Conference Rpt Motion 8 To Adopt, [Roll Call #640](#), 10/31/2019, Pass 28-21, Peterson – NO

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY | Bill # (Ex: H1 or S1) | 2019-2020 Session

HOUSE SENATE AUDIO CALENDARS COMMITTEES BILLS & LAWS DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING ABOUT

SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #640

2019-2020 Session

SB 354: Strengthening Educators' Pay Act. | Vote: Conference Rpt Motion 8 To Adopt

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| Roll Call #640 Outcome: PASS Sponsor: BALLARD Time: 10/31/2019 11:42 a.m. | Total votes: 49 Noes: 21 Excused Absence: 1 | Ayes: 28 Not Voting: 0 Excused Vote: 0 |
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Ayes (Democrat)
None

Noes (Democrat)
Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; D. Davis; deViere; Fitch; Foushee; Garrett; J. Jackson; Lowe; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; **Peterson**; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard

Ayes (Republican)
J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger (Chair); Britt; Brown; Bryan; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; Hise; Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Wells

Noes (Republican)
None

[SB 354 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), [Senate Roll Call #640](#), [ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to the *Raleigh News & Observer*, SB354 would provide “raises of 3.9% for teachers and 2% for non-instructional staff.” These raises were originally included in a state budget that Governor Cooper previously vetoed. SB 354 also included an additional 4.4% teacher raise in supplemental pay if the legislature successfully overrode a veto of state budget legislation.

State Rep. Linda Johnson (R- Kannapolis) praised SB 354 by stating, “The people in our state all want to increase the amount of money in education.”

State Rep Jeffrey Elmore (R- North Wilkesboro) also praised SB 354 and stated, “school employees across the state can finally see their pay unfrozen and see pay increases with the holiday season approaching.”

HEADLINE: Teacher raises approved in North Carolina legislature; Democrats say ‘not good enough’

The North Carolina General Assembly on Thursday approved average raises of 3.9% for teachers and 2% for non-instructional staff — both over the next two years and both retroactive to July 1 if signed by the governor.

The Senate voted 28-21 with all Democrats opposed. Mark Jewell, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, tweeted that the raises are “inadequate” and said Democrats stood with teachers.

In the House, it passed 62-46 with all but three Democrats opposed to the bill...

If Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper signs the bill — **Senate Bill 354** — **teachers would get the raises that were in the state budget** Cooper vetoed, which includes step increases for longevity. But Cooper also said the raises are too small. He offered a budget compromise in July including 8.5% average raises.

Republicans added a deal on Wednesday: If Democrats voted with them to override the governor’s budget veto in the Senate, then the bill would also automatically turn the average teacher raise into 4.4% over the next two years; 4% over the next two years plus a 0.5% bonus for non-instructional support staff; 4% over the next two years for UNC System employees and 4% over the next two years for community college employees.

Rep. Linda Johnson, a Kannapolis Republican, said she is proud of the bill, especially the raises it included for noncertified school employees like bus drivers, teacher’s assistants and cafeteria workers.

“The people in our state all want to increase the amount of money in education,” Johnson said.

Rep. Jeffrey Elmore, a North Wilkesboro Republican and a teacher, said if the raises become law, teachers would see it in their paychecks in November.

“Hopefully all this can work out to where our school employees across the state can finally see their pay unfrozen and see pay increases with the holiday season approaching,” Elmore said.

[“Teacher raises approved in North Carolina legislature; Democrats say ‘not good enough.’” Raleigh News & Observer, November 1, 2019 \(emphasis added\)](#)

Governor Roy Cooper Vetoed SB 354 and in January 2020, Peterson Voted against an Override of SB 354 (the Override Vote Failed)

Governor Roy Cooper subsequently vetoed SB 354 and the North Carolina legislature moved to override the veto. On January 14, 2020, Peterson voted against an override of SB 354.

- **[SB 354 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#)**, Motion 11 Veto Override, **[Roll Call #662](#)**, 1/14/2020, Fail 28-21, Peterson – NO

SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #662
2019-2020 Session

SB 354: Strengthening Educators' Pay Act. Vote: Motion 11 Veto Override

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| Roll Call #662 | Total votes: 49 | Ayes: 28 |
| Outcome: FAIL | Noes: 21 | Not Voting: 0 |
| Sponsor: Ballard | Excused Absence: 1 | Excused Vote: 0 |
| Time: 1/14/2020 1:28 p.m. | | |
| Ayes (Democrat) | Ayes (Republican) | |
| None | J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger (Chair); Britt; Brown; Bryan; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; Hise; Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells | |
| Noes (Democrat) | Noes (Republican) | |
| Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; D. Davis; deViere; Fitch; Foushee; Garrett; J. Jackson; Lowe; Marcus; Michaux; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard | None | |

[SB 354 \(2019-2020 Session\), Senate Roll Call #662, nclg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

Governor Roy Cooper's veto of SB 354 was sustained as the Senate failed to reach the required supermajority to override. All Democrats in the North Carolina State Senate voted against the override.

HEADLINE: Senate fails to override governor veto on teacher pay raises; budget veto vote withdrawn

Senate Democrats held firm Tuesday in their opposition to Senate Republican efforts to override two vetoes by Democratic Gov. Cooper.

As a result, Senate GOP leadership withdrew a planned override vote on Cooper's veto of the Republican-sponsored state budget — likely until the next round of the 2019 legislative session, which starts April 28.

The Senate voted 28-21 in favor of overriding the veto of Senate Bill 354, which offered a 3.9% raise to public school educators.

However, Senate GOP fell two votes short of the 30 votes necessary for the override since all 21 Senate Democrats voted to sustain the veto. Sen. Tom McInnis, R-Anson, had an excused absence...

SB354, which both chambers of the General Assembly approved Oct. 31 and Cooper vetoed Nov. 8, also contained a 4.4% raise in supplement pay that was only effective if the budget veto was overridden.

The pay raises in SB354 would have been 2% in 2019-20 and 1.9% in 2020-21. The 2019-20 raise would be made retroactive to July 1.

["Senate fails to override governor veto on teacher pay raises; budget veto vote withdrawn," Winston-Salem Journal, January 14, 2020](#) (emphasis added)

Peterson Campaigned in 2018 Promising to “Increase Teacher Pay so Our Children Get the Education They Deserve”

During his 2018 campaign for State Senate District 9, Peterson campaigned promising to “increase teacher pay so that our children get the education they deserve.” The following is a 2018 Facebook campaign ad from Peterson.

Harper Peterson - NC Senate District 9
Sponsored • Paid for by Committee to Elect Harper Peterson
ID: 34492297606637

The years of cuts to education funding have been shortsighted. We need to invest in our schools and teachers to improve public education. In the State Senate I'll fight to increase teacher pay so our children get the education they deserve.

HARPER PETERSON
will increase teacher pay to bring the best teachers to NC.

HARPER PETERSON

Fighting for Our Schools
Harper Peterson for State Senate - District 9
HARPERPETERSONSENATE9.COM

Learn More

Facebook Ad, “Harper Peterson-NC Senate District 9,” Harperpetersonsenate9.com (accessed on 4/22/2020)

North Carolina Association of Educators President Mark Jewell Criticized SB 354 as a “Minuscule Pay Increase”

In October 2019, North Carolina Association of Educators President Mark Jewell criticized the Strengthening Educators’ Pay Act (i.e. SB 354) as being inadequate.

In a published statement Jewel said, “The minuscule pay increase offered in the educator pay proposal just passed by the General Assembly is an outrageous affront to the professionalism of every educator in our state.”

HEADLINE: NC Legislature Approves Teacher Raises; Democrats Say It's Not Enough

The North Carolina General Assembly approved 3.9% pay raises for teachers and 2% raises for non-instructional staff Thursday, both increases over the next two years and retroactive to July 1.

The bill must still be signed by Gov. Roy Cooper to take effect.

The Senate voted 28-21 in favor of the Strengthening Educators' Pay Act, while the House passed it 62-46. Democrats in both chambers opposed the bill, saying the raises were not enough.

Similar raises were included in the state budget that Cooper, a Democrat vetoed earlier this year; he said the raises were too small. He offered a budget compromise in July that included 8.5% raises.

North Carolina Association of Educators president Mark Jewell called the raises "incomprehensible" in a statement.

"The minuscule pay increase offered in the educator pay proposal just passed by the General Assembly is an outrageous affront to the professionalism of every educator in our state, be they a teacher, an Education Support Professional, or a retiree," Jewell said in the statement. "It is incomprehensible that Republican leadership would think educators could be pressured into taking such an inadequate offer, and we stand with the governor in opposition to this legislation."

["NC Legislature Approves Teacher Raises; Democrats Say It's Not Enough," WFAE Radio, October 31, 2019](#)
(emphasis added)

In October 2019, Peterson Voted against HB 231, a Bill to Raise Pay for Employees of the University of North Carolina System and the N.C. Community College System

On October 24, 2019, Peterson voted against HB 231, a bill to raise pay for employees of the University of North Carolina system and the N.C. Community College system.

- [HB 231 \(2019-2020\)](#), Second Reading, [Roll Call #623](#), 10/24/2019, Pass 27-21, Peterson – NO

SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #623
2019-2020 Session

HB 231: UNC and Comm. Coll. Pay/Retiree Bonus. **Vote: Second Reading**

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| Roll Call #623 Outcome: PASS Sponsor: SETZER Time: 10/24/2019 12:21 p.m. | Total votes: 48 Noes: 21 Excused Absence: 2 | Ayes: 27 Not Voting: 0 Excused Vote: 0 |
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Ayes (Democrat)
None

Noes (Democrat)
Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; D. Davis; deViere; Fitch; Foushee; Garrett; J. Jackson; Lowe; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard

Ayes (Republican)
J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger (Chair); Britt; Brown; Bryan; Burgin; J. Davis; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; Hise; Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells

Noes (Republican)
None

[HB 231 \(2019-2020 Session\), Senate Roll Call #623, nclg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to the *Carolina Journal*, HB 231 would provide pay raises to the University of North Carolina and N.C. Community College employees. HB 231 specifically “appropriates \$15 million in the first year and \$30 million the second year” for these salary increases, of which “[a] little more than \$12 million would be appropriated in the first year for N.C. Community College salaries, and \$24.8 million in the second year.”

HEADLINE: Two education-related mini-budgets move through state senate

Senate Republicans introduced Wednesday, Oct. 23, a pair of mini-budget bills that would raise pay for K-12 educators and university employees.

The move continues the GOP’s strategy of introducing mini-budgets to get around Gov. Roy Cooper’s budget veto. Senate leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, said the Senate will pass these piecemeal spending plans until Oct. 31, when the Senate will adjourn for the year. House Speaker Tim Moore, R-Cleveland, hasn’t said when the House will adjourn. But he’s hinted it’ll be soon after the Senate leaves...

The committee also approved a PCS to House Bill 231 that would raise pay for employees of the University of North Carolina system and the N.C. Community College system.

For UNC salary increases, the mini-budget appropriates \$15 million in the first year and \$30 million the second year. A little more than \$12 million would be appropriated in the first year for N.C. Community College salaries, and \$24.8 million in the second year. The PCS to H.B. 231 includes \$17 million over two years for UNC faculty retention.

[“Two education-related mini-budgets move through state senate,” Carolina Journal, October 24, 2019](#) (emphasis added)

According to the *Carolina Journal*, “Full-Time Professors at North Carolina’s Community Colleges Earn Less than K-12 Teachers” – North Carolina “Ranked Just Six Places from Rock Bottom in the Nation for How It Pays Its Community College Teachers”

In March 2020, the *Carolina Journal* published a story noting that community college pay has been stagnant due to budget stalemate. The article noted that “Full-time professors at North Carolina’s community colleges earn less than K-12 teachers.” In addition, North Carolina “ranked just six places from rock bottom in the nation for how it pays its community college teachers.”

Wake Technical Community College president Scott Ralls stated that North Carolina Community Colleges were “uniquely underfunded.”

HEADLINE: Budget stalemate leaves community college pay stuck in neutral

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College has food pantries on its campuses — for its teachers.

Full-time professors at North Carolina’s community colleges earn less than K-12 teachers. Their average pay is \$51,478 — some \$2,500 less than the average salary of K-12 teachers — and community colleges say that’s not enough to hire or keep teachers.

North Carolina boasts the nation’s third-largest community college system, with 58 community colleges serving 700,000 students. But the state **ranked just six places from rock bottom in the nation for how it pays its community college teachers.** Now, those employees hope to pass a 5% raise during the General Assembly’s short session in late April.

Full-time teachers made an average \$43,382 at Piedmont Community College in 2019. That average pay jumps to \$57,365 at Johnston Community College — which ranked first for its salaries in 2018-19.

“It’s really heartbreaking, that this is reality our facility and staff face,” said Beth Stewart, A-B Tech vice president of instructional services. “Unless the state as a whole makes a commitment to doing more for the community college faculty and staff, our hands are pretty much tied.”

Job positions remain open for months, sometimes years. A-B Tech buffed its job descriptions and beefed up its benefits — often to no avail. And as more teachers near retirement, Stewart worries a “silver-tsunami” will sweep away irreplaceable staff.

“The cost of living in Asheville is outrageous,” Stewart said. “If we’re not paying enough, it doesn’t really matter. ... People have to live.”

To hire a teacher, community colleges must compete with each other, private universities, businesses, and even public K-12 schools.

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Things are especially bad in short-term workforce training, which community colleges credit for their first enrollment increase in almost a decade. Businesses often poach their instructors, sometimes by doubling their salaries.

“We have been struggling for years in this area,” said Scott Ralls, Wake Technical Community College president. “Just this morning, we lost a key, key position because we can’t even get close to the salaries offered. ... They’re uniquely underfunded.”
[“Budget stalemate leaves community college pay stuck in neutral,” Carolina Journal, March 9, 2020](#) (emphasis added)

E.3 – Support for Increasing Tax Credits for Hollywood Film Companies

In December 2018, the *Wilmington Star News* Reported that Peterson Was “Advocating for the Return to the State’s Former Film Incentive Program from Its Current Grant Program” after His Election to the State Senate

In December 2018, the *Wilmington Star News*, profiled recently elected State Senator Peterson on his campaign platform. The article noted that Peterson was “advocating for the return to the state’s former film incentive program from its current grant program.”

HEADLINE: Wilmington senator-elect ‘learning the ropes’ of state Senate

His early days representing New Hanover County in the N.C. Senate are going to feel like when he left for college, **N.C. Sen.-elect Harper Peterson** said.

“Obviously, I’ve served at the local level, but it’s a different environment,” said Peterson, a former Wilmington mayor and city council member who defeated N.C. Sen. Michael Lee, R-New Hanover, in November’s election. “So I’m a student right now. I’m back and forth to Raleigh just kind of learning the ropes.”

That doesn’t mean the soon-to-be **Democratic freshman senator** doesn’t have a laundry list of issues he would like to address, including doing more to address emerging contaminants in the Cape Fear region’s drinking water, **advocating for the return to the state’s former film incentive program from its current grant program** and pushing for Medicaid expansion to help tackle the opioid epidemic.

*“Wilmington senator-elect ‘learning the ropes’ of state Senate,” *Wilmington Star News*, December 22, 2018 (emphasis added)*

In February 2019, Peterson Sponsored SB 57, a Bill to Restore the Film Tax Credits Program in North Carolina – SB 57 Specifically Would Reestablish a 25% Film Tax Credit for Film and TV Budgets of \$250,000 and Above

On February 13, 2019, Peterson sponsored SB 57, a bill to restore the film tax credits program.

The screenshot shows the North Carolina General Assembly website for Senate Bill 57. The page title is "Senate Bill 57" and it is identified as "Reenact Film Credit, 2019-2020 Session". The bill number "S56" is shown in the top left, and "S58" in the top right. The navigation bar includes "HOUSE", "SENATE", "AUDIO", "CALENDARS", "COMMITTEES", "BILLS & LAWS", "DIVISIONS", "REDISTRICTING", and "ABOUT".

Key details from the bill page:

- Last Action:** Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 2/14/2019
- Sponsors:** Lowe; Nickel; Peterson (Primary); Chaudhuri; Marcus; Mohammed; Searcy
- Attributes:** Public
- Counties:** No counties specifically cited
- Statutes:** 105 (Chapters); 105-130.47, 105-151.29 (Sections)
- Keywords:** CORPORATIONS, FOR-PROFIT, CORPORATIONS, NONPROFIT, ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, FILM INDUSTRY, PUBLIC, TAX CREDITS, TAXATION, TAXES, CORPORATE INCOME

The History table below shows the following actions:

| DATE | CHAMBER | ACTION | DOCUMENTS | VOTES |
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| 2/14/2019 | Senate | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate | | |
| 2/14/2019 | Senate | Passed 1st Reading | | |
| 2/13/2019 | Senate | Filed | DRAFT: DRS45024-MCF-66 | |

[SB 57 \(2019-2020 Session\), ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to *WECT*, SB 57, would restore the film tax credits program in North Carolina. The film tax credit program was replaced in 2014 with an incentive grant program.

HEADLINE: Bill seeks to restore North Carolina’s film tax credit

Freshman state Sen. Harper Peterson (D-New Hanover) has followed through on one of his campaign promises of working to get the film tax credit restored in North Carolina.

Peterson along with Sen. Wiley Nickel (D-Wake) and Sen. Paul Lowe (D-Forsyth) have co-sponsored SB57, to reenact the film tax credit to the conditions prior to it being repealed by the General Assembly. The incentive helped North Carolina land major film productions including Iron Man 3 and The Hunger Games prior to it ending in 2014. GOP leaders in Raleigh replaced the tax credit with a film incentive grant program, which is currently in place.

“It is a starting point for discussion and improved legislation in full support of an ever expanding and changing industry,” said Peterson, who won the District 9 seat in November. “This is about good paying jobs and an industry we created 35 years ago.”

“Bill seeks to restore North Carolina’s film tax credit,” WECT, February 13, 2019 (emphasis added)

According to the *Triad City Beat*, SB 57 “would re-establish the North Carolina film credit to the tune of 25 percent for film and TV budgets of \$250,000 and over.” SB 57 ultimately died in a Senate committee.

HEADLINE: The Neverending Session — 2019 Legislative Roundup

Welcome to the longest session of the North Carolina General Assembly this century, which adjourned just last week without setting a state budget and leaving many, many items on the table, including a working map of congressional districts and the expansion of Medicaid, the two main sticking points.

The session is noteworthy not just for its length, but also its ineptitude, with so much important work left undone, and so many good bills shuttled off to committee, never to be heard from again...

In the meantime, here's what our local reps were able — and unable — to do in this long session. For more details on their bills and their votes, visit the NC Legislature website at ncleg.gov...

SB 57 — Reenact Film Credit: Would re-establish the North Carolina film credit to the tune of 25 percent for film and TV budgets of \$250,000 and over.

Status: Died in committee

[*"The Neverending Session — 2019 Legislative Roundup," Triad City Beat, December 5, 2019 \(emphasis added\)*](#)

In 2019, Peterson Criticized the Current North Carolina Film Grant Program as “Limited” and Said “It Can’t Keep up with the Booming Industry”

In February 2019, Peterson criticized the current North Carolina film grant program as “limited” and noted that the program “can’t keep up with the booming [film] industry.”

HEADLINE: Peterson Files Bill to Reinstate Film Tax Credit Program

Sen. Harper Peterson (D-New Hanover) has sponsored a bill in the General Assembly to reboot the state’s film tax credit program.

The tax credit expired five years ago and offered 25-percent back on qualifying productions. In 2015, under Gov. Pat McCrory, the state switched to a grant program.

Peterson calls this program “limited” and says it can’t keep up with the booming industry. He says the tax credit program will help bring the state millions of dollars in revenue and lots of jobs.

“People want to come here and film,” Sen. Peterson said. “We created a great, positive, friendly, southern hospitality culture, and they want to come back. The only thing stopping them is the legislation and the signal. A clear, positive signal from our legislature. I know that the Governor is on board, and that he will go to bat for this. We just need the legislature to step up.”

[*"Peterson Files Bill to Reinstate Film Tax Credit Program," WWAY3 TV, February 15, 2019 \(emphasis added\)*](#)

In October 2019, Peterson Voted for SB 578, a Bill to Lower the Monetary Threshold for Film Companies to Qualify for the Film Grant Program – Governor Roy Cooper Subsequently Vetoed SB 578

On October 31, 2019, Peterson voted for SB 578, a bill to lower the monetary threshold for film production companies to qualify for the film grant program.

- [SB 578 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Motion 9 To Concur, [Roll Call #650](#), 10/31/2019, Pass 29-19, Peterson – AYE

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #650

2019-2020 Session

SB 578: Reduce Franchise Tax/Expand Film Grants. Vote: Motion 9 To Concur

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| Roll Call #650 Outcome: PASS Sponsor: Sawyer Time: 10/31/2019 5:48 p.m. | Total votes: 48 Noes: 19 Excused Absence: 2 | Ayes: 29 Not Voting: 0 Excused Vote: 0 |
| Ayes (Democrat) Lower: Peterson | Ayes (Republican) J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger (Chair); Britt; Brown; Bryan; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; Hise; Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Wells | |
| Noes (Democrat) Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; D. Davis; deViere; Fitch; Foushee; Garrett; J. Jackson; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard | Noes (Republican) None | |

[SB 578 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), [Senate Roll Call #650](#), [ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to the *Winston-Salem Journal*, SB 578 “would lower the amount of money a film production company would need to spend to receive state film and entertainment grant money.” Specifically, SB 578 would “reduce expenditures from \$3 million to \$1.5 million for a feature film, as well as from \$1 million to \$500,000 for a made-for-television movie.”

SB 578 also caps the maximum grant money as follows: \$7 million to feature films, \$15 million for a single season TV series, and \$250,000 for a commercial for theatrical or television viewing.

HEADLINE: State House approves film grants/corporate franchise tax rate cut bill

The N.C. House voted 61-49 Thursday to approve Senate Bill 578, which reduces the state’s corporate tax rate and makes the state’s film production industry more financially attractive.

The bill returns to the Senate, which voted 32-18 for the bill Oct. 24.

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The House version removed language that would make it a binding obligation of the state to providing funding for an awarded film grant, “and is not subject to state funds being appropriated by the General Assembly.” ...

SB578 takes language in the Republican state budget for the film-grants program.

Both bills would lower the amount of money a film production company would need to spend to receive state film and entertainment grant money.

The amount would reduce expenditures from \$3 million to \$1.5 million for a feature film, as well as from \$1 million to \$500,000 for a made-for-television movie.

For a television series, the requirement drops from \$1 million to \$500,000 per episode. A commercial production would remain at \$250,000.

No more than \$7 million in grants can be provided to a feature-length film, as well as no more than \$15 million for a single season of a television series, and no more than \$250,000 for a commercial for theatrical or television viewing or on-line distribution.

“I’m pleased that the minimum threshold was lowered,” Rebecca Clark, executive director for the Piedmont Triad Film Commission, said in June. “Hopefully, this will enable N.C. to recruit more, smaller budget films across the entire state, including the Piedmont Triad.”
[“State House approves film grants/corporate franchise tax rate cut bill,” Winston-Salem Journal, October 31, 2019](#)
(emphasis added)

Governor Roy Cooper ultimately vetoed SB 578.

In 2014, North Carolina Switched from a Film Tax Credit Program, which Cost the State \$60 Million Each Year, to a Film Grant Program, which Reduced Costs to Just \$30 Million Each Year

In 2014, North Carolina switched from a film tax credit program to a film grant program. According to the *Los Angeles Times*, the film grant program reduced spending to only \$10 million for the first half of 2015 compared to \$61 million in annual spending for the old film tax credit program.

HEADLINE: On Location: North Carolina cutting film tax credit program

Even as California looks to substantially boost funding for its film tax credit, North Carolina may be exiting the Hollywood stage.

North Carolina was among the first states to offer film tax credits. The state’s incentives, low labor costs and varied geography have made it a popular film location, drawing such major movies as “The Hunger Games” and the TV series “Under the Dome.”

But last week state legislators opted not to renew the program, despite heavy lobbying by the local film industry to preserve the incentives.

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The state budget signed by Republican Gov. Pat McCrory reserved \$10 million for a grant program for the first half of 2015.

That pales in comparison to \$61 million in tax credits received by production companies last year. Under the program, companies get back 25 cents for every dollar they spend on qualified production expenses, with a cap of \$20 million per project.

[“On Location: North Carolina cutting film tax credit program,” Los Angeles Times, August 27, 2014](#) (emphasis added)

In 2015, the film grant program was revised to a total of \$30 million in annual spending. This was still a substantial decrease from the \$66 million that had been spent in 2014 under the old film tax credit program.

HEADLINE: Is there enough support to restore N.C. film tax credit?

Sen. Harper Peterson, D-New Hanover, is using his first sponsored bill to push for a reboot to the state’s film tax credit program – even though the freshman senator knows it faces an uphill climb.

Peterson, who won the District 9 seat in November’s midterm, introduced a bill Wednesday that would reenact the credit for qualifying expenses for film and television production companies. The credit, which offered 25 percent back on qualifying expenses, was allowed to expire in 2014 by the N.C. General Assembly after a lengthy battle with local film crew and advocates who fought to keep it, citing its value in luring productions to the state.

That year, \$264 million in in-state spending by productions was reported to the N.C. Department of Revenue, with the state paying out \$66 million in credits.

In 2015, the state instituted a grant program that initially started out with just \$10 million in funding. Through multiple revisions, that program is now allotted \$30 million annually with no sunset date.

But some within the film community continue to voice support for the tax credit, seen as the more legitimate method to landing productions when competing with states like Georgia that have reaped the benefits of a stronger incentive program for film.

[“Is there enough support to restore N.C. film tax credit,” Georgia Entertainment News, February 15, 2019](#) (emphasis added)

In February 2015, House Republican Whip Mike Hager Criticized the Film Tax Credit Program Noting the Money Could Be Better Spent on Education – Rep. Hager Stated, “I Want to Put this Money Back in the Classroom and Pay Teachers a Little More”

In February 2015, House Republican Whip Mike Hager criticized the film tax credit program noting the money could be better spent on education. State Rep. Hager stated, “Are we going to spend it on film tax credits or are we going to spend it on the most important thing, education?”

State Rep Hager also stated, “I want to put this money back in the classroom and pay teachers a little more.”

HEADLINE: NC House GOP split as it kills attempt to extend film incentives

A proposal to extend the state’s film incentives at a lower rate divided House Republican leaders Wednesday as an attempt to preserve them for two more years failed in a committee.

Wilmington Republican Rep. Ted Davis authored an amendment to the state budget to extend the tax breaks for movie and television production companies to 2017, reducing the cap on payouts to \$15 million from \$20 million and lowering the tax break from 25 percent to 22.5 percent.

Davis said the provision would keep the state as a top-tier place to film and help the state’s economy. Wilmington and Charlotte have become hubs for the industry...

But Rep. Mike Hager, a Rutherford Republican and House GOP whip, argued against the tax incentives saying the higher priority was teacher pay hikes and education. “Are we going to spend it on film tax credits or are we going to spend it on the most important thing, education?” he asked. “I want to put this money back in the classroom and pay teachers a little more.”

Davis warned that if the film incentives issues doesn’t make it into the House budget – it’s not in the Senate proposal – that it is dead for the year. He said a separate Senate bill to make the film incentives a smaller grant program a nonstarter. “You might as well just kill the film industry,” he said.

“NC House GOP split as it kills attempt to extend film incentives,” Raleigh News & Observer, February 15, 2015
(emphasis added)

E.4 – Voted against Reducing the Franchise Tax and Personal Income Taxes

In May 2019, Peterson Voted against SB 622, a Bill to Reduce the Franchise Tax and Personal Income Taxes – SB 622 also Extended Tax Exemptions Including Fuel Tax Exemptions for Airlines

On May 20, 2019, Peterson voted against SB 622, a bill that lowered the franchise tax, reduced personal income taxes, and extended several tax exemptions.

- [SB 622 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Third Reading, [Roll Call #238](#), 5/20/2019, Pass 28-13, Peterson – NO

The screenshot shows the North Carolina General Assembly website for the 2019-2020 Session. The page title is "SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #238". The bill is identified as "SB 622: Tax Reduction Act of 2019" and the vote is for "Third Reading". The results are: Total votes: 41, Ayes: 28, Noes: 13, Excused Absence: 9. The "Noes (Democrat)" list includes Peterson, who is highlighted with a red box. The "Ayes (Republican)" list includes J. Alexander, T. Alexander, Ballard, Berger, Britt, Brown, Burgin, Daniel, J. Davis, Edwards, Ford, Gallimore, Gunn, Harrington, Hise, B. Jackson, Johnson, Krawiec, McInnis, Newton, Perry, Rabon, Sanderson, Steinburg, Tillman, and Wells. The "Excused Absence (Democrat)" list includes Chaudhuri, Garrett, Marcus, Robinson, Searcy, and Smith. The "Excused Absence (Republican)" list includes Bishop, Horner, and Sawyer.

[SB 622 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), [Senate Roll Call #238](#), [ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to the *Raleigh News & Observer*, SB 622 would “raise the standard deduction for personal income taxpayers by 3.75 percent” and reduce the franchise tax.

SB 622 would also extend tax exemptions for fuel taxes on airlines and the sales tax for NASCAR. In addition, SB 622 would also extend “the historic preservation tax credit, a financial incentive to renovate and restore old buildings.”

Lastly, “SB 622 would create an income tax deduction for the amount a business receives from the Job Maintenance and Capital Development Fund,” or state job incentive grants.

HEADLINE: Your taxes could be going down again soon, and so could taxes on business

A trio of business-specific tax breaks would be extended for four more years under a tax package that has support from key lawmakers in both the state House and Senate.

Senate Bill 622 would raise the standard deduction for personal income taxpayers by 3.75 percent starting in 2021, and it would reduce franchise taxes on businesses while requiring online “marketplace facilitators,” such as eBay, to collect sales taxes.

For a married couple filing jointly, the standard deduction would increase from \$20,000 to \$20,750 starting in 2021, with similar changes for other types of personal income taxpayers. That’s the amount on which someone who doesn’t itemize their tax returns will owe no income taxes. When fully implemented, the change would reduce state revenue by about \$88 million per year.

That’s less than the amount of revenue involved in the proposed franchise tax cut for businesses, which would save businesses more than \$230 million annually starting next year. The franchise tax is based on a corporation’s overall tax base in North Carolina...

SB 622 and its House companion would also extend three tax exemptions for specific types of businesses, currently set to expire next year. The biggest of the three is a provision that exempts airlines from paying jet fuel taxes, a break that saves the airline industry up to \$11 million per year...

The primary beneficiary of the tax break is American Airlines, which has a hub in Charlotte.

Also in the Charlotte area, the bill would extend sales tax exemptions for NASCAR, which save the industry about \$3 million per year...

A third extension in the bill is for the historic preservation tax credit, a financial incentive to renovate and restore old buildings. That would cost the state \$4.5 million in fiscal year 2020-2021, according to a legislative analysis.

The inclusion in SB 622 is notable because the Senate initially opposed an extension of the credit several years ago. But the bill doesn’t go as far as some House Republicans wanted: A four-year extension of the existing credit falls short of the 10-year extension and beefed-up credit in House Bill 399, which passed the House Commerce Committee earlier this month.

Another tax break in the bill is new, giving an extra boost to companies receiving state jobs incentive grants. SB 622 would create an income tax deduction for the amount a business receives from the Job Maintenance and Capital Development Fund (JMAC), the Jobs Development Investment Grant Program (JDIG) or the One North Carolina Fund. An analysis of the bill pegs the value of the deduction at less than \$1 million per year.

“Your taxes could be going down again soon, and so could taxes on business.” Raleigh News & Observer, April 19, 2019
(emphasis added)

The North Carolina Chamber of Commerce penalized Peterson for voting against SB 622 on its 2019 state legislative scorecard. The Chamber of Commerce praised SB 622 by noting that the bill “will support job creators throughout North Carolina.”

**SB 622/HB 676
Tax Reduction Act of 2019**

Two of the NC Chamber's top tax priorities are included in this bill: the simplification and reduction of the franchise tax and the extension of the exemption on jet fuel. A cap, reduction and eventual elimination of the franchise tax will support job creators throughout North Carolina, eliminate an unnecessary burden on businesses and help spread economic opportunity for all

["How They Voted 2019," North Carolina Chamber of Commerce](#)

It should be noted that the franchise tax cut was later incorporated in SB 578, which Peterson voted for.

GOP Senate Leader Phil Berger Praised SB 622 and Noted that Passage of the Bill "Would Be Good for Business in North Carolina" – Other GOP Lawmakers Criticized the Current Franchise Tax as "an Unfair Drag on the Economy"

GOP Senate leader Phil Berger praised SB 622 and noted that passage of the bill "would be good for business in North Carolina."

According to *WRAL News*, GOP state lawmakers Jerry Tillman and Ralph Hise criticized the current franchise tax as "an unfair drag on the economy."

HEADLINE: Major business tax cut pitched in legislature

A tax cut that would save North Carolina businesses hundreds of millions of dollars has support from key leaders in both General Assembly chambers, a pair of Senate bill sponsors said Thursday.

Senate Bill 622 would roll back the state's franchise tax, gradually cutting it from \$1.50 per \$1,000 of a company's tax base to \$1 for each \$1,000.

Sen. Ralph Hise, R-Mitchell, said the bill would cut taxes by about \$140 million a year by the second year...

Sen. Jerry Tillman, R-Randolph, said he'd like to see the rate hit zero over five years.

The bill also increases standard deductions, cutting taxes for individual taxpayers. The standard deduction for a married couple would go from \$20,000 to \$20,750 under the bill...

Hise and Tillman are two of the three chairs on the Senate Finance committee, which writes tax policy. The third, Sen. Paul Newton, R-Cabarrus, is also a sponsor on the bill...

The bill was filed this week, just ahead of a filing deadline for Senate legislation. A House version is likely, but that chamber's deadline has not yet arrived.

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Hise and Tillman said the franchise tax, which taxes businesses not on profits but on their worth, is an unfair drag on the economy.

"It's basically taxing you on the privilege of being able to work in North Carolina," Tillman said...

Republican legislative leaders have rejected that budget, and Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger said Thursday that he'd like to lower the franchise tax, if possible. Among other things, it's a drag on the state in annual rankings on business friendliness, he said.

"I think that would be good for business in North Carolina," Berger, R-Rockingham, said.

The Republican-controlled legislature has lowered corporate and personal income tax rates in the state for the past several years.

"Major business tax cut pitched in legislature," WRAL, April 4, 2019 (emphasis added)

E.5 – Voted to Prevent North Carolina from Having a State Budget

In June 2019, Peterson Voted against HB 966, the Annual North Carolina State Budget – HB 966 Passed Both Chambers of the Legislature but Was Later Vetoed by Governor Cooper

On June 27, 2019, Peterson voted against HB 966, the annual North Carolina state budget.

- [HB 966 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Conference Rpt Third Reading for Adoption, [Roll Call #373](#), 6/27/2019, Passed 33-15, Peterson – NO

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SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #373

2019-2020 Session

HB 966: 2019 Appropriations Act. **Vote:** Conference Rpt Third Reading For Adoption

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|---|--|------------------------|
| Roll Call #373 | Total votes: 48 | Ayes: 33 |
| Outcome: PASS | Noes: 15 | Not Voting: 0 |
| Sponsor: JOHNSON | Excused Absence: 2 | Excused Vote: 0 |
| Time: 6/27/2019 1:55 p.m. | | |
| Ayes (Democrat) Clark; D. Davis; Fitch; McKissick | Ayes (Republican) J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger; Bishop; Britt; Brown; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; Hise; Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells | |
| Noes (Democrat) Chaudhuri; deViere; Foushee; Garrett; Lowe; Marcus; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard | Noes (Republican) None | |
| Excused Absence (Democrat) Blue; J. Jackson | Excused Absence (Republican) None | |

[HB 966 \(2019-2020 Session\) Senate Roll Call #373, nclg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

News coverage confirmed that the state budget passed the North Carolina State Senate by a 33-15 margin and was sent to Governor Roy Cooper.

HEADLINE: General Assembly approves budget plan; Budget proposal get final legislative OK; veto likely next

The Republican-controlled General Assembly gave final approval on Thursday to its North Carolina government budget agreement and sent it to Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, who is likely to veto it.

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The House and Senate voted for the two-year spending plan in separate votes, with the margins in favor of the plan similar to Wednesday's preliminary votes in each chamber.

While Cooper has 10 days to decide on the budget measure at his desk, the governor scheduled a Friday morning news conference at the Executive Mansion, with the budget as the topic. A Cooper veto will be upheld if Democrats largely remain united on future override votes and stick to their current levels of support in the House...

While the Senate had no further debate on Thursday before a 33-15 vote, House members kept at it, with Democrats complaining about what's present or absent from the nearly 400-page budget bill.

"General Assembly approves budget plan; Budget proposal get final legislative OK; veto likely next," Winston-Salem Journal, June 27, 2019 (emphasis added)

On June 28, 2019, Governor Roy Cooper vetoed the state budget (HB 966).

HEADLINE: Cooper vetoes GOP budget, calls it 'astonishing failure'

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper on Friday vetoed the Republican-drawn state budget that passed a day earlier, likely setting up tough negotiations with GOP leaders over the future of Medicaid expansion, school construction and tax cuts.

Cooper vetoed the measure a few hours after explaining his decision to do so at an Executive Mansion news conference attended by supporters. The House and Senate gave final approval to its two-year spending plan on Thursday.

"I'm vetoing this budget because it fails in many ways," Cooper said at the news conference. "This budget is an astonishing failure of common sense and common decency."

This will be the third time in as many years as governor that Cooper has vetoed what's annually the most important piece of legislation. His previous two vetoes were overridden. But he now sits in a stronger position because Democratic seat gains in the House and Senate have eroded the Republicans' once veto-proof majorities.

Republicans will attempt to override him after the July 4 weekend, but their success appears unlikely given that only a few Democrats in the House joined with the GOP in this week's votes for the actual budget. Even Democratic senators who voted for the budget this week because it contained provisions they favored were in attendance Friday to stand with Cooper.

"Cooper vetoes GOP budget, calls it 'astonishing failure'," Winston-Salem Journal, June 29, 2019 (emphasis added)

In October 2019, the *Raleigh News & Observer* Reported that North Carolina Failed to Pass a State Budget Due to Senate Democrats (Including Peterson) Opposing an Effort to Override a Budget Veto

In October 2019, the *Raleigh News & Observer* reported on North Carolina's failure to pass a state budget. Governor Cooper vetoed the state budget, but Democrats in the state senate (including Peterson) were able to block efforts to override the veto. The legislature adjourned without a state budget.

HEADLINE: The budget fight in North Carolina is over for 2019 as legislators adjourn

The North Carolina legislature is done trying to override Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper’s vetoes on the budget and a few other hot-button issues — until at least next year.

The N.C. Senate and House of Representatives both adjourned Thursday evening, putting a temporary end to one of the longest legislative sessions in recent years that was dominated by redistricting lawsuits and a fight over the budget and Medicaid expansion.

The House voted to override Cooper’s budget veto in a controversial vote Sept. 11, when nearly every Democrat was absent. But in the Senate, Democrats were able to keep Cooper’s veto alive. They hold 21 of the 50 seats, which is the minimum number of votes needed to stop a veto override.

“The votes were not ready to be taken so we’ve now moved that as well as a couple other overrides,” Republican Senate leader Phil Berger said Thursday in a press conference after the session ended.

“The budget fight in North Carolina is over for 2019 as legislators adjourn.” Raleigh News & Observer, October 31, 2019
(emphasis added)

In a January 2020 Editorial, the *Raleigh News & Observer* Criticized the Current Budget Standoff, Noting that North Carolina’s Inability to Agree on a Budget Was Hurting Efforts to Give Raises to Teachers and Provide Affordable Housing to Low Income and Disabled North Carolinians

On January 22, 2020, the *Raleigh News & Observer* published an editorial criticizing North Carolina’s inability to agree on a budget – noting how the impasse stymied efforts to give pay raises to teachers and hurt efforts to provide affordable housing to low income and disabled North Carolinians.

According to the editorial, N.C. Housing Finance Agency “will lose \$20 million that it had planned to combine with federal housing funds to subsidize the construction of affordable rental developments in low-income rural counties” and “is also losing \$7.2 million it had planned to provide to developers and property owners who create housing for people with disabilities.”

EDITORIAL HEADLINE: No new state budget is a loss for more than teachers

If a state budget is a state’s road map, North Carolina has officially lost its way.

The standoff between the General Assembly’s Republican majority and Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper has blocked the adoption of a new state budget and has the state retracing last year’s spending plan.

It’s the nature of a standoff that each side points at the other, but the blame here is far from equally shared. The Republican leaders have brought this on by continuing to push through legislation — or deny Medicaid expansion — as if the 2018 election had not eliminated their veto-proof majorities in the House and Senate. Cooper has vetoed 14 bills, including the budget. The Republican majority has failed to override any...

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Meanwhile the inability of North Carolina’s leaders to agree on a budget has raised doubts about the state’s financial management, which could undermine its coveted AAA rating. The credit rating agency Moody’s Investor Service said as the impasse deepened last November that, “The lack of a budget for more than four months reflects governance weakness and is credit negative.”

The lack of a budget isn’t just about the big items — raises for educators and UNC construction projects. It’s also about the small losses that loom large in the lives of individuals who depend on state support.

Scott Farmer, the executive director of the N.C. Housing Finance Agency, described two changes in housing for low-income people and disabled people that will result from the lack of new funding. His agency will lose \$20 million that it had planned to combine with federal housing funds to subsidize the construction of affordable rental developments in low-income rural counties. Without the state subsidy, developers may have to build the units in more affluent counties to make their investments sound. “We will see less applications in low- and moderate-income counties,” Farmer said. “The damage has been done at this point.”

Meanwhile, the agency is also losing \$7.2 million it had planned to provide to developers and property owners who create housing for people with disabilities. The Department of Health and Human Services uses the new housing to move disabled people from group homes and institutions to their own apartments. Now the number of units will remain fixed and some disabled people won’t get an opportunity for better and more independent living for another year.

Editorial, “No new state budget is a loss for more than teachers,” Raleigh News & Observer, January 22, 2020

(emphasis added)

SECTION F: ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ISSUES

F.1 – Opposition to Local Law Enforcement Cooperating with ICE

In June 2019, Peterson Voted against HB 370, a Bill to Require Local Sheriffs to Work Together with Federal Immigration Agents

On June 24, 2019, Peterson voted against HB 370, a bill to require local sheriffs to work together with federal immigration agents.

- [HB 370 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Second Reading, [Roll Call #338](#), 6/24/2019, Passed 25-18, Peterson – NO

| NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY | |
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| SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #338 | |
| 2019-2020 Session | |
| HB 370: Require Cooperation with ICE Detainers. Vote: Second Reading | |
| Roll Call #338 | Total votes: 43 |
| Outcome: PASS | Noes: 18 |
| Sponsor: D. HALL | Excused Absence: 7 |
| Time: 6/24/2019 8:51 p.m. | Ayes: 25 |
| | Not Voting: 0 |
| | Excused Vote: 0 |
| Ayes (Democrat) | Ayes (Republican) |
| None | J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger (Chair); Bishop; Britt; Brown; Burgin; Daniel; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; B. Jackson; Johnson; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells |
| Noes (Democrat) | Noes (Republican) |
| Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; deViere; Fitch; Foushee; Lowe; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard | None |
| Excused Absence (Democrat) | Excused Absence (Republican) |
| D. Davis; Garrett; J. Jackson | J. Davis; Hise; Horner; Krawiec |

[HB 370 \(2019-2020 Session\) Senate Roll Call #338, nclg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to *CBS 3 WBTV*, HB 370 would require “local sheriffs and law enforcement agencies to contact ICE or other federal immigration authorities if a person being arrested cannot provide proof of citizenship.” Also, if there are any outstanding ICE warrants, HB 370 allows the local law enforcement agency to “hold the individual for up to 48 hours so that ICE can conduct an interview.”

HEADLINE: NC Senate passes legislation requiring sheriffs, federal immigration agencies work together

House Bill 370 was passed Monday by the North Carolina Senate, pushing it forward to the state House where it will ultimately be determined if it becomes law.

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The bill requires local sheriffs and law enforcement agencies to contact ICE or other federal immigration authorities if a person being arrested cannot provide proof of citizenship. If it is revealed that there are any outstanding ICE warrants for the individual, the local law enforcement agency will hold the individual for up to 48 hours so that ICE can conduct an interview.

“As the Sheriff of our state’s largest county, I am disappointed that our state lawmakers have voted to approve House Bill 370. The passing of HB370 mandates that each Sheriff’s Office report and detain individuals for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and sets the priorities for public safety in direct defiance of my constituents’ demands,” Mecklenburg County Sheriff Garry McFadden said.

The legislation comes after Governor Cooper spoke earlier in the day, criticizing the nature of the legislation and supporting the sheriff’s who have refused to comply with ICE during this time.

[“NC Senate passes legislation requiring sheriffs, federal immigration agencies work together, CBS 3 WBTV, June 25, 2019 \(emphasis added\)”](#)

State Senator Chuck Edwards (R-Henderson) Defended HB 370 Stating, “What We’re Talking about Is Cooperating with an Organization (ICE) that’s Trying to Protect Us – HB 370 Sponsor Rep. Destin Hall (R- Caldwell) Stated “It’s Sad to See the Governor Has Sided with Radical Open-Borders Liberals”

After HB 370, passed the North Carolina State Senate, Governor Roy Cooper called HB 370 “unconstitutional.” State Senator Chuck Edwards (R-Henderson) defended HB 370 stating, “what we’re talking about is cooperating with an organization (ICE) that’s trying to protect us.”

HB 370 Sponsor Rep. Destin Hall (R-Caldwell) criticized Governor Cooper’s comments and stated that “it’s sad to see the Governor has sided with radical open-borders liberals.”

HEADLINE: Senate passes bill requiring sheriffs to work with ICE. ‘Unconstitutional,’ says governor

Gov. Roy Cooper called an effort by state lawmakers to require sheriffs to cooperate with immigration authorities “unconstitutional,” as that effort took a major step closer to becoming law.

The Senate voted 25-18 on Monday night in support of House Bill 370, but Cooper’s comments may represent a serious obstacle to the bill, which would need approval from him or from super-majorities in the legislature...

But in Monday night’s Senate debate, Sen. Chuck Edwards, R-Henderson, said many opponents are “not fully understanding what this bill does.”

“There is a huge cloud in America right now involving immigration,” he said, citing debates over immigration raids, border detention facilities and the DACA program. **“What we’re talking about is cooperating with an organization (ICE) that’s trying to protect us.”**

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The North Carolina House has passed the bill, but needs to vote again to approve changes made by senators.

Sen. Harry Brown, R-Onslow, said the bill only affects immigrants who are arrested and are targeted by ICE because they've "committed crimes across the country."

"Why is that unfair?" he asked "This is a bad guy, he's committed crimes everywhere, or bad enough to be on this list..."

Rep. Destin Hall, who sponsored the effort, said in a statement that "it's sad to see the Governor has sided with radical open-borders liberals over the (association)."

"Senate passes bill requiring sheriffs to work with ICE. 'Unconstitutional,' says governor," Charlotte Observer, June 25, 2019
(emphasis added)

In August 2019, Republican Lawmakers Criticized Governor Roy Cooper's Veto of HB 370 Noting that It Undermined Public Safety – ICE Spokesman Bryan Cox Stated, "When Federal, State and Local Law Enforcement Cooperate that Is the Best Service to Public Safety"

In August 2019, Governor Roy Cooper vetoed HB 370. Republican lawmakers criticized the veto noting that the veto of HB 370 undermined public safety. ICE spokesman Bryan Cox stated, "When federal, state and local law enforcement cooperate that is the best service to public safety."

HEADLINE: Gov. Cooper vetoes bill requiring sheriffs to cooperate with ICE

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed a bill Wednesday that would require sheriffs to cooperate with detainers from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Cooper said legislation is using fear to divide the state.

The North Carolina House of Representatives passed House Bill 370 Tuesday before it was sent to Cooper's desk...

In an interview with WBTV Wednesday, ICE spokesman Bryan Cox said "When federal, state and local law enforcement cooperate that is the best service to public safety."...

But the Republicans who voted to pass the bill say the veto undermines safety.

"Domestic violence offenses if you look at the history, offenses against children, these sex offenses, violent assaults," Speaker Tim Moore said. "Why in the world would the sheriff release people like that and why in the world would the governor not sign a bill to say no to that?"

According to ICE, Mecklenburg County has recently denied up to 22 detainer requests.

It means immigration officials have to find these people on their own. "When ICE has to go into a community and make an arrest that is more dangerous for the ICE officer, it's more dangerous for the person being arrested and its also more dangerous as a whole," Cox said.

"Gov. Cooper vetoes bill requiring sheriffs to cooperate with ICE," CBS 3 WBTV, August 21, 2019 (emphasis added)

Republican Lt. Governor Dan Forest Published a Statement Criticizing Cooper for Vetoing HB 370 – Forest Stated that “Gov. Cooper Has Once Again Shown He Is More Concerned about Protecting Violent Criminals Who Are in Our State Illegally than the Safety and Security of Our Citizens”

In August 2019, Republican Lieutenant Governor Dan Forest published a statement deriding Governor Roy Cooper for vetoing HB 370. Forest stated, “Gov. Cooper has once again shown he is more concerned about protecting violent criminals who are in our state illegally than the safety and security of our citizens.”



[@LtGovDanForest, Twitter, August 21, 2019](#) (accessed on 4/6/2020)

F.2 – Voted against Removing Non-Citizens from Voter Rolls

In October 2019, Peterson Voted against SB 250, a Bill to Remove Foreign Citizens from the Voting Rolls – Democratic Governor Roy Cooper Vetoed SB 250 despite 19 Foreign Nationals Voting Illegally in the State

On October 30, 2019, Peterson voted against SB 250, a bill to remove foreign citizens from the voting rolls.

- [SB 250 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Conference Rpt Motion 8 To Adopt, [Roll Call #634](#), 10/30/2019, Adopted 29-21, Peterson – NO

The screenshot shows the North Carolina General Assembly website for the 2019-2020 Session. The page is titled "SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #634". The bill is "SB 250: Remove Foreign Citizens from Voting Rolls" and the vote is "Conference Rpt Motion 8 To Adopt". The roll call #634 resulted in a "PASS" with 29 Ayes and 21 Noes. The "Noes (Democrat)" list includes Peterson, and the "Ayes (Republican)" list includes Garrett, J.

| Roll Call #634 | | Total votes: 50 | Ayes: 29 |
|---|--|---|-----------------|
| Outcome: PASS | | Noes: 21 | Not Voting: 0 |
| Sponsor: KRAWIEC | | Excused Absence: 0 | Excused Vote: 0 |
| Time: 10/30/2019 5:20 p.m. | | | |
| Ayes (Democrat) | | Ayes (Republican) | |
| None | | J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger (Chair); Britt; Brown; Bryan; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; Hlse; Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells | |
| Noes (Democrat) | | Noes (Republican) | |
| Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; D. Davis; deViere; Fitch; Foushee; Garrett, J.; Jackson; Lowe; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard | | None | |

[SB 250 \(2019-2020 Session\) Senate Roll Call #634, nclg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to the *Winston-Salem Journal*, SB 250 specifically “would remove from voter rolls anyone who is disqualified from jury duty because they have been determined not to be a U.S. citizen.” Democratic Governor Roy Cooper subsequently vetoed SB 250

State Senators Joyce Krawiec (R- Forsyth) and Warren Daniel (R-Burke) published a statement criticizing the veto. According to the statement, “Governor Roy Cooper continued his radical left-wing agenda by blocking a bill titled ‘Remove foreign citizens from voting rolls,’ even though federal authorities recently charged 19 foreign nationals in North Carolina with voting illegally.”

HEADLINE: N.C. governor vetoes controversial bill to remove names from voter rolls

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed a Republican-sponsored voter-rolls bill Wednesday, his 10th veto of the N.C. General Assembly’s 2019 session.

Senate Bill 250 would remove from voter rolls anyone who is disqualified from jury duty because they have been determined not to be a U.S. citizen.

The latest of six versions of SB250 cleared the N.C. House on a 59-51 vote Oct. 30 in Raleigh; the N.C. Senate approved it the same day 29-21 along party lines...

The bill cleared the legislature after a compromise that removed a requirement that the State Board of Elections post online a list of individuals affected by the law and their voting-registration status.

“Only citizens should be allowed to vote,” Cooper said in a statement posted on the N.C. governor’s website.

“But blocking legitimate voters from casting a ballot is a risk we cannot take when the law already prevents non-citizens from voting and has legitimate mechanisms to remove them from the rolls,” he wrote. “This legislation creates a high risk of voter harassment and intimidation and could discourage citizens from voting.”

Cooper’s veto, as expected, drew criticism from Republican legislators and praise from liberal groups.

“Governor Roy Cooper continued his radical left-wing agenda by blocking a bill titled ‘Remove foreign citizens from voting rolls,’ even though federal authorities recently charged 19 foreign nationals in North Carolina with voting illegally,” GOP state Sens. Joyce Krawiec of Forsyth County and Warren Daniel of Burke County, said in a written statement.

[“N.C. governor vetoes controversial bill to remove names from voter rolls,” Winston-Salem Journal, November 6, 2019](#)
(emphasis added)

Civitas Action noted that “SB 250 is an important step in maintaining the integrity of North Carolina’s voter rolls” and penalized Peterson for voting against SB 250 on their 2019 legislative scorecard.

SB250, Remove Foreign Citizens from Voting Rolls, requires the clerk of superior court to report the names and addresses of anyone who is excused from jury duty due to non-citizenship, non-residency, or current felony sentence to the State Board of Elections. The State Board and county boards would then start the process of verifying the information and potentially removing ineligible voters from the voter roll through the normal process of list maintenance after a 30-days written notice and an opportunity to appeal. SB 250 is an important step in maintaining the integrity of North Carolina’s voter rolls. The vote to preserve freedom is yes.

[2019 Freedom Rankings, Civitas Action](#)

In a March 2020 Twitter Post, Peterson Said He Wants Mail-in Ballots “a Reality in November”

In a March 2020 Twitter post, Peterson said “mail-in ballots are a success” and he wants legislation passed “to make this a reality in November.” Peterson’s statement came in response to a question posed by the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee on Twitter, where Democratic legislative candidates were asked how to increase “access to the ballot box in North Carolina.”

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



[@Harper4NC, Twitter.com, March 31, 2020](#) (accessed on 4/21/2020)

F.3 – Served as a “Character Reference” for Illegal Immigrant Caught with a Gun in 2002

In 2002, Peterson Wrote a Letter “as a Character Reference” in Support of Alejandro Llinas-Suarez – Llinas-Suarez Was Arrested by Federal Authorities for Overstaying a Six-Month Visitor’s Visa Granted in 1993 and for Unlawfully Possessing a Gun as an Illegal Alien

In 2002, Peterson wrote a letter “as a character reference” in support of Alejandro Llinas-Suarez and said that he had “come to appreciate Mr. Llinas’ work that affects our community.” “Llinas-Suarez was arrested by federal authorities in October 2002 for overstaying a six-month visitor’s visa granted to him in 1993 and for unlawfully possessing a gun as an illegal alien.

HEADLINE: ‘Mundo Latino’ publisher may be deported soon

Within days of holding a festival to help Hispanic aliens obtain work visas, Spanish-language newspaper publisher Alejandro Llinas was jailed, apparently for not having a valid visa himself.

Mr. Llinas, who helped start Mundo Latino two years ago, was picked up last week following a joint investigation by the Wilmington Police Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said Supervisory Special Agent Thomas O’Connell of the INS in Cary...

Immigration authorities said he entered the United States through Miami in 1993 on a six-month visitor's visa and never left.

As of Tuesday, the Colombian national was in the Wake County jail, awaiting an immigration hearing. But before deportation proceedings begin, he will have to answer a criminal charge, Agent O’Connell said.

It is a federal felony for illegal aliens to have guns, Agent O’Connell said, and Mr. Llinas was found to have a .45-caliber Ruger pistol...

Wilmington Mayor Harper Peterson and City Councilman Jason Thompson on Monday wrote nearly identical letters to the INS in Atlanta expressing their support for Mr. Llinas

Mr. Thompson said Mr. Llinas is a “tireless advocate” for Hispanics, housing, economic empowerment and community development. **Mr. Peterson said he has “come to appreciate Mr. Llinas’ work that affects our community.” ...**

Mr. Peterson said Tuesday he wrote the letter at the request of some in the Hispanic community who want to see Mr. Llinas released pending his deportation hearing.

“They want to settle his business affairs,” Mr. Peterson said, adding that he wasn’t asking for Mr. Llinas’ release, but providing a character reference.

“‘Mundo Latino’ publisher may be deported soon,” Wilmington Star-News, October 30, 2002 (emphasis added)

In 2003, Llinas-Suarez Was Convicted on the Gun Charge and Ordered to Be Deported – during the Criminal Trial, Peterson Was Prepared to Testify as a Character Witness on Behalf of Llinas-Suarez, but the Court Did Not Allow Peterson’s Testimony

In 2003, Llinas-Suarez was convicted on the gun charge and later was ordered to be deported. During the criminal trial, Peterson was prepared to testify as a character witness on behalf of Llinas-Suarez, but the court did not allow Peterson’s testimony.

HEADLINE: Trial on gun charge slated to start today

The trial of a Wilmington businessman accused of possessing a handgun while being in the country illegally will begin this morning in federal district court here...

While he lived in Wilmington, Mr. Llinas-Suarez owned businesses and was the publisher of Mundo Latino, a Spanish language newspaper. The defense hopes to call character witnesses to testify to his civic activities. Among those subpoenaed are Wilmington Mayor Harper Peterson and Councilman Jason Thompson.

“Trial on gun charge slated to start today,” Wilmington Star-News, May 8, 2003

HEADLINE: Illegal immigrant found guilty of owning a gun

Alejandro Llinas Suarez, a prominent Latino businessman from Wilmington, was convicted Thursday of owning a gun as an illegal immigrant, a federal charge that carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and could lead to his deportation to Colombia...

[Llinas Suarez’s attorney Rosemary] Godwin tried to call six character witnesses, including Wilmington Mayor Harper Peterson and Councilman Jason Thompson, who were prepared to praise Llinas’ honesty and integrity. But U.S. District Judge W. Earl Britt did not allow the testimony.

“Illegal immigrant found guilty of owning a gun,” Raleigh News & Observer, May 9, 2003

HEADLINE: Mundo Latino founder to be sent from U.S.

A federal judge Monday turned over former Wilmington businessman Alejandro Llinas-Suarez to immigration officials for deportation to Colombia, while the son of the founder of the Mundo Latino newspaper said his father would likely volunteer to leave the country.

In an interview in the Wake County Jail on Sunday afternoon, Mr. Llinas-Suarez said, "I am sad to leave the United States, leave Wilmington; but I am happy I will see my country again."

The sentencing hearing Monday morning in federal court followed Mr. Llinas-Suarez's May conviction of being an illegal alien in possession of a handgun.

“Mundo Latino founder to be sent from U.S.,” Wilmington Star-News, July 29, 2003

F.4 – Supported by the Sierra Club, which Sued to Block the Border Wall

Peterson Is Supported by the Sierra Club – North Carolina Sierra Club PAC Contributed to Peterson’s 2018 Campaign; Sierra Club Has Endorsed His 2020 Reelection

As detailed in another chapter of this report, Peterson is supported by the Sierra Club.

- According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, the North Carolina Sierra Club PAC contributed a total of \$3,748.65 to Peterson’s 2018 State Senate campaign. This total included \$248.65 of in-kind contributions. ([“Transaction Search by Entity,” cf.ncsbe.gov](#))
- The Sierra Club has endorsed Peterson for his 2020 State Senate campaign. ([“Endorsements,” sierraclub.org](#))

In 2019, the Sierra Club Sued the Trump Administration to Block Construction of the Border Wall (*Sierra Club v Trump*) – a Federal Court Ruled in Favor of the Sierra Club in December 2019

In a December 2019 ruling on *Sierra Club v Trump*, a federal court blocked the Trump Administration from using emergency powers to divert military funds towards the construction of the border wall.

The Sierra Club brought its *Sierra Club v Trump* lawsuit against the president’s use of emergency powers to use \$3.6 billion in military construction funds to build the border wall.

After the decision, the Sierra Club said (in the press release shown below) that it will “continue to fight to protect border communities as this administration inflicts its relentless agenda to harm the people, places and wildlife along the southern border.”

PRESS RELEASE HEADLINE: Federal Court Rules Border Wall from Military Funds Illegal

A federal court today ruled that President Trump’s use of emergency powers to divert \$3.6 billion in military construction funds for the border wall is unlawful. The ruling came in a lawsuit, *Sierra Club v. Trump*, filed by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of the Sierra Club and Southern Border Communities Coalition....

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“Today’s decision is another critical step in permanently stopping Trump’s border wall. The court recognized that Trump’s reckless national emergency declaration illegally destroys our borderlands and border communities,” said Gloria Smith, Managing Attorney at the Sierra Club. **“By raiding money from the military for this wall, Trump is depriving service members and their families of essential government services like schools and retirement. The Sierra Club will continue to fight to protect border communities as this administration inflicts its relentless agenda to harm the people, places and wildlife along the southern border.”**

[“Federal Court Rules Border Wall from Military Funds Illegal.”](#)
[Sierra Club Press Release, December 11, 2019](#) (emphasis added)

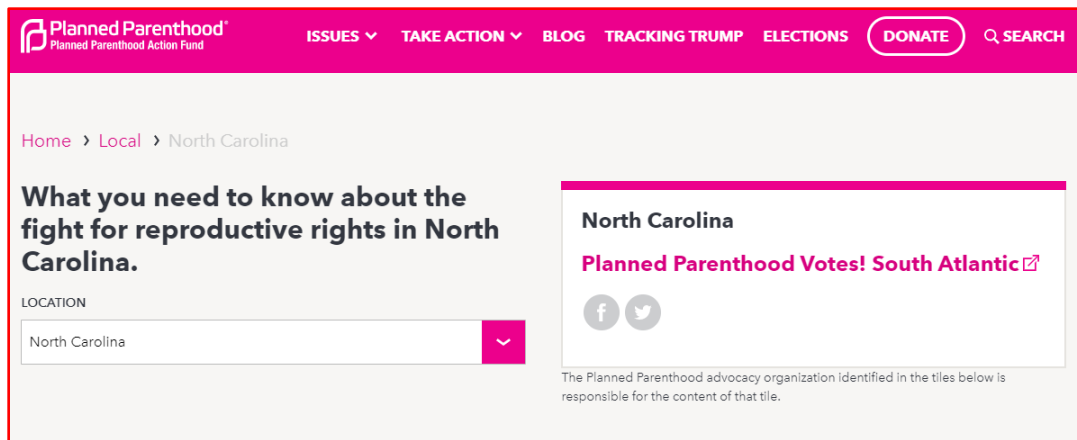
SECTION G: SOCIAL/OTHER ISSUES

G.1 – Support for Abortion/Ties to Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic and Planned Parenthood Action PAC North Carolina Are Regional Entities of Planned Parenthood Dedicated to Helping Elect Pro-Abortion Rights Candidates in North Carolina

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The following is an image of the website for Planned Parenthood Action Fund, North Carolina:



[Planned Parenthood Action Fund, North Carolina](#) (accessed on 4/23/2020)

Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic’s stated mission is to “encourage and protect informed individual choice regarding reproductive health care” and “foster and preserve a social and political climate favorable to the exercise of reproductive choice” through “legislative activity” and “political activity.”

Our Mission

It is the mission of Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic to:

Encourage and protect informed individual choice regarding reproductive health care,

Advocate public policies which support and enhance the right, as well as full and non-discriminating access, to such care,

Foster and preserve a social and political climate favorable to the exercise of reproductive choice through education of the public, voter registration, legislative activity, and such limited political activity as is consistent with tax-exempt social welfare status,

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Conduct and sponsor activities in pursuit of the goals of our organization,

Make grants and awards to individuals or organizations for purposes consistent with the goals of our organization, and

Engage in activities to further our mission that are consistent with section 501(c)4 of the Internal Revenue Code.

[“About,” Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic](#) (emphasis added; accessed on 4/23/2020)

In 2019, Peterson Contributed \$250 to the Planned Parenthood Action PAC North Carolina

According to the North Carolina State Board of Elections, Peterson contributed \$250 to the Planned Parenthood Action PAC North Carolina in November 2019.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PETERSON TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD FROM 2001 TO PRESENT

| Committee Name | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------|----------|
| Planned Parenthood Action PAC NC | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self Employed | Owner | 11/12/2019 | \$250.00 |

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

The following image shows the contribution Peterson made to Planned Parenthood Action PAC NC taken from Planned Parenthood’s 2019 year end semi-annual campaign finance report. On November 11, 2019, Peterson contributed \$250 to Planned Parenthood Action PAC North Carolina.

| 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 |
|------------|----------|--|----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 11/12/2019 | | HARPER PETERSON OWNER SELF EMPLOYED 212 ORANGE STREET WILMINGTON, NC 28401 | Individual Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$250.00 | \$250.00 |

[Planned Parenthood Action PAC NC \(STA-X1T876-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed January 29, 2020](#)

Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Endorsed Peterson for His 2018 State Senate Campaign

In 2018, Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic endorsed Peterson’s Senate campaign. The endorsement was announced in a press release. That year, Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic only endorsed 21 North Carolina Senate candidates, including seven incumbents. The group said that their endorsed candidates “support a woman’s right to make her own deeply personal pregnancy decisions, no matter what.”

PRESS RELEASE HEADLINE: North Carolina: Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Announces 2018 General Election Candidate Endorsements

Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic (PPVSAT) is proud to announce our endorsement of 64 pro-women’s health candidates for the 2018 general election. PPVSAT endorsed 21 candidates in the NC Senate, including seven candidates running for re-election; and 43 candidates in the NC House, including 20 incumbents....

“Kavanaugh’s nomination threatens to disproportionately impact our patients who already face systemic barriers to the full range of reproductive health care, including safe, legal abortion,” Lindsay Robinson, North Carolina Director of Public Affairs, said. “We know that access to these fundamental services hangs in the balance until we have a pro-women’s health majority in the North Carolina General Assembly that represents the interests of all of the patients we serve, and believes in the constitutional right to bodily autonomy and self-determination.

“During this critical election year, PPVSAT endorsed a slate of candidates who we are confident can be counted on to protect and promote access to basic reproductive health care such as birth control, lifesaving cancer screenings and family planning in the state legislature, and that they support a woman’s right to make her own deeply personal pregnancy decisions, no matter what.”...

Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Endorsed Candidates in the 2018 General Election:...

NC Senate Districts

Harper Peterson (SD-9)

“North Carolina: Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Announces 2018 General Election Candidate Endorsements.”
Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Press Release, July 11, 2018 (emphasis added)

Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Endorsed Candidates in the 2018 General Election:

**indicates PPVSAT previously endorsed incumbents*

NC Senate Districts

Harper Peterson (SD-9)

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Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Press Release, July 11, 2018

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

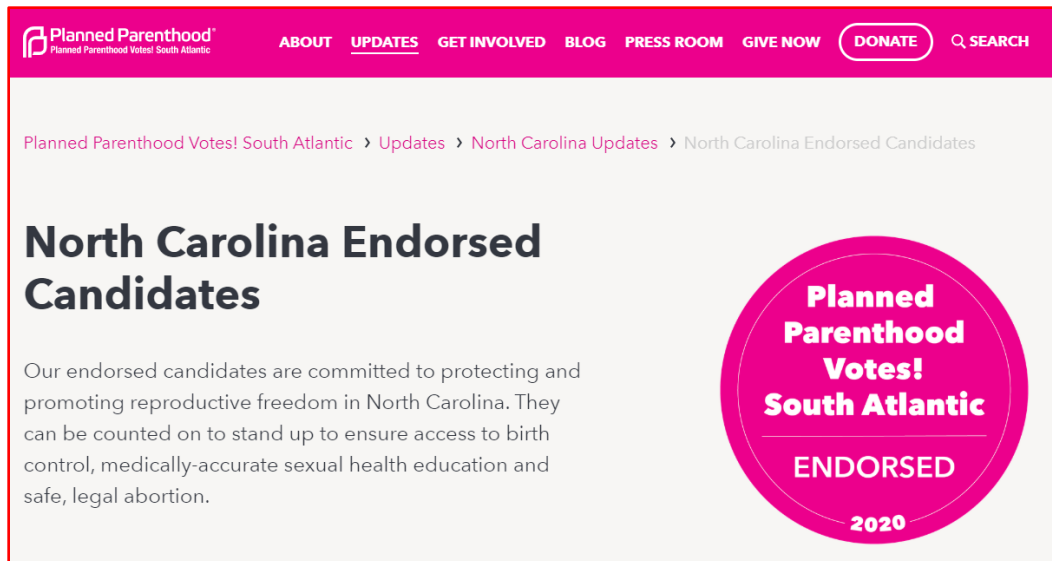


[@Harper4NC, Twitter.com, June 21, 2018](https://twitter.com/Harper4NC/status/999999999999999999) (accessed on 4/23/2020)

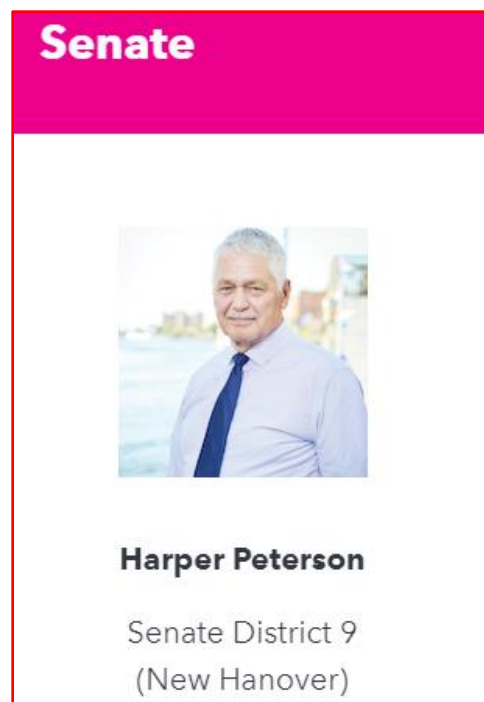
Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Has Endorsed Peterson for His State Senate Campaign in 2020

Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic’s website lists Peterson as one of their “North Carolina Endorsed Candidates” for 2020. The endorsement page states that “our endorsed candidates are committed to protecting and promoting reproductive freedom in North Carolina” and “can be counted on to ensure access” to “safe, legal abortion.”

Images of the Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic’s endorsed candidates website page are below.



["North Carolina Endorsed Candidates," plannedparenthoodaction.org](https://plannedparenthoodaction.org) (image 1 of 2; accessed on 4/23/2020)



["North Carolina Endorsed Candidates," plannedparenthoodaction.org](https://plannedparenthoodaction.org) (image 2 of 2; accessed on 4/23/2020)

In November 2019, Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Hosted a Cocktail Reception for Peterson

Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic’s Facebook events page listed a cocktail reception held on November 7, 2019 at the Blockade Runner Beach Resort which listed Peterson as a speaker.

Images of the Facebook event post are below.



[Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Events, Facebook.com](#) (image 1 of 2; accessed on 4/23/2020)

Details

2020 will be the most important election of our lifetime.

It is essential that we swing the balance of power in our state and elect champions who will stand strong to protect reproductive health and rights!

Join us for a cocktail reception one year out from the election.

Hear our plans for a 2020 victory and from our champions Rep. Deb Butler and Sen. Harper Peterson fighting to make a difference every day!


You've been asking "What can I do?" "How can I make a difference?" Join us at this extraordinary event and learn what it will take to have a majority win in 2020 for reproductive rights! Our Votes! organization and PAC have a proven record of endorsing and supporting women's health champions. We invite you to come and learn more!

*Generously hosted by Blockade Runner Beach Resort.

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[Planned Parenthood Votes! South Atlantic Events, Facebook.com](#) (image 2 of 2; accessed on 4/23/2020)

In April 2019, Peterson Voted against SB 359, a Bill that Would Require Doctors to Provide Lifesaving Care to Infants that Survive an Abortion – Civitas Action Penalized Peterson for Voting against the Measure on Their 2019 Legislative Scorecard

On April 15, 2019, Peterson voted against SB 359, a bill that would require doctors to provide lifesaving care to infants that survive an abortion.

- [SB 359 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Second Reading, [Roll Call #92](#), 4/15/2019, Passed 28-19, Peterson – NO

| SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #92 | | |
|---|---|-----------------|
| 2019-2020 Session | | |
| SB 359: Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. | | |
| Vote: Second Reading | | |
| Roll Call #92 | Total votes: 47 | Ayes: 28 |
| Outcome: PASS | Noes: 19 | Not Voting: 0 |
| Sponsor: KRAWIEC | Excused Absence: 3 | Excused Vote: 0 |
| Time: 4/15/2019 7:41 p.m. | | |
| Ayes (Democrat) | Ayes (Republican) | |
| Clark; D. Davis | J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger; Bishop; Britt; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Harrington; Hise; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells | |
| Noes (Democrat) | Noes (Republican) | |
| Blue; Chaudhuri; deViere; Fitch; Foushee; Garrett; J. Jackson; Lowe; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard | None | |
| Excused Absence (Democrat) | Excused Absence (Republican) | |
| None | Brown; Gunn; Horner | |

[SB 359 \(2019-2020 Session\) Senate Roll Call #92, ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to *Carolina Public Press*, SB 359 specifically, “would have criminalized doctors who do not provide medical care to babies accidentally born alive during botched abortions.”

HEADLINE: NC House falls 5 votes short in effort to override veto of abortion-related bill

The NC House of Representatives fell five votes short of a required 60 percent majority in a Republican-led effort Wednesday to override Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper’s veto of **SB 359**, an abortion-related proposal.

The final House vote was 67-53. With all 120 members voting, the override would have required 72 votes to pass.

The bill, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, would have criminalized doctors who do not provide medical care to babies accidentally born alive during botched abortions.

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In a year when legislatures around the country have passed a wave of controversial abortion-related legislation, the North Carolina bill drew substantial news media attention and heated rhetoric on social media, including from some members of the General Assembly.

Bill supporters said it was about protecting babies. Opponents said it applied to extremely rare situations in which existing laws already protect children. Democrats accused Republicans of using the measure to intimidate medical professionals who provide abortions.

[“NC House falls 5 votes short in effort to override veto of abortion-related bill,” Carolina Public Press, June 5, 2019](#)
(emphasis added)

Civitas Action noted that SB 359 “legally reaffirms that a baby that survives an attempted abortion has the rights of a human being and is entitled to any life-saving medical care available” and penalized Peterson for voting against SB 359 on their 2019 legislative scorecard.

Senate Bill 359, Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act, legally reaffirms that a baby that survives an attempted abortion has the rights of a human being and is entitled to any life-saving medical care available. This bill provides important legal protections for some of the most vulnerable North Carolinians: newborn babies. Civitas Action believes that all North Carolinians have a responsibility to uphold the sanctity of life. The vote for freedom is yes.
[2019 Freedom Rankings, Civitas Action](#)

Democratic Governor Roy Cooper subsequently vetoed SB 359 and the North Carolina legislature moved to override the veto. On April 30, 2019, Peterson voted against the override of SB 359.

- [SB 359 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Motion 11 Override Veto, [Roll Call #134](#), 4/30/2019, Passed 30-20, Peterson – NO

SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #134
2019-2020 Session

SB 359: Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. **Vote: Motion 11 Override Veto**

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|---|--|-----------------|
| Roll Call #134 | Total votes: 50 | Ayes: 30 |
| Outcome: PASS | Noes: 20 | Not Voting: 0 |
| Sponsor: KRAWIEC | Excused Absence: 0 | Excused Vote: 0 |
| Time: 4/30/2019 6:14 p.m. | | |
| Ayes (Democrat) D. Davis | Ayes (Republican) J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger; Bishop; Britt; Brown; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; Hise; Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells | |
| Noes (Democrat) Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; deViere; Fitch; Foushee; Garrett; J. Jackson; Low; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson ; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard | Noes (Republican) None | |

[SB 359 \(2019-2020 Session\) Senate Roll Call #134, ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

It should be noted that although the override was successful in the State Senate, the vote to override SB 359 failed to reach the required three-fifths majority in the State House. ([“NC House falls 5 votes short in effort to override veto of abortion-related bill,” Carolina Public Press, June 5, 2019](#))

G.2 – Ties to NC Association of Educators, which Opposed the NC Bathroom Bill

In 2018, the North Carolina Association of Educators PAC Contributed \$1,500 to Peterson

In September 2018, the NC Association of Educators PAC contributed \$1,500 to Peterson.

The screenshot shows the 'Campaign Document Search By Entity' page for the 'COMMITTEE TO ELECT HARPER PETERSON [STA-715864-C-001]'. Under the 'RECEIPTS' section, a table lists a contribution from NC Educators PAC on 09/10/2018 for \$1,500.00.

| 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 |
|------------|----------|--|--|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 09/10/2018 | | NC Educators PAC 700 S Salisbury St Raleigh, NC 27601-2264 | Other Political Committee Contribution | | | 1 | Check | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |

[*Committee to Elect Harper Peterson \(STA-715864-C-001\), NCSBE Disclosure Report, Filed October 21, 2018*](#)

NOTE: Peterson reported the contribution as coming from the “NC Educators PAC” with the address 700 S. Salisbury St., Raleigh – the address of the NC Association of Educators. ([*“Donate.” ncae.org*](#)) Additionally, a review of the NC Association of Educators PAC campaign finance filings confirm that they reported a \$1,500 expenditure to Peterson’s campaign in September 2018. ([*NCAE PAC \(STA-C3372N-C-001\), CSBE Disclosure Report, Filed October 29, 2018*](#))

In an August 2018 Twitter Post, Peterson Said He Is “Proud to Have Earned” the Endorsement of the North Carolina Association of Educators

In an August 2018 Twitter post, Peterson said he is “proud to have earned” the endorsement of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

An image of the Twitter post is below.



[@Harper4NC, Twitter.com, August 9, 2018](#) (accessed on 4/23/2020)

In 2018, North Carolina Association of Educators President Mark Jewel Opposed the North Carolina Bathroom Bill which Preempted Local Protections for LGBTQ People – Jewel Called the Bill Discriminatory

In 2018, North Carolina Association of Educators President Mark Jewel opposed the North Carolina bathroom bill that preempted local protections for LGBTQ people. Jewel called the bill discriminatory.

HEADLINE: After HB2, NC leaders remain divided about LGBTQ protections in the state

More than two years after a law limiting local protections for gay rights in North Carolina was enacted, leaders remain sharply split over whether House Bill 2 was needed and what protections should be afforded to LGBTQ people.

A narrow majority of NC Influencers surveyed said municipalities in the state should be able to extend nondiscrimination protections to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people if they want, an option that's currently blocked under state law. But it's clear that the legacy of House Bill 2, which became known as the "bathroom bill," remains deeply divisive.

Some Republican respondents said HB2 was a common-sense measure to correct overreach by Charlotte's government. A majority of survey respondents, including all Democrats, said it was an unnecessary piece of legislation that furthered discrimination...

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The state legislature passed HB2 in 2016 to counteract a Charlotte ordinance protecting LGBTQ people from discrimination and allowing transgender people to use public restrooms that matched their gender identity. Opponents said the Charlotte ordinance would make it legal for criminals to follow women and children into bathrooms.

HB2 preempted local protections for LGBTQ people and forbade local nondiscrimination ordinances. It also blocked cities from setting their own minimum wage laws. Backlash to the bill was swift: Businesses criticized North Carolina, the NBA moved the All-Star Game out of Charlotte, the NCAA ruled the state couldn't host future tournaments and PayPal canceled a 400-job expansion announced for Charlotte, among other moves...

Mark Jewell, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, agreed.

“While we each have the right to our own religious beliefs those freedoms don’t give anyone the right to discriminate against or harm other people,” he said. “When businesses open their doors to the public, they must open them to everyone on the same terms. Discriminatory business practices hurt the economy overall by limiting people’s spending power.”

“After HB2, NC leaders remain divided about LGBTQ protections in the state,” Charlotte Observer, October 29, 2018
(emphasis added)

G.3 – Voted against School Choice and Charter Schools

In May 2019, Peterson Voted against SB 522, a Bill to Allow Charter Organizations to Manage Failing Schools and Remove the Ban of Using Local Tax Dollars for Capital Facilities – Civitas Action Penalized Peterson for Voting against the Measure on Their 2019 Legislative Scorecard

On May 8, 2019, Peterson voted against SB 522, a bill to benefit charter schools, including allowing charter organizations to manage failing schools. Civitas Action penalized Peterson for voting against the measure on their 2019 Legislative Scorecard.

- [SB 522 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Second Reading, [Roll Call #223](#), 5/8/2019, Passed 25-18, Peterson – NO

| SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #223 | |
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| 2019-2020 Session | |
| SB 522: Various Changes to Charter School Laws. Vote: Second Reading | |
| Roll Call #223 | Total votes: 43 |
| Outcome: PASS | Noes: 18 |
| Sponsor: TILLMAN | Excused Absence: 7 |
| Time: 5/8/2019 11:50 a.m. | Ayes: 25 |
| | Not Voting: 0 |
| | Excused Vote: 0 |
| Ayes (Democrat) | Ayes (Republican) |
| Lowie | T. Alexander; Ballard; Britt; Brown; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Hise; Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells |
| Noes (Democrat) | Noes (Republican) |
| Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; D. Davis; deViere; Fitch; Garrett; J. Jackson; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Robinson; Searcy; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard | None |
| Excused Absence (Democrat) | Excused Absence (Republican) |
| Foushee; Smith | J. Alexander; Berger; Bishop; Edwards; Harrington |

[SB 522 \(2019-2020 Session\) Senate Roll Call #223, ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to the *Laurinburg Exchange*, SB 522 specifically “places the lowest-performing schools in the state under the management of charter or education organizations for five years.”

HEADLINE: State legislature addressed variety of issues before adjourning

The 2019 session of the N.C. General Assembly began Jan. 9, both in the House and the Senate. The session ended on Halloween, which was Wednesday, Oct. 31. Lawmakers left without a budget, failing to override Gov. Roy Cooper’s veto, which came in June...

Here’s a look at a few items which may not have attracted big headlines over the final 48 hours of a hectic week on Jones Street: ...

Innovative School District

The House and Senate made several changes to the Innovative School District program and delayed the number of schools that must be added to the ISD.

Despite objections from Democratic lawmakers, Senate Bill 522 passed 33-16 in the Senate and 64-48 in the House. ISD — originally called the Achievement School District — became law in 2016. The program places the lowest-performing schools in the state under management of charter or education organizations for five years. The goal is to improve school performance through awarding greater flexibility not typically afforded traditional public schools.

Only one school, Southside Ashpole in Robeson County, has been transferred to the ISD. Carver Heights in Wayne County was poised to join the program in 2018, but significant local pushback and criticism over the selection process halted the transfer. Instead, the General Assembly passed legislation allowing Carver Heights to become a Restart School and stay under local control instead of joining the ISD.

Now some lawmakers hope to reform the program, providing more clarity to the selection process and avoiding a repeat of last year’s drama.

[“State legislature addressed variety of issues before adjourning,” Laurinburg Exchange, November 4, 2019 \(emphasis added\)](#)

Civitas Action noted that SB 522 “makes several changes beneficial to the operation of charter schools, including eliminating the prohibition of using local tax dollars for capital facilities” and penalized Peterson for voting against SB 522 on their 2019 legislative scorecard.

This bill makes several changes beneficial to the operation of charter schools, including eliminating the prohibition of using local tax dollars for capital facilities. Charter schools are public schools that have additional flexibility, and SB522 will help charters prosper in North Carolina. The vote for freedom is yes.

[2019 Freedom Rankings, Civitas Action](#)

In May 2019, Peterson Voted against SB 609, a Bill to Expand Eligibility Requirements for Parental Choice Programs Including Removing Caps on Scholarship Funds for Kindergarten/First Grade – Civitas Action Penalized Peterson for Voting against the Bill on Their 2019 Legislative Scorecard

On May 8, 2019, Peterson voted against SB 609, a bill to expand eligibility requirements for parental choice programs, including removing caps on scholarship funds for students entering kindergarten and first grade.

- [SB 609 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Second Reading, [Roll Call #230](#), 5/8/2019, Passed 27-18, Peterson – NO

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SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #230
2019-2020 Session

SB 609: K-12 Scholarship Changes. Vote: Second Reading

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| <p>Roll Call #230 Outcome: PASS Sponsor: BALLARD Time: 5/8/2019 1:16 p.m.</p> <p>Ayes (Democrat) Clark</p> <p>Noes (Democrat) Blue; Chaudhuri; D. Davis; deViere; Fitch; Garrett; J. Jackson; Lowe; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Robinson; Searcy; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard</p> <p>Excused Absence (Democrat) Foushee; Smith</p> | <p>Total votes: 45 Noes: 18 Excused Absence: 5</p> <p>Ayes (Republican) J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Bishop; Britt; Brown; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Hise; Horner; B. Jackson; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Rabon; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells</p> <p>Noes (Republican) None</p> <p>Excused Absence (Republican) Berger; Edwards; Harrington</p> | <p>Ayes: 27 Not Voting: 0 Excused Vote: 0</p> |
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[SB 609 \(2019-2020 Session\) Senate Roll Call #230, ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to the *Laurinburg Exchange*, SB 609 “amends school-choice scholarships, aiming to make them more available to North Carolina students.” According to SB 609, “4-year-olds would be eligible for the Special Education Scholarships for Children with Disabilities, the Opportunity Scholarship program, and Personal Education Savings accounts.”

SB 609 also removed a cap on scholarship funds for students entering kindergarten or first grade which had previously caused waitlist issues. In addition, SB 609 increased the household income limit from “from 133% of the amount required to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch — to 150%.”

The *Laurinburg Exchange* reported that Republican legislators praised SB 609 which would “expand educational opportunities for more families across the state.”

HEADLINE: State Senate passes two school-choice bills after spirited debate

The N.C. Senate on Wednesday, May 8, sparred over a pair of school choice bills that would expand eligibility for private school vouchers and lift the enrollment cap on virtual charter schools.

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Democratic lawmakers argued the two bills devalue public education and harm students. Republican lawmakers said the bills expand educational opportunities for more families across the state...

Senate Bill 609 amends school-choice scholarships, aiming to make them more available to North Carolina students. Under the bill, 4-year-olds would be eligible for the Special Education Scholarships for Children with Disabilities, the Opportunity Scholarship program, and Personal Education Savings accounts.

S.B. 609 raises the household income limit for eligibility to the Opportunity Scholarship program — from 133% of the amount required to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch — to 150%. The bill eliminates a cap on scholarship funds for students entering kindergarten or first grade.

“The Opportunity Scholarship Program is a lifeline for low-income children who otherwise would attend unsatisfactory district schools,” said Terry Stoops, vice president of research and director of education studies at the John Locke Foundation. “The cap on kindergarten and first-grade students led to unacceptable wait-lists. I am pleased that this bill discards that cap.”...

Sen. Deanna Ballard, R-Watauga, one of the bill’s sponsors, pointed to an N.C. State report that shows the annual median income of households applying for the Opportunity Scholarship program was just more than \$16,000.

“We are just trying to allow more of those working families who live on that uncomfortable income level the opportunity to assess and determine the best school options for their students needs,” Ballard said. “I’m not in a position to assume what that best need is, and I think as politicians we should leave that decision to the parents.”

Ballard said the bill addresses concerns from parents over accessibility by expanding eligibility and by lifting the cap on students entering kindergarten and first grade.

S.B. 609 passed the Senate, 27-18 vote, and goes to the House.

“State Senate passes two school-choice bills after spirited debate,” Laurinburg Exchange, May 9, 2019 (emphasis added)

Civitas Action noted that SB 609 “expands the eligibility requirements for the state’s parental choice programs” and penalized Peterson for voting against SB 609, on their 2019 legislative scorecard.

SB609 - K-12 Scholarship Changes

This bill expands the eligibility requirements for the state’s parental choice programs. Civitas Action knows parents are best suited to determine the best educational option for their child. The vote to expand freedom is yes.

2019 Freedom Rankings, Civitas Action

In July 2019, Peterson Voted against SB 392, a Bill to Increase the Enrollment Cap on North Carolina’s Two Virtual Charter Schools

On July 16, 2019, Peterson voted against SB 392, a bill to increase the enrollment cap on North Carolina’s two virtual charter schools.

- [SB 392 \(2019-2020 Session\)](#), Motion 9 To Concur, [Roll Call #499](#), 7/16/2019, Pass 27-15, Peterson – NO

| SENATE ROLL CALL VOTE TRANSCRIPT FOR ROLL CALL #499 | | |
|---|--|-----------------|
| 2019-2020 Session | | |
| SB 392: Various Charter School Changes. Vote: Motion 9 To Concur | | |
| Roll Call #499 | Total votes: 42 | Ayes: 27 |
| Outcome: PASS | Noes: 15 | Not Voting: 0 |
| Sponsor: BALLARD | Excused Absence: 8 | Excused Vote: 0 |
| Time: 7/16/2019 2:24 p.m. | | |
| Ayes (Democrat) | Ayes (Republican) | |
| Clark; Lowe | J. Alexander; T. Alexander; Ballard; Berger; Brown; Burgin; Daniel; J. Davis; Edwards; Ford; Gallimore; Gunn; Harrington; Hise; Horner; Johnson; Krawiec; McInnis; Newton; Perry; Sanderson; Sawyer; Steinburg; Tillman; Wells | |
| Noes (Democrat) | Noes (Republican) | |
| Chaudhuri; D. Davis; deViere; Fitch; Foushee; Garrett; J. Jackson; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickles; Peterson; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard | None | |
| Excused Absence (Democrat) | Excused Absence (Republican) | |
| Blue; Robinson; Searcy; Smith | Bishop; Britt; B. Jackson; Rabon | |

[SB 392 \(2019-2020 Session\) Senate Roll Call #499, ncleg.gov](#) (red boxes added)

According to *The News Observer*, SB 392 specifically raised “the enrollment cap on the state’s two virtual charter schools so that they could grow by 20% a year.” Governor Roy Cooper vetoed SB 392.

A spokeswoman for Republican Senate Leader Phil Berger criticized Governor Roy Cooper’s veto stating “It’s disappointing that Governor Cooper continues to fight against empowering parents to put their children in an educational setting that best fits their needs.”

HEADLINE: Governor vetoes bill letting NC virtual charter schools add more students

Gov. Roy Cooper has vetoed a bill that would allow the state’s popular but low-performing virtual charter schools to add students, after two left-leaning groups urged him to reject the legislation.

State lawmakers passed a bill in July lifting the enrollment cap on the state’s two virtual charter schools so that they could grow by 20% a year. Cooper announced Monday that he had rejected Senate Bill 392, citing the schools’ poor academic performance.

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“Current law already allows the State Board of Education to lift the enrollment cap on virtual charter schools,” Cooper, a Democrat, said in a statement. “Both schools have been low performing, raising concern about the effectiveness of this pilot. Decisions on adding more students should remain with the Board so it can measure progress and make decisions that will provide the best education for students.”...

Republicans lawmakers accused Cooper of not supporting school choice with the veto.

“Expanding these education opportunities for students enjoyed broad bipartisan support in the state House to help kids learn in a setting that works best for them,” House Speaker Tim Moore tweeted Monday. “The Governor is now blocking innovative learning as well as school construction and pay raises.”

Bill D’Elia, a spokesman for Senate leader Phil Berger, noted how 1 in 5 North Carolina students don’t attend traditional public schools.

“It’s disappointing that Governor Cooper continues to fight against empowering parents to put their children in an educational setting that best fits their needs,” D’Elia said in a statement. “As recent enrollment numbers show, more parents than ever are taking control of their child’s education, as parents, not politicians, should be the ones making these decisions.”

[“Governor vetoes bill letting NC virtual charter schools add more students,” The News & Observer, July 29, 2019](#)
(emphasis added)

G.4 – Sponsorship of an Anti-Gun Rights Bill

During a 1999 League of Women Voters Forum, Peterson Said He Supported Background Checks and Waiting Periods for Gun Purchases – Peterson Also Said He “Believes Guns Should Be Registered with the State and Federal Authorities”

During a 1999 League of Women Voters forum, Peterson expressed his support for background checks and waiting periods for guns. According to *the Wilmington Morning Star*, Peterson said he “believes guns should be registered with the state and federal authorities.”

HEADLINE: Mayoral candidates field questions from public

At a forum sponsored by the League of Women voters Thursday night, the five contenders for the Wilmington mayoral seat reiterated their positions on development, traffic, consolidation between city and county governments, and crime.

But, new topics also came up in questions from the audience at radio station WHQR-FM.

Gun control came up.

"Guns are too readily available," said Bob Spitzten. He favors gun control, but said he would have determine what would be best for the community and what the mayor's limitations would be in regulating guns.

City Councilman Harper Peterson supports background checks and waiting periods for gun purchases. He believes guns should be registered with state and federal authorities.

"Mayoral candidates field questions from public," Wilmington Morning Star, October 1, 1999 (emphasis added)

In 2019, Peterson Sponsored SB 565, a Bill to Restrict Gun Access to Individuals Deemed in Danger of Harming Themselves or Others – the NRA Said the Bill “Allowed for Second Amendment Rights to Be Suspended from Individuals Following Baseless Accusations and without Due Process”

In 2019, Peterson sponsored SB 565, a bill that would have allowed for a temporary restriction of gun access to individuals who were deemed a danger to themselves or others if they possessed a firearm. The NRA Institute for Legislative Action criticized Peterson’s SB 565, noting that the bill “would have allowed for Second Amendment rights to be suspended from individuals following baseless accusations and without due process.”

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government described the bill as allowed for a temporary restriction of gun access to individuals who were deemed a danger to themselves or others if they possessed a firearm.

Enacts new GS Chapter 50E, the Extreme Risk Protection Orders Act, providing a court procedure for concerned citizens and law enforcement to obtain an order temporarily restricting a person's access to firearms in situations where a person poses a significant danger of harming themselves or others by possessing a firearm.

[“Bill Summaries: S565 \(2019-2020 Session\),” UNC School of Government \(accessed on 4/23/2020\)](#)

The bill did not pass the Senate.

HEADLINE: North Carolina: Bill Crossover Deadline Passes, Anti-Gun Bills Do Not

May 9th was the deadline for the majority of bills to pass from their chamber of origin to the opposite chamber. Despite efforts by anti-gun legislators to restrict your rights, no gun control bills have advanced. Your NRA would like to thank the pro-Second Amendment majorities in both the Senate and House of Representatives for protecting the rights of law-abiding citizens and stopping these bills. The most egregious of these bills include...

Senate Bill 565, sponsored by Senator Harper Peterson (D-9), and House Bill 454, sponsored by Representative Grier Martin (D-34), would have allowed for Second Amendment rights to be suspended from individuals following baseless accusations and without due process.

[“North Carolina: Bill Crossover Deadline Passes, Anti-Gun Bills Do Not,” NRA Institute for Legislative Action, May 10, 2019 \(emphasis added\)](#)

The image below of the North Carolina General Assembly website shows Peterson was the primary sponsor of SB 565.

North Carolina General Assembly | Bill # (Ex: H1 or S1) | 2019-2020 Session

HOUSE SENATE AUDIO CALENDARS COMMITTEES BILLS & LAWS DIVISIONS REDISTRICTING ABOUT

Senate Bill 565 | S566

Extreme Risk Protection Orders.
2019-2020 Session

VIEW BILL DIGEST

VIEW AVAILABLE BILL SUMMARIES

| EDITION | FISCAL NOTE |
|-----------|-------------|
| Filed | |
| Edition 1 | |

Last Action: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 4/3/2019

Sponsors: McKissick; Chaudhuri; **Peterson (Primary)**; deViere; Garrett; Marcus; Mohammed; Nickel; Searcy; Smith

Attributes: Public

Counties: No counties specifically cited

Statutes: 14, 15C, 50E (Chapters); 14-415.4, 15C-1, 15C-2, 15C-3, 15C-4, 50E-1, 50E-10, 50E-11, 50E-12, 50E-13, 50E-14, 50E-15, 50E-16, 50E-17, 50E-2, 50E-3, 50E-4, 50E-5, 50E-6, 50E-7, 50E-8, 50E-9 (Sections)

Keywords: COUNTIES, COURT CLERKS, COURTS, CRIMES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NOTIFICATION, PRIVACY, PUBLIC, SAFETY, SHERIFFS, WEAPONS, WOMEN, FAMILY ISSUES

HISTORY

| DATE | CHAMBER | ACTION | DOCUMENTS | VOTES |
|----------|---------|--|---|-------|
| 4/3/2019 | Senate | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate | | |
| 4/3/2019 | Senate | Passed 1st Reading | | |
| 4/2/2019 | Senate | Filed | DRAFT: DRS15275-MLa-13E | |

[“SB 565 \(2019-2020\), nclg.gov \(red boxes added\)](#)

G.5 – Other Issues

In February 2019, Peterson Sponsored SB 19, a Bill to Repeal a 2015 Law that Restricts the Removal of Confederate Monuments on Public Property

On February 4, 2019, Peterson sponsored SB 19, a bill to repeal a 2015 law that restricts the removal of Confederate monuments on public property. It should be noted a companion bill, HB 10 was introduced in the North Carolina State House.

The screenshot shows the North Carolina General Assembly website for Senate Bill 19 (=H10). The page title is "Senate Bill 19 (=H10)" and the description is "Repeal 2015 Law Relating to Monuments. 2019-2020 Session".

VIEW BILL DIGEST

VIEW AVAILABLE BILL SUMMARIES

| EDITION | FISCAL NOTE |
|-----------|-------------|
| Filed | |
| Edition 1 | |

Last Action: Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on 2/5/2019

Sponsors: Lowe; Foushee (Primary); Blue; Chaudhuri; Clark; delFierro; Fitch; Garrett; J. Jackson; Marcus; McKissick; Mohammed; Nickel; Peterson; Robinson; Searcy; Smith; Van Duyn; Waddell; Woodard

Attributes: Public; Uncodified

Counties: No counties specifically cited

Statutes: No affected General Statutes

Keywords: COMMISSIONS, CULTURAL RESOURCES, HISTORIC SITES & MONUMENTS, HISTORICAL COMN., MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS, PUBLIC, SESSION LAWS

HISTORY

| DATE | CHAMBER | ACTION | DOCUMENTS | VOTES |
|----------|---------|--|--|-------|
| 2/5/2019 | Senate | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate | | |
| 2/5/2019 | Senate | Passed 1st Reading | | |
| 2/4/2019 | Senate | Filed | DRAFT: DRS35013-LG-23A | |

“SB 19 (2019-2020 Session), ncleg.gov (red boxes added)

News coverage did not specifically mention SB 19, but did discuss SB 19’s companion bill HB 10. According to the *Raleigh News & Observer*, HB 10 would “repeal a 2015 law that restricts the removal of Confederate and other monuments on public property.”

HEADLINE: Leaders of NC legislature stand by law that protects Confederate monuments

House Democrats have filed a bill to repeal a 2015 law that restricts the removal of Confederate and other monuments on public property, but legislative leaders are indicating they’re reluctant to revisit the controversial issue.

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House Bill 10 was filed Wednesday by Democratic Reps. Pricey Harrison of Greensboro, Evelyn Terry of Winston-Salem, Marcia Morey of Durham, and Kelly Alexander of Charlotte. It would repeal the provisions in a 2015 law that bans state agencies and local governments from taking down any “object of remembrance” on public property that “commemorates an event, a person, or military service that is part of North Carolina’s history.” That effectively means legislation must be passed in order to remove or relocate Confederate monuments.

Asked about the bill Wednesday, House Speaker Tim Moore said he sees no need to change the law now...

UNC-Chapel Hill leaders have said the law limits their options in deciding the future of the Silent Sam statue that was torn down by protesters. A working group from the UNC Board of Governors is currently developing a plan for the statue, but the legislature has the power to intervene if it chooses to.

“Leaders of NC legislature stand by law that protects Confederate monuments.” Raleigh News & Observer, January 31, 2019
(emphasis added)

APPENDIX A: 2019 Legislative Scorecards from Business/Conservative Groups

The following table shows Peterson’s 2019 scorecard scores from business and conservative groups. Note that some groups, such as the American Conservative Union and the Club for Growth, may issue North Carolina state legislative scorecards prior to the November 2020 election.

SEN. HARPER PETERSON SCORECARDS

| Scorecard | Peterson Score |
|--|-------------------|
| NC Chamber – 2019 | 76% |
| Civitas Action Freedom Rankings – 2019 | 38.5 (out of 100) |
| North Carolina Values Coalition – 2019 | 7% |

APPENDIX B: Sponsored Legislation

The following table lists all the bills Peterson has sponsored since taking office in 2019. As of April 6, 2020, Peterson has sponsored a total of 38 bills. In some cases, a house equivalent bill is also included within parentheses.

BILLS SPONSORED BY SEN. HARPER PETERSON

| Bill Number with Hyperlink | Bill title | Latest Action Date | Latest Action |
|--|---|--------------------|--|
| SB 3 (= HB 5) | Close the Medicaid Coverage Gap. | 01/31/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 19 (= HB 10) | Repeal 2015 Law Relating to Monuments. | 02/05/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 28 (= HB 890) | Restore Master's Pay for Certain Teachers. | 02/07/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 50 | Reinstate Earned Income Tax Credit. | 02/13/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 55 (= HB 162) | Continuing Education for General Contractors. | 07/01/2019 | Ch. SL 2019-72 |
| SB 57 | Reenact Film Credit. | 02/14/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 60 | Restore Educational Sales Tax Holiday. | 02/14/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 73 | 48th Senatorial District Local Act-1. | 02/18/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SJR 74 | NC A&T Football Team. | 02/19/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 104 | National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. | 02/25/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 106 | Clarify Limited Immunity/Overdose Victims. | 06/06/2019 | Re-ref to the Com on Judiciary, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House |
| SB 117 | Modify School Performance Scores & Grades. | 02/25/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 118 (= HB 108) | Prison Safety/TANF State Plan/Clarifications. | 09/18/2019 | Ch. SL 2019-223 |
| SB 119 (= HB 106) | PED/Inmate Health Care Reimbursement. | 02/25/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 143 (= HB 185) | The SAVE Act. | 02/27/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 175 | Funds/Eliminate NC Pre-K Waitlist Statewide. | 03/05/2019 | Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 176 (= HB 249) | School Annual Report Card. | 03/05/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 184 | NC Adopt Equal Rights Amendment. | 03/06/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 294 | Make General Election Day A State Holiday. | 03/20/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 297 | Cancer Research Advisory Panel. | 07/19/2019 | Ch. SL 2019-145 |
| SB 310 (= HB 387) | Electric Co-Op Rural Broadband Services. | 05/30/2019 | Ch. SL 2019-17 |

| Bill Number with Hyperlink | Bill title | Latest Action Date | Latest Action |
|--|---|--------------------|--|
| SB 325 | Birth Freedom Act. | 03/21/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 329 (= HB 428) | K-3 Reading and Literacy Improvement Act. | 03/25/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 336 (= HB 124) | Smart Start Funds. | 03/26/2019 | Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 338 (= HB 513) | Efficient and Affordable Energy Rates. | 03/25/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 339 (= HB 512) | "We the People" Act/Referendum. | 03/25/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 348 (= HB 441) | Clear Roadblocks to I-77 Toll Relief. | 03/26/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 424 | Fully Fund School Counselors & Psychologists. | 04/01/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 427 (= HB 124) | Smart Start Funds. | 04/03/2019 | Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 428 | Funds for Senior Tar Heel Legislature. | 04/03/2019 | Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 511 (= HB 788) | EV Charging Station/Parking. | 04/18/2019 | Re-ref to Transportation. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 516 | Direct ERC To Study Dry Litter Poultry Waste. | 04/03/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 517 (= HB 545) | Protect the Military/Fisheries/Tourism. | 04/03/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 518 | Establish PFAS Task Force/Add'l Measures. | 04/03/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 565 | Extreme Risk Protection Orders. | 04/03/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 629 | Funding for Housing Trust Fund. | 04/04/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 641 (= HB 574) | Fix Our Democracy. | 04/04/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |
| SB 655 (= HB 560) | Ban PFAS in Fire Retardant Foam. | 04/04/2019 | Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate |

Source: ["Senator Harper Peterson \(Dem\): Introduced Bills," ncleg.gov](#)

APPENDIX C: Contributions to Others

Federal Contributions to Others

The Federal Election Commission online campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named “Harold Peterson” and “Harper Peterson” and his affiliated companies. (*“FEC Receipts Search,” fec.gov/data/receipts*) The searches were further narrowed to ensure that either the full name (Harold W Peterson Jr), or address (212 Orange St, PO Box 83, or PO Box 864), or employer/occupation (NC State, state senator, or self-employed) of the contributor matched that of the Harold Peterson who is the subject of this research report. Other contribution results that could not be verified as coming from the subject of the report were excluded from consideration.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PETERSON TO CANDIDATES FOR FEDERAL OFFICE FROM 2000 TO PRESENT

| Committee Name | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount | Campaign Finance Report Image where Contribution Appears (with Hyperlink) |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------|--------|---|
| ACTBLUE - EARMARKED FOR TURNNCBLUE (C00682914) | PETERSON, HAROLD | PO Box 864, Wilmington NC | NC State | Elected | 10/30/19 | \$50 | 202001299173190471 |
| KYLE HORTON FOR CONGRESS | PETERSON, HAROLD W | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | N/A | Retired | 12/10/17 | \$50 | 201801319091227084 |
| ACTBLUE - EARMARKED FOR NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY - FEDERAL BTM ACCOUNT (C00165688) | PETERSON, HARPER | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self | Self | 10/21/17 | \$150 | 201804129106595035 |
| KYLE HORTON FOR CONGRESS | PETERSON, HAROLD W | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | N/A | Retired | 6/5/17 | \$250 | 201707159066744901 |
| NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY - FEDERAL | PETERSON, HAROLD W. JR. | 5 S. Water St., Wilmington NC | Self-Employed | Chef | 4/5/17 | \$250 | 201712119089152293 |
| ACTBLUE - Contribution to ActBlue | PETERSON, HARPER | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self | Self | 3/14/17 | \$5 | 201804049099222419 |
| ACTBLUE - EARMARKED FOR GILLIBRAND FOR SENATE (C00413914) | PETERSON, HARPER | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self | Self | 3/14/17 | \$50 | 201804049099222418 |

| Committee Name | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount | Campaign Finance Report Image where Contribution Appears (with Hyperlink) |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|---|
| JOHN EDWARDS FOR PRESIDENT | PETERSON, HAROLD | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self-Employed | Real Estate | 1/25/08 | \$150 | 28931520862 |
| JOHN EDWARDS FOR PRESIDENT | PETERSON, HAROLD | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self-Employed | Real Estate | 9/24/07 | \$150 | 28930131963 |
| JOHN EDWARDS FOR PRESIDENT | PETERSON, HAROLD | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self-Employed | Real Estate | 3/31/07 | \$250 | 27931005440 |
| | | | | | Total | \$1355 | |

Source: [“FEC Receipts Search,” fec.gov](#)

State Contributions to Others

The North Carolina State Board of Elections online campaign finance database was searched for contributions from individuals named “Harold Peterson” and “Harper Peterson” and his affiliated companies. ([“FEC Receipts Search,” fec.gov/data/receipts](#)) The searches were further narrowed to ensure that either the full name (Harold W Peterson Jr), or address (212 Orange St, PO Box 83, or PO Box 864), or employer/occupation (NC State, state senator, or self-employed) of the contributor matched that of the Harold Peterson who is the subject of this research report. Other contribution results that could not be verified as coming from the subject of the report were excluded from consideration.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PETERSON TO STATE-LEVEL COMMITTEES FROM 1993 TO PRESENT

| Committee Name | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|
| COMMITTEE TO ELECT JESSICA HOLMES | Harold W. Peterson Jr. | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | NC General Assembly | State Senator | 1/18/2020 | \$100.00 |
| PLANNED PARENTHOOD ACTION PAC NC | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | SELF EMPLOYED | OWNER | 11/12/2019 | \$250.00 |
| HAYNES FOR COUNCIL | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | SELF EMPLOYED | RETIRED | 10/6/2019 | \$100.00 |
| ELECT PAUL LAWLER | Harold W. Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | RETIRED | CONTRACTOR | 9/9/2019 | \$100.00 |
| ELAINE MARSHALL COMM | Harold W. Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self employed | Real Estate | 8/8/2019 | \$200.00 |
| KIRK DEVIERE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE | Harold W. Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 6/29/2019 | \$250.00 |
| COOPER FOR NORTH CAROLINA | Harold W. Peterson Jr. | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA | STATE SENATOR | 6/18/2019 | \$100.00 |
| NC DEC - STATE | Harold W. Peterson Jr. | 5 S Water St., Wilmington NC | Self-Employed | Chef | 5/8/2019 | \$5,000.00 |
| NC DEC - STATE | Harold W. Peterson Jr. | 5 S Water St., Wilmington NC | Self-Employed | Chef | 2/11/2019 | \$5,000.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 10/4/2018 | \$1,350.00 |

| Committee Name | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------|----------|
| SOUTHERN STATES POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSN PAC | Harper Peterson | No address | | | 9/27/2018 | \$32.45 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 8/21/2018 | \$400.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 8/3/2018 | \$150.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 7/9/2018 | \$150.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 7/2/2018 | \$100.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 7/2/2018 | \$300.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 6/16/2018 | \$100.00 |
| COMM FOR THE ELECTION OF MARCIA MORGAN | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | RESTAURANT OWNER | 2/21/2018 | \$250.00 |
| JAMES MIDDLETON FOR NEW HANOVER COUNTY COMMISSION | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self | Retail Sales | 1/30/2018 | \$100.00 |
| COMM FOR THE ELECTION OF MARCIA MORGAN | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | POLITICIAN | 12/7/2017 | \$150.00 |
| BARNETT FOR CITY COUNCIL | Harper Peterson | P.O. Box 83, Wilmington NC | | PARTNER | 11/16/2017 | \$100.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 9/15/2017 | \$150.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 9/15/2017 | \$150.00 |
| ELECT DEB BUTLER | Harold W. Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | RESTAURANTEUR | RETIRED | 8/29/2017 | \$250.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 8/18/2017 | \$500.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 5/8/2017 | \$50.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 4/1/2017 | \$50.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold 'Harper' Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 4/1/2017 | \$100.00 |
| ELIZABETH FOR NC SENATE COMM | Harper W. Peterson Jr. | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self | Restaurant Owner | 10/18/2014 | \$250.00 |
| ELIZABETH FOR NC SENATE COMM | Harper W. Peterson Jr. | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Self | Restaurant Owner | 8/14/2014 | \$250.00 |
| COMM TO ELECT JOY K ALFORD-BRAND DIST CT JUDGE | Harold Peterson Jr. | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | SELF | RESTAURANTEUR | 7/16/2008 | \$200.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harold W. Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 10/26/2007 | \$100.00 |
| DAN BESSE 2008 | Harold W. Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | SELF | DEVELOPER | 6/27/2007 | \$250.00 |
| COMM TO ELECT RALPH CAMPBELL | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | Retired | Retired | 10/26/2004 | \$125.00 |

| Committee Name | Contributor | Contributor Address | Contributor Employer | Contributor Occupation | Date | Amount |
|--|-----------------|---|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | RESTAURANTEUR | 4/18/2004 | \$25.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | RESTAURANTEUR | 4/9/2003 | \$20.00 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | N/A | RESTURATION | 8/6/2001 | \$100.00 |
| MICHAEL (MIKE) GLANCY CANDIDATE | Harper Peterson | 212 Orange St., Wilmington NC | | | 8/27/1996 | \$150.00 |
| SOUTHERN STATES POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSN PAC | Harper Peterson | 215 Ann St., Wilmington NC | | | 10/2/1995 | \$129.69 |
| NEW HANOVER DEC | Harper Peterson | 9 S Front St. Castle Ave., Castle Hayne NC | | | 9/14/1993 | \$105.00 |
| | | | | | Total | \$17,237.14 |

Source: ["Transaction Search by Entity."](http://Transaction Search by Entity.) cf. ncsbe.gov

APPENDIX D: 2018 Candidate Interview

In 2018, as a candidate for state senate, Peterson was interviewed by the *Wilmington Port City Daily*. The complete text of the article with the interview is included below.

HEADLINE: Election 2018: Harper Peterson running for election in Senate District 9

Harper Peterson, former Wilmington City Council member and mayor, is running for North Carolina State Senate District 9, serving New Hanover County.

Peterson served as a city council member in the 1990s and one term as mayor, from 2001-2005.

Peterson is running against Republican Michael Lee, the two-term incumbent, and Libertarian candidate Ethan Bickley.

Below are Peterson's answers to Port City Daily's questions:

How has your previous career or record as an elected official experience shaped your view of state politics and what you'd like to accomplish in Raleigh?

As a small business owner, I understand the importance of surrounding oneself with talented, energetic, and passionate people. The same holds true in government. As a City Council Member and Mayor of Wilmington any success and credit we would claim was always shared with the individuals, typically staff, that made it happen. In addition, when serving locally, party affiliation took a back seat. Issues mattered foremost and finding solutions to community challenges, sometimes through consensus, sometimes compromise was our main focus.

At the state level, I would carry my party's values and perspectives, but listen to and work with opposition parties to find common ground and work to serve the community first. Civility and collegiality over partisan politics and acrimony

What can the General Assembly do better to help Wilmington New Hanover County? What state legislation do you personally think will benefit the region?

First, we need a senator from New Hanover County that represents the values and interests of our citizens in Raleigh. Senator Lee answers first to his party bosses in Raleigh, not us. He has voted 99.9% of the time along party lines: 534 out 535 votes taken in the last two legislative sessions. While this benefits his political career, it does not benefit the people of New Hanover County.

Specifically, we saw the interests of our community for clean water ignored when Senator Lee's "Clean Water Act" was given to Raleigh lobbyists, including Chemours, to rewrite this legislation to protect their interests before ours. Shameful. New Hanover County deserves better than that. I will put the interests of our residents back on the agenda in Raleigh.

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GenX Legislation I Would Propose:

- Appropriate the necessary funding for DEQ [Department of Environmental Quality] and DHHS [Department of Health and Human Services] to be fully operational to perform their responsibilities. This includes the necessary staffing for research, permitting, monitoring, enforcement that has been systematically defunded by this legislature over the past 8 years.
- Appropriate funding for state-of-the-art scientific equipment, including the “high mass spectrometer” that was substituted in SB 724 for a less desirable and comprehensive model.
- Require all industries to fully disclose, in their environmental permits all chemicals and compounds discharged into the air or water
- Empower DEQ to immediately suspend the discharge permits of industries that allow unregulated toxic pollutants to enter the air or water.
- Establish conditions whereby the Governor and DEQ Secretary can “declare an emergency” where the discharge of contaminants can be effectively reduced or discontinued if the public health and safety are in imminent danger.
- Require companies guilty of illegal discharges to provide immediate and long-term treatment solutions and pay related costs. Example: CFPUA has already spent \$2 million in costs responding to the GenX crisis and is proposing a \$46 million filtration upgrade that customers will pay for, not Chemours. The public should not bear the cost.
- Require discharge violators to pay all expenses related to the cleanup costs.
- Require discharge violators to be responsible for a “health monitoring program” for residents who could suffer health impacts from exposure.
- Repeal “The Hardison Amendment” which prohibits state legislators or agencies from passing stricter standards than those established by the EPA.

It’s a tense political atmosphere in Raleigh. What’s one specific bi-partisan issue you feel you could and would work on?

I would hope we could work on the GenX safe drinking water crisis. People expect and deserve safe air to breathe and clean water to drink. It shouldn’t be political but it is. Quality education for every child is a constitutional promise and shouldn’t be a political issue. But it is. The defunding of our public school system in favor of charter schools and vouchers is crippling our system. The only issue right now that both parties seem to agree on is that we need an independent non-politicized approach to drawing our new voting districts in 2020. We will see if both parties can keep their word.

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Do you feel like water-quality issues in the region have been handled acceptably so far? If not, what steps would you take?

Definitely not. When the GenX crisis was exposed on June 8th of 2017, my opponent was not seen or heard for seven weeks. Leadership? When Governor Cooper asked for \$2.6 million in emergency funding in July 2017 for the agencies that were in place to address the crisis, DEQ and DHHS, Senator Lee first supported the Governor's request but then, a few weeks later, after receiving direction from Raleigh party bosses, opposed the governor. Instead, he diverted considerably less funding to local agencies (UNCW and our water authority, CFPUA) to "study" the crisis.

Not until May of 2018, eleven months later, did he get serious by introducing legislation to address the lingering problem surrounding GenX. But before it was brought for a legislative vote, he shared it with private industry for their changes and approval. They got what they wanted.

Of the thousands of emerging contaminants in our river and drinking water, this bill is limited to only a few in the GenX family. To Lee and industry, ignorance is not only bliss, it's essential!

What role, if any, do you see for the state in beach renourishment?

I believe a partnership and long-term commitment between local, state and federal agencies to fund beach renourishment program is essential. Climate change and sea level rise must be accepted as a reality, and not suppressed, as it is now by the legislature. Climate science must be a part of our policy, planning and funding priorities. Not only is our coastal environment at great risk but also our coastal economies.

I've been a small business owner in the tourism and hospitality industry for many years and I understand how important it is that we protect the natural resources that bring visitors to our communities and support the local businesses in the area. When elected, I will fight tirelessly to secure funding to maintain our beaches.

What's your opinion on the rail-realignment project in Wilmington and the surrounding areas? Is state-level investment warranted?

I support the realignment of the Wilmington rail lines. Again, a commitment of local, state, federal dollars along with private industry's participation is essential.

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North Carolina's General Assembly banned Medicaid expansion in 2013. Do you think that was a good idea? Why or why not?

The decision not to accept Medicaid expansion in NC was purely political. These politicians all ran against the Affordable Care Act and so now they cannot accept the federal government's offer to expand, as 33 other states have done. We have 500,000 North Carolinians without healthcare as a result, thousands of our friends and neighbors dying each year simply because they do not have access to affordable healthcare. It is hurting our fight against the opioid crisis by not having essential dollars for prevention and treatment. Rural areas throughout the state are the most severely impacted. Rural hospitals have had to close and economies have suffered and jobs opportunities lost. It's federal dollars and again is simply political stubbornness.

Do you think the shift to the current grant system hurt the local film industry? What can Raleigh do to help reinvigorate Wilmington's film scene?

The grant program has absolutely killed the film industry in NC, an \$8 billion industry we created in NC over three and a half decades.

The first thing the Legislature should do is bring back the film industry by a simple stroke of the Governor's pen: Scrap the grant program and reestablish the film incentive/rebate program that made us the Hollywood of the East.

Senator Lee went to Raleigh in 2014 and film went to Atlanta. In 2014 there were 40 productions driving a \$280 million industry employing over 18,000 skilled workers. Today we have 3 productions and a grant program that is a pitiful substitute. Last year Georgia generated \$2.6 billion in film revenues.

My opponent and his friends in the General Assembly gave the industry away on a silver platter and Georgia has been eating our lunch ever since. We can bring film back home to North Carolina, and with it, our hardworking crew, but we cannot do that with the current legislature, as they are the very ones that gave it away to begin with.

Is school safety a state issue? If so, what state-level measures would help address the risk of school shootings?

Yes. Great attention has been given to security and safety inside our schools, as should be. But we cannot begin to address this issue unless we undertake comprehensive gun reform and legislation to address this problem outside our school walls. Common sense gun control is supported by nearly 90% of Americans. There are things that we can do to protect our children, while still respecting the rights of gun owners. Big lobbyists need to step aside and let the voice of a majority of North Carolinians be heard. In the General Assembly, I will not be beholden to gun lobbyists and will be able to work on comprehensive legislation to keep our kids safe.

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Is education adequately funded at the state level? Are their changes you'd make to the way funding is currently delivered to schools?

Less than a generation ago NC was a national leader in public education. Now we are a national embarrassment, at the bottom of the barrel. We have some of the greatest universities and community colleges in the country. Why not the same for our public education system. The legislative actions I would promote are:

1. Funding for all three- and four-year-old children to have a PreK education.
2. Raise student spending to the national average. Presently 37th in the country. To compete in 21st-century economies, we need 21st-century classrooms.
3. Raise teacher salaries to the national average. National teacher pay is at \$60,000 or more, annually. NC is [around] \$51,000. At the very least we need to reach this national average within 5 years. Teachers are the most important professionals in our community. Pay them accordingly. Budget surplus in 2017 was \$650 million. Spend it on public education.

Is North Carolina economically competitive enough? If not, what can Raleigh do to change that?

I think the biggest opportunity is putting our future investment in renewable, clean energy sources. Solar and wind energies are reliable, efficient and unlimited and they have worked well in many other states. Solar is now our nation's second largest job creator. Fossil fuels are finite and dirty: carbon and methane emissions are a major contributor to global warming and sea level rise.

Raleigh can aggressively promote these new energy sources through incentives to private industry and governments, to develop and adopt, and not delay or obstruct as is now the state policy.

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