

PERCIPIENT STRATEGIES RESEARCH DOSSIER

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EXECUTIVE SYNOPSIS

DOSSIER NOTES

In preparing this background report, we undertook an examination of all readily available and relevant electronic and online records, several hundred Nexis and news articles, dozens of active and archived web pages, and several dozen public records from Nexis and the resources of various federal, state, and municipal government offices. The results of our analysis are contained below.

Typographical Note: There are a number of articles quoted in this report that contain typographical errors. These are from the original text of the article and have not been corrected when being quoted directly.

MAIN VULNERABILITIES

Fiscally Irresponsible, Big Government Liberalism

Batch's agenda resounds with fiscally irresponsible, big government liberalism.

Batch has often been on the wrong side of tax issues, either voting to increase taxes or refrain from reducing them. Batch voted against SB 578 in 2019, which reduced the franchise tax rate on North Carolina businesses. Batch co-sponsored HB 431 in 2019, a bill that authorizes localities to install and lease broadband infrastructure and authorizes localities to impose and use ad valorem property taxes to fund those projects.

Batch has worked to reduce school choice and well-meaning school programs. In 2019, Batch voted to pass Amdt 17 to HB 966, which reduced funding for the opportunity scholarship program - a program that "provides scholarships to low-income students to attend private schools." In 2021, Batch voted against similar legislation seeking to expand school choice options. Batch voted against SB 438, the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2019, which would make various improvements to the North Carolina read to achieve program. Batch voted against requiring high school students to take a course in economics and personal finance - a policy supported by the NC Chamber of Commerce. Despite claiming to support increases in teacher pay, Batch voted in a partisan manner against a series of 2019 bills that increased pay for North Carolina educators: HB 377, HB 354, and HB 231.

Notably, Batch signaled support for a universal pre-k program that would costs taxpayers over one billion dollars.

Batch's tendency to opt for expanded government and misguided policies extends to healthcare. Batch strongly supports the expansion of Medicaid in North Carolina and has sponsored legislation seeking to accomplish a much. In 2019, Batch voted against SB 86, the Small Business Healthcare Act, which allows for the formation of association health plans (AHP). Batch voted against SB 681, which expands the rural health care stabilization program and appropriates additional funding.

Batch has not shied away from policies continuing government interference in business. In 2019, Batch voted against an amendment that sought to move funding from the film and entertainment grant fund into water infrastructure project funding – essentially subsidizing the film industry. In August 2019, Batch voted against an advertising regulations reform bill that was backed the business community. In October 2019, Batch voted to pass HB 399, which extends the sunset dates for a series of tax credits and sales tax exemptions. Batch would impose additional burdens on small businesses with her push for expanding the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. Batch continues to push paid leave and other costly programs that could harm businesses.

Batch underscores her big government proclivities with her environmentalist associations. Batch has stated that “our planet is facing a climate emergency” and has suggested that its up to lawmakers to address this issue. Batch is known to have been supported by controversial environmentalist Tom Steyer and has been endorsed by the North Carolina League of Conservation voters, which is among the organizations to support the Green New Deal. Batch has also promoted content critical of offshore drilling expansion on her social media. However, it should be noted that recently Batch has proposed giving \$200 to every North Carolinian with a drivers’ license for gas price relief.

Finally, Batch supported the left’s big government reaction to the covid-19 pandemic that decimated the economy. Batch supported Roy Cooper's authority and actions amid the covid pandemic. Batch consistently opposed legislative efforts to reopen businesses and schools.

Radical Social Agenda

Batch supports a radical social agenda relative to North Carolina values.

Batch is a pro-abortion legislator who has voted against the the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act several times. In turn, Batch has been supported by pro-abortion organizations. Batch was named a “champion of choice” by Planned Parenthood. Batch was endorsed by the pro-choice EMILY’s choice organization regularly.

Batch also has expressed anti-second amendment sentiments. Batch has voted against the Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act, which “strengthens Second Amendment rights. Additionally, Batch has taken part in pro-gun control demonstrations

Batch does not support the rule of law in regard to illegal immigration. With her vote against HB 135, which declares a sanctuary county or city ordinance null and void, Batch undermined immigration enforcement law. Furthermore, Batch voted against HB 370, which requires confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Questionably, Batch voted against legislation (SB 250) that would remove foreign citizens from North Carolina voting rolls.

Finally, it should be noted that Batch signed a pledge in 2020 for the Future Now Fund; the pledge included measures for defunding the police, bail reform, and other measures.

Controversial Political Actions And Ties To The Progressive Movement

Batch is not without her own fair share of controversial political actions and associations.

Batch was twice criticized for pushing misleading campaign ads in 2018. An October 2018 ad by Batch was labeled “false” by Politifact for misleadingly portraying a Republican Bill to provide an alternative to Obamacare. A May 2018 claim by Batch was labeled “false” by Politifact for mischaracterizing Republican actions on the North Carolina state budget.

Unsurprisingly, Batch has pushed Democrat-favored voting reforms.

Batch has been associated with leading leftist politicians, including Biden, Harris, Obama, Buttigieg, and Cooper.

TOP HITS

Policy

Fiscal And Regulatory

- Batch voted against SB 578 in 2019, which reduced the franchise tax rate on North Carolina businesses.
- Batch co-sponsored HB 431 in 2019, a bill that authorizes localities to install and lease broadband infrastructure and authorizes localities to impose and use ad valorem property taxes to fund those projects.
- Batch voted against a 2019 amendment that sought to move funding from the film and entertainment grant fund into water infrastructure project funding – essentially subsidizing the film industry.
- Batch voted against an advertising regulations reform bill that was backed the business community.
- Batch voted to pass HB 399, which extends the sunset dates for a series of tax credits and sales tax exemptions.
- Batch would impose additional burdens on small businesses with her push for expanding the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

Education

- In 2021, Batch voted against a bill “designed to improve education outcomes by responsibility expanding opportunities for students and their families to pursue school choice”.
- Batch signaled support for a universal pre-k program that would costs taxpayers over one billion dollars.
- Batch voted to pass Amdt 17 to HB 966 in 2019, which reduced funding for the opportunity scholarship program - a program that “provides scholarships to low-income students to attend private schools.”
- Batch voted against SB 438, the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2019, which would make various improvements to the North Carolina read to achieve program.
- Batch voted against requiring high school students to take a course in economics and personal finance – a policy supported by the NC Chamber of Commerce.
- Batch voted against a series of 2019 bills that increased pay for North Carolina educators: HB 377, HB 354, and HB 231.

Covid

- Batch supported Roy Cooper's authority and actions amid the covid pandemic.
- Batch consistently opposed legislative efforts to reopen businesses and schools.

Healthcare

- Batch strongly supports the expansion of Medicaid in North Carolina.
- Batch voted against SB 86, the Small Business Healthcare Act, which allows for the formation of association health plans (AHP).
- Batch voted against SB 681, which expands the rural health care stabilization program and appropriates additional funding.

Immigration And Public Safety

- Batch signed a pledge in 2020 for the Future Now Fund; the pledge included measures for defunding the police, bail reform, and other measures.
- Batch undermined immigration enforcement law with her vote against HB 135, which declares a sanctuary county or city ordinance null and void.
- Batch voted against HB 370, which requires confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- Batch voted against legislation (SB 250) that would remove foreign citizens from North Carolina voting rolls.

Environment

- Batch: “our planet is facing a climate emergency. It is within our power to fix it. We need lawmakers that are willing to take charge and act to preserve our planet”.
- Batch supported by environmentalist Tom Steyer.
- Batch has been endorsed by the North Carolina League of Conservation voters, which is among the organizations to support the Green New Deal.
- Batch has also promoted content critical of offshore drilling expansion on her social media.
- However, Batch has proposed giving \$200 to every North Carolinian with a driver’s license for gas price relief.

Social Issues

- Batch supports Roe and appears unapologetically pro-abortion.
- Batch voted against the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

- Batch was named a “champion of choice” by Planned Parenthood. Batch was endorsed by the pro-choice EMILY’s choice organization.
- Batch has expressed anti-second amendment sentiments:
 - Batch has voted against the Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act, which “strengthens Second Amendment rights”
 - Batch has taken part in pro-gun control demonstrations

Political

Campaign Finance

- As of April 30, 2022, Batch has received tens of thousands of dollars from liberal organizations, including EMILY’s List, Lillian’s List, Swing Left PAC, and Now or Never NC, including thousands of dollars from corporations and trade groups spanning energy, healthcare, and financial services.
- During her 2018-20 NC House campaigns, Batch relied heavily on a series of progressive ideological PACs for campaign assistance, including NC Advocates for Justice and Carolina Justice PAC (trial lawyers), Planned Parenthood, and Sierra Club and League of Conservation Voters.
 - Batch notably also received thousands of dollars from labor unions, including teachers’ unions, during her NC House campaigns.
- Batch accepted \$5,400 from End Citizens United, a liberal organization aimed at curtailing big money in politics, while receiving tens of thousands from corporate interests over the years.
- Individually, Batch has given to environmental group NC League of Conservation Voters and pro-trial lawyer and criminal justice organization NC Advocates for Justice.

Misleading Claims

- Batch was twice criticized for pushing misleading campaign ads in 2018.
 - An October 2018 ad by Batch was labeled “false” by Politifact for misleadingly portraying a Republican Bill to provide an alternative to Obamacare.
 - A May 2018 claim by Batch was labeled “false” by Politifact for mischaracterizing Republican actions on the North Carolina state budget.

Democratic Associations

- Batch has been associated with leading leftist politicians, including Biden, Harris, Obama, Buttigieg, and Cooper.
- Batch has been endorsed previously by progressive organizations such as Democracy for America.

Voting Reforms

- Batch has supported automatic voter registration.

Legal

- Batch has represented mothers in appeals cases over termination of parental rights that were eventually upheld on court finding that their behavior was neglectful and likely to lead to an unsafe environment for their children.
- Batch has successfully appealed trial court determinations of permanent guardianship plans on procedural grounds.

Professional

Small Claims Judgment – Law Firm

- In 2007, Batch and Williams PC entered into a small claims judgment for \$625 with plaintiff Majorie Ravanbakht in Wake County, North Carolina in December 2007.
 - The judgment appears to have been satisfied in April 2011.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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Wake County
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Marital Status: Married

Spouse: Jerrold Patrick Williams
DOB: April 3, 1978 (44)

Children: 2 (Minors)

Religion: N/A

Voter Registration: Registered Democrat – Wake County, North Carolina

Education: 2003 – 2006 M.S.W., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
School of Social Work
2002 – 2005 J.D., University of North Carolina School of Law
1997 – 2001 B.A., English, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1993 – 1997 High School Diploma, Chapel Hill High School

Employment: 2021 – Pres. State Senator, North Carolina State Senate (SD-17)
2012 – Pres. Partner, Batch, Poore & Williams, LLP
2019 – 2021 Representative, North Carolina House of Representatives
(HD-37)
2011 – 2012 Partner, Batch & Poore, LLP
2005 – 2011 Partner, Batch & Williams, P.C.



Associations: Appointee, North Carolina Council on Development Disabilities
(2021-Pres.)
Member, North Carolina State Bar
Member, 10th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee
Board Member, Julia Crump Foundation
Board Member, Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women
Member, Wake County Abuse Neglect and Dependency Rules Committee
Faculty Member, New Parent Defender CLE (UNC-CH Institute of Government)
Pro Bono Attorney, The Child's Advocate (Legal Aid of North Carolina)
Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist (National Association of Counsel For Children)
Certified Parent Coordinator
Former Member, North Carolina Family Court Advisory Committee
Former Board Member, Wake County Women's Center
2011 Member, 2011 Abuse, Neglect, Dependency and Termination of Parental Rights Manual Advisory Committee

Business Interests: PJLC Holdings, LLC
NC Filing ID: 1885187
(2019-Pres.)

Batch, Poore & Williams PC
NC Filing ID: 1296450
(2013-Pres.)

To The Moon and Back, LLC
NC Filing ID: 1357705
(2014-2016)

Military Service: N/A

Election Results: 2021 North Carolina State Senate (SD-17) (Appointed)
2020 North Carolina House of Representatives (HD-37) (Lost)
2018 North Carolina House of Representatives (HD-37) (Won)

Web Sites: <https://sydneybatch.com/>
<https://www.ncleg.gov/>
<http://batchwilliams.com/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/>
<https://ballotpedia.org/>
<https://justfacts.votesmart.org/>

Social Media: [Facebook](#) (Campaign)
 [Facebook](#) (Personal)
 [Twitter](#) (Campaign)
 [Twitter](#) (Personal)
 [Instagram](#) (Campaign)
 [Pinterest](#) (Personal)
 [LinkedIn](#) (Personal)
 [YouTube](#) (Campaign 1)
 [YouTube](#) (Campaign 2)

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ELECTION RESULTS

Sydney Batch has run for North Carolina House of Representatives on two occasions, winning her initial 2018 campaign but coming short in her re-election bid in 2020. In 2018, Batch won her first term representing House District 37, defeating Republican John Adcock by under 1,000 votes. In 2020, Batch lost 35,136-32,842 to Republican challenger Erin Pare. In 2021, Batch was appointed to the North Carolina State Senate for Senate District 17.

2020 General Election, North Carolina House Of Representatives (HD-37)

General Election Results (November 3, 2020)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Sydney Batch	DEM	32,842
Erin Pare	REP	35,136

(2020 General Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/3/20)

2018 General Election, North Carolina House Of Representatives (HD-37)

General Election Results (November 6, 2018)

Candidate	Party	Vote Total
Sydney Batch	DEM	22,803
John B. Adcock	REP	21,859

(2018 General Election Results, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), 11/6/18)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

As of April 30, 2022, Sydney Batch has raised approximately \$270,000 in total contributions for her 2022 campaign for North Carolina State Senate. Batch has received tens of thousands of dollars from liberal organizations, including EMILY's List, Lillian's List, Swing Left PAC, and Now or Never NC, including thousands of dollars from corporations and trade groups spanning energy, healthcare, and financial services. Batch has disbursed just over \$62,000 in expenditures, primarily to the NC Democratic Party and for fundraising and compliance.

Across her two campaigns for NC House of Representatives from 2018 to 2020, Batch raised an aggregate of \$2,066,167.90 in contributions, nearly \$1 million of which came from direct and in-kind support from the NC Democratic Party. Batch relied heavily on a series of progressive ideological PACs for campaign assistance, including NC Advocates for Justice and Carolina Justice PAC (trial lawyers), Planned Parenthood, and Sierra Club and League of Conservation Voters, among others, among her top contributors. Batch notably also received thousands of dollars from labor unions, including teachers' unions, during her NC House campaigns. Ironically, Batch received \$5,400 from End Citizens United, a liberal organization aimed at curtailing big money in politics, while Batch has received tens of thousands from corporate interests over the years.

Individually, Batch is not an active contributor at the federal level, but has contributed just over \$3,800 to state Democrat campaign committees, particularly Democratic organizations in Wake

County, but also including the environmental group NC League of Conservation Voters PAC and pro-trial lawyer and criminal justice organization NC Advocates for Justice PAC.

Friends For Sydney Batch (2021-2022)

Notable Contributions

As Of April 30, 2022, Batch Has Raised \$267,733.20 In Total Receipts For Her 2022 Campaign For State Senate. (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **Batch Has Received \$11,153.22 From The NC Democratic Party.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$5,600 From The Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$5,600 From EMILY's List PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$5,400 From The Next 50 PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$5,000 From Work For Democracy PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$4,000 From Lillian's List PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$4,000 From Swing Left PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$2,000 From Duke Energy PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$2,000 From NC Realtors PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$2,000 From UnitedHealth Group PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$1,600 From Now Or Never NC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$1,000 From Wells Fargo NC Employees Good Government Fund.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$500 From Independent Insurance Agents Of NC PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Received \$500 From Nationwide Carolina.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **Batch Has Received \$500 From NC Association Of CPAs PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

Notable Expenditures

As Of April 30, 2022, Batch Has Disbursed \$62,005.23 In Total Expenditures. (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **Batch Has Disbursed \$31,000 To The North Carolina Democratic Party.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Has Disbursed \$15,124.47 To Maven Strategies For Fundraising And Compliance Services.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

Friends For Sydney Batch (2018-2020)

Notable Contributions

From 2018 To 2020, Batch Raised \$2,066,167.90 In Total Receipts For Her Campaigns For North Carolina House Of Representatives. (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **Batch Received \$977,008.80 From The North Carolina Democratic Party.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$17,500 From NC Advocates For Justice PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$15,025 From The Lillian's List PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$10,800 From The Future Now Fund.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$10,300 From Our Shot NC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$10,600 From The EMILY's List.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$9,847.82 From Planned Parenthood Votes! NC PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$6,400 From The Southern States PBA PAC Fund.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$6,014.86 From The North Carolina Sierra Club PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$5,400 From The Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$5,400 From End Citizens United PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **End Citizens United Openly Criticizes The Influence Of “Big Money” From Corporations On U.S. Democracy.** “What are the differences between Corporate PACs and Ideological PACs? In most cases, corporate PACs expressly make contributions to candidates to advance the corporation’s interests and its stockholders. Corporate PACs are often controlled by corporate lobbyists and government affairs staff who approve PAC contributions. Ideological PACs exist and make contributions to candidates that align with issues for which those groups advocate for.” ([End Citizens United](#), Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$5,400 From Flippable.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$5,400 From The National Democratic Redistricting PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$4,316.65 From One Vote At A Time North Carolina PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$3,500 From Carolina Justice PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$3,500 From The North Carolina Association Of Educators PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$3,000 From The NC Health Care Facilities Association PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$3,000 From The NC Realtors PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$3,000 From Smith Anderson PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$2,250 From NC-PACE PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$2,000 From CWA-COPE PCC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$2,000 From Now Or Never NC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$2,000 From UnitedHealth Group PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$1,000 From Blue Cross And Blue Shield Of NC PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$1,000 From Eli Lilly And Company PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **Batch Received \$1,000 From League Of Conservation Voters Action Fund.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$1,000 From McGuireWoods PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$1,000 From The NC Hospital Association PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$1,000 From The Voter Protection Project.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$750 From The Wells Fargo NC Employees Good Government Fund.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$750 From The NC Home Builders Association PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$500 From Charter Communications NC PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$250 From CSX Corporation Good Government Fund.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Received \$250 From The NC State AFL-CIO COPE PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

Notable Expenditures

From 2018 To 2020, Batch Disbursed \$1,456,830.13 In Total Expenditures. (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **Batch Disbursed \$488,588.89 In Contributions To The NC Democratic Party.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Disbursed \$445,200 To Canal Partners Media For Commercial/ Media Buy.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Disbursed \$149,969.76 To Buying Time, LLC For Cable TV Buys.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Disbursed \$95,199.99 To Hamburger Gibson For Online Advertising.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Disbursed \$17,714.46 To Three Points Media For Media Production.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Disbursed \$15,000 To Isaac Benjamin Woods For Consulting/ Contract Campaign Services.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Disbursed \$750 To The NC Legislative Black Caucus For Membership Dues And Scholarship Fund Contribution.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

- **Batch Disbursed \$150 To The North Carolina Justice Center For A Ticket To An Event.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)
- **Batch Disbursed \$125 To Lillians List PAC For Training.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/20/22)

Individual Contributions

Federal Election Commission

NOTE: Batch has never contributed to a campaign committee at the federal level.

North Carolina State Board Of Elections

According To The North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Batch Has Contributed \$3,812.50 To Campaign Committees In North Carolina. (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)

- **From 2017 To 2020, Batch Contributed \$1,577.50 To Friends For Sydney Batch, Her House Campaign Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **From 2018 To 2019, Batch Contributed \$626 To The Wake Democratic Executive Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **From 2018 To 2020, Batch Contributed \$500 To The Committee To Elect Lindsay Mahaffey.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **From 2018 To 2020, Batch Contributed \$335 To The Wake DW.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **In 2019, Batch Contributed \$135 To The Committee To Elect Jessica Holmes.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **In 2019, Batch Contributed \$100 To The Committee To Elect Stef Mendell.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **In 2019, Batch Contributed \$100 To Friends Of Nicole Stewart.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **In 2016, Batch Contributed \$100 To The Committee To Elect Judge Vince Rozier.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **In 2016, Batch Contributed \$100 To Margaret Eagles For District Court.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **In 2018, Batch Contributed \$75 To NC League Of Conservation Voters Conservation PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **In 2018, Batch Contributed \$63 To Wake DM.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)

- **In 2018, Batch Contributed \$50 To NC Advocates For Justice PAC.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)
- **In 2016, Batch Contributed \$51 To The Judge Monica Bousman Committee.** (North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Accessed 6/10/22)

VOTING RECORDS

Sydney Batch has been an actively-registered voter in Wake County, North Carolina since July 2006; prior, Batch originally registered to vote in Orange County, North Carolina in February 1999. Batch has been an active voter in Democrat Party primaries and general elections since 1999, with the exception of the 2000, 2004, and 2006 primaries as well as all municipal elections until November 2019.

Wake County, North Carolina

According To The North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Batch Has Been An Actively-Registered Voter In Wake County, North Carolina Since July 20, 2006. (Voter Profile Report: Sydney Batch, North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Filed 7/20/06, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/10/22)

VOTER DETAILS

County:	WAKE
Status:	ACTIVE
Voter Reg Num:	000099975454
NCID:	DE170169
Party:	DEM
Race:	BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN
Ethnicity:	UNDESIGNATED
Gender:	FEMALE
Registration Date:	07/20/2006
NCDMV Customer:	Yes

(Voter Profile Report: Sydney Batch, North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Filed 7/20/06, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/10/22)

Orange County, North Carolina

According To Nexis, Batch Registered To Vote In Orange County, North Carolina On February 26, 1999. (Voter Profile Report: Sydney Batch, Orange Board Of Elections, Filed 2/26/99, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/10/22)

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

VOTER PROFILE

Full Name:	BATCH, SYDNEY J	VRN:	000000172989
Residence Address:	1123 OLD LYSTRA RD CHAPEL HILL, NC 27517	Age:	43
Mailing Address on File:		Register Date:	02/26/1999
		Status:	R
Sex:	FEMALE		
Race:	B	Ethnicity:	NL
Party:	DEMOCRATIC		
Birth Place:	MA		

(Voter Profile Report: Sydney Batch, Orange Board Of Elections, Filed 2/26/99, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/10/22)

Since 1999, Batch Has Failed To Vote In The Following Elections: 2000, 2004, And 2006 Democrat Party Primary Elections, As Well As Every Municipal Election From 2000-2018.

(Voter Profile Report: Sydney Batch, North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Filed 7/20/06, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/10/22)

Election	Voted Method	Voted County	Primary Election Ballot
05/17/2022 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	WAKE	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2021 MUNICIPAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	WAKE	
11/03/2020 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	
03/03/2020 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	DEMOCRATIC
11/05/2019 MUNICIPAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	WAKE	
11/06/2018 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	
05/08/2018 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	DEMOCRATIC
11/08/2016 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	
06/07/2016 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	WAKE	DEMOCRATIC
03/15/2016 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	WAKE	DEMOCRATIC
11/04/2014 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	
05/06/2014 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	WAKE	DEMOCRATIC
11/06/2012 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	
05/08/2012 PRIMARY	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	DEMOCRATIC
11/02/2010 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	
05/04/2010 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	WAKE	DEMOCRATIC
11/04/2008 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	
05/06/2008 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	WAKE	DEMOCRATIC
11/07/2006 GENERAL	ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING	WAKE	
11/02/2004 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	ORANGE	
11/05/2002 GENERAL	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	ORANGE	
09/10/2002 PRIMARY	IN-PERSON ELECTION DAY	ORANGE	DEMOCRATIC
11/07/2000 GENERAL	LEGACY	ORANGE	

(Voter Profile Report: Sydney Batch, North Carolina State Board Of Elections, Filed 7/20/06, North Carolina Public Records Request, Filled 6/10/22)

CRIMINAL RECORDS

NOTE: No criminal history could be found for Sydney Batch.

POLICE RECORDS

NOTE: No immediately actionable information could be gleaned from police records pertaining to Sydney Batch.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS***128 Ironcreek Place, Apex, NC, Wake County***

This is the primary residence owned by Syndey Batch and her husband, Jerrold P. Williams. This single-family residence comprises five bedrooms and four bathrooms and has a 2021 assessed value of \$495,919. Batch has owned the property since August 2014.



0410376 01/25/2018

([Raleigh GIS](#), Accessed 6/10/22; [Wake County Assessor](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

Property Information

Full Address:	128 Ironcreek Place, Apex, NC 27539
County:	Wake County
Parcel ID:	0410376
Legal Description:	LO629 WOODCREEK PH2 BM2012-00410
Property Type:	Single-Family Residence
Owner:	BATCH, SYDNEY J & WILLIAMS, JERROLD P
Sale Date:	8/28/2014
Sale Price:	\$423,500
Year Built:	1986
Total Bedrooms:	5
Total Bathrooms:	4
Total Square Footage:	3,707
2021 Assessed Value:	\$495,919

([Wake County Assessor](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

Tax Information

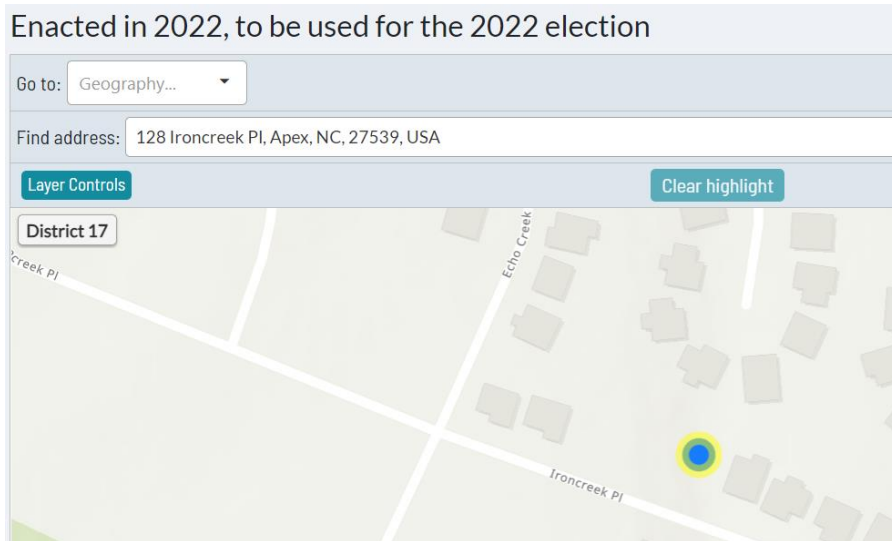
In 2021, Batch Paid \$4,913.30 In Total Municipal Property Taxes. ([Wake County Tax Administrator](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

BATCH, SYDNEY J		Acct #:		0000410376-2021-2021-000000		Acct Status:			
WILLIAMS, JERROLD P		Bill Date:		07/21/2021					
		Due Date:		09/01/2021					
		Interest Begins:		01/06/2022					
Description:		LO629 WOODCREEK PH2 BM2012-00410				Municipality:			
Location:		128 IRONCREEK PL HOLLY SPRINGS 27539-7772				Holly Springs			
REID: 0410376		Acres: .24		Class: 2		PIN: 0659584353			
						Recycle Units: 1			
Assessed Value		Orig	Adj	Rate	Taxing Units	Amt Billed	Adj Billed	Payment Allocation	
Real		478,984		.4216	Holly Springs	2,019.40		Holly Springs	2,019.40
Deferred					Special District			Special District	
Use		478,984			Late List Penalty			Late List Penalty	
Personal					Vehicle Fee			Vehicle Fee	
Exclusion								City Interest	
Total Value		478,984			Total Holly Springs	2,019.40		Wake County	2,873.90
				.6000	Wake County	2,873.90		Fire District	
					Fire District			Special District	
					Special District			Late List Penalty	
					Late List Penalty			Recycle Fee	20.00
					Recycle Fee	20.00		County Interest	
					Total Wake County	2,893.90		Costs	
					Total Billed	4,913.30		Total Paid	4,913.30
Paid in Full 11/12/2021								Principal Due	0.00
								Interest Due	0.00
								Costs	0.00

([Wake County Tax Administrator](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

North Carolina Senate District

According To The 2022 Redistricting Map Provided By The North Carolina Legislature, Batch Resides In North Carolina Senate District (SD-17), The District For Which She Is Running. (2022 Redistricting Map, [North Carolina Legislature](#), Accessed 6/10/22)



(2022 Redistricting Map, [North Carolina Legislature](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

2801 Trailwood Pines Lane, Unit 304, Raleigh, NC, Wake County

This is a secondary residence owned by Sydney Batch and her husband, Jerrold Patrick Williams, and his father, Alton Williams. This condominium comprises two bedrooms and two bathrooms and has a 2021 assessed value of \$120,721. Batch has owned the property since August 2019.



0306935 12/30/2014

[\(Wake County Assessor, Accessed 6/10/22\)](#)**Property Information**

Full Address:	2801 Trailwood Pines Lane, Unit 304, Raleigh, NC 27603
County:	Wake County
Parcel ID:	0306935
Legal Description:	TRAILWOOD HEIGHTS PH13 CONDO UN9L
Property Type:	Condominium
Owner:	WILLIAMS, JERROLD PATRICK BATCH, SYDNEY & ALTON WILLIAMS
Sale Date:	08/29/2019
Sale Price:	\$125,000
Year Built:	2002
Total Bedrooms:	2
Total Bathrooms:	2
Total Square Footage:	935
2021 Assessed Value:	\$120,721

[\(Wake County Assessor, Accessed 6/10/22\)](#)**Tax Information**

In 2021, Batch Paid \$1,194.62 In Total Municipal Property Taxes. [\(Wake County Tax Administrator, Accessed 6/10/22\)](#)

WILLIAMS, JERROLD PATRICK BATCH, SYDNEY			Acct #: 0000306935-2021-2021-000000			Acct Status:			
			Bill Date: 07/21/2021						
			Due Date: 09/01/2021						
			Interest Begins: 01/06/2022						
Description: TRAILWOOD HEIGHTS PH13 CONDO UN9L						Municipality: Raleigh			
Location: 2801 TRAILWOOD PINES LN 304, RALEIGH 27603-6909						Fire District:			
						Special Dist:			
REID: 0306935 Acres: 0 Class: 2 PIN: 0792385627						Recycle Units: 1			
Assessed Value		Orig	Adj	Rate	Taxing Units	Amt Billed	Adj Billed	Payment Allocation	
Real	120,721			.3730	Raleigh	450.29		Raleigh	450.29
Deferred					Special District			Special District	
Use	120,721				Late List Penalty			Late List Penalty	
Personal					Vehicle Fee			Vehicle Fee	
Exclusion								City Interest	
Total Value		120,721			Total Raleigh	450.29		Wake County	724.33
				.6000	Wake County	724.33		Fire District	
					Fire District			Special District	
					Special District			Late List Penalty	
					Late List Penalty			Recycle Fee	20.00
					Recycle Fee	20.00		County Interest	
					Total Wake County	744.33		Costs	
					Total Billed	1,194.62		Total Paid	1,194.62
Paid in Full 11/03/2021						Principal Due			0.00
						Interest Due			0.00
						Costs			0.00
						Total Due			0.00

([Wake County Tax Administrator](#), Accessed 6/10/22)

Vehicle Taxes

Our searches showed that Batch and her husband made four late payments on vehicle personal property taxes since 2008.

Registered Owner	Vehicle Description	Amount Paid	Date Paid	Due Date
Sydney Batch	2005 Nissan 4S	\$263.76	May 5, 2008	February 1, 2008
Sydney Batch and Jerrold Williams	2004 Nissan MP	\$224.13	February 3, 2009	January 2, 2009
Sydney Batch and Jerrold Williams	2005 Nissan 4S	\$191.19	May 8, 2009	February 3, 2009
Sydney Batch and Jerrold Williams	2008 Lexus 4S	\$242.55	June 28, 2013	May 1, 2013

(NC DMV, 6/2020)

BANKRUPTCIES, JUDGMENTS, & LIENS RECORDS

Although no bankruptcies, judgments, or liens could be found against Sydney Batch personally, Batch's then-law firm, Batch and Williams PC, appears to have been ensnared in at least one judgment of note. In 2007, Batch and Williams PC entered into a small claims judgment for \$625 with plaintiff Majorie Ravanbakht in Wake County, North Carolina in December 2007. The judgment appears to have been satisfied in April 2011. (Note: This small claims judgment could not be independently verified online and must be cross-referenced with the Wake County Magistrate Court via in-person search.)

Majorie Ravanbakht V. Batch And Williams PC

According To Nexis, Majorie Ravanbakht Received Judgment For \$625 In A Small Claims Suit Against Batch And Williams PC In Wake County Magisterial Court On December 10, 2007. (Case No. 2007CVM019056, *Majorie Ravanbakht V. Batch And Williams PC*, Nexis, Filed 12/10/07)

NO.	FILING TYPE	AMOUNT	FILE DATE	FILE NUMBER	JURISDICTION
1	SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENT RELEASE	\$625.00	12/10/2007	2007CVM019056	NC
<div> <div>Debtor 1</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Ravanbakht, Majorie o 100 Hartland Ct o Raleigh, NC 27614-9632 o Tax Id: 231-82-XXXX <div>Filing Information</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Filing Date: 12/10/2007 o Original Filing Number: 2007CVM019056 o Jurisdiction: NC o Amount: \$625.00 o Eviction: NO <div>Filing 1</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Filing Number: 2007CVM019056 o Filing Type: SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENT RELEASE o Agency: WAKE COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT o Agency State: NC o Agency County: WAKE o Release Date: 04/19/2011 </div> <div> <div>Creditor 1</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o BATCH AND WILLIAMS PC </div>					

(Case No. 2007CVM019056, *Majorie Ravanbakht V. Batch And Williams PC*, Nexis, Filed 12/10/07)

- **In April 2011, The Judgment Was Satisfied And Released.** (Case No. 2007CVM019056, *Majorie Ravanbakht V. Batch And Williams PC*, Nexis, Filed 4/19/11)

NOTE: *This small claims judgment could not be independently verified online and must be cross-referenced with the Wake County Magistrate Court via in-person search.*

LEGAL ISSUES

As a child welfare specialist and specialized lawyer in the space, Sydney Batch has represented numerous individual parents – primarily mothers – in state legal proceedings challenging the legality of social services/protective services orders and termination of parental rights. In several actions, Batch represented respondent-mothers whose termination of parental rights were upheld on court finding that their behavior was neglectful and likely to lead to an unsafe environment for their children. Batch has successfully appealed trial court determinations of permanent guardianship plans on procedural grounds. (Note: Batch is repeatedly listed as a defendant in federal court over a prisoner/civil rights claim by an inmate across several federal court jurisdictions; the cases are all frivolous and non-actionable in nature based on our review.)

In Re: B.R.L.

In May 2022, Batch Represented A Respondent-Appellant Mother In A Case Before The North Carolina Supreme Court In Which The Court Found Grounds To Terminate Parental Rights For Her Having “Never Successfully Completed A Domestic Violence Offender Program, Failed To Obtain Appropriate Housing, And Did Not Address Her Mental Health Needs.” “The termination of the mother's parental rights was proper under [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-1111\(a\)\(1\)](#) because she was not capable of parenting the child at the time of the termination-of-parental-rights hearing and she failed to complete many key aspects of her case plan. The mother never successfully completed a Domestic Violence Offender Program, failed to

obtain appropriate housing, and did not address her mental health needs.” (Case No. 141A21, *In Re: B.R.L.*, North Carolina Supreme Court, LexisAdvance Legal Summary, Filed 5/6/22)

In Re: A.L.A.

In December 2021, Batch Represented A Respondent-Appellant Mother In A Case Before The North Carolina Supreme Court, A Mother Of A Child Placed Into The Custody Of The Department Of Social Services, In Which The Court Found Grounds To Terminate Parental Rights For Her “Lack Of Progress In Obtaining Appropriate Housing, Submitting To Drug Screens, And Attending Visitations.” “The trial court's findings of fact supported its conclusion that a ground existed to terminate the mother's parental rights pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 7B-1111(a)(1) (neglect) because the findings of fact demonstrated the mother's lack of progress in obtaining appropriate housing, submitting to drug screens, and attending visitations, all of which reflected her inability to provide the juvenile proper care and supervision in a safe home environment, the juvenile had spent half of his life in Department of Social Services custody, and the mother's prior neglect of the juvenile and her circumstances at the time of the termination hearing supported the trial court's conclusion that the juvenile faced a significant likelihood of future neglect if returned to the mother's care.” (Case No. 496A20, *In Re: L.A.*, North Carolina Supreme Court, LexisAdvance Legal Summary, Filed 12/17/21)

In Re: J.W & K.M.

In May 2015, Batch Represented A Respondent-Appellant Mother, A Mother Of A Child Placed Into The Custody Of The Department Of Social Services, In Appealing Orders Adjudicating Her Children Neglected Before The North Carolina Court Of Appeals. “Hanna Honeycutt for petitioner-appellee Buncombe County Department of Social Services. Sydney Batch for respondent-appellant mother. Amanda Armstrong for guardian ad litem. Appeal by respondent from orders entered 8 and 22 May 2014 by Judge Susan Dotson-Smith in Buncombe County District Court. Heard in the Court of Appeals 17 February 2015. Respondent, the mother of J.W. and K.M., appeals from orders adjudicating her children neglected and placing them in the custody of the Department of Social Services.” (Case No. COA14-927, *In Re: J.W & K.M.*, North Carolina Court Of Appeals, [FindLaw](#), Filed 5/5/15)

The Court Ruled Against The Mother, Citing Her Past Reckless And Neglectful Behavior. “The trial court found that Respondent behaved inappropriately at several visits with the children and that Respondent appeared to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during one of the visits. The court also found that Respondent “has been unable to consistently care for herself or any of her children” and that the conditions leading to the removal of the children continue to exist. These findings are supported by evidence presented during the hearing and support the trial court's conclusion that the children should remain in the custody of DSS. Therefore, the court did not abuse its discretion in declining to return the children to Respondent's custody at the dispositional hearing.” (Case No. COA14-927, *In Re: J.W & K.M.*, North Carolina Court Of Appeals, [FindLaw](#), Filed 5/5/15)

In Re: R.W.

In April 2015, Batch Represented A Respondent-Appellant Mother In Appealing Her Termination Of Parental Rights Before The North Carolina Court Of Appeals. “Appeal by respondent from order entered 7 June 2014 by Judge Amber Davis in Dare County District Court. Heard in the Court of Appeals 16 March 2015. Sharp, Michael, Graham & Baker, LLP, by Steven D. Michael, for petitioner appellee Dare County Department of Social Services. Sydney Batch for respondent-appellant mother. Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan, LLP, by J. Mitchell Armbruster, for guardian ad litem. HUNTER, JR., Robert N., Judge. Respondent, the mother of the juvenile Riley, 1 appeals from an order terminating her parental rights.” (Case No. COA14-1081, *In Re: R.W.*, [North Carolina Court Of Appeals](#), Filed 4/7/15)

The Mother Had Been Accused Of Birthing Her Daughter Riley With “With Cocaine, Opiates, And Benzodiazepines In Her System” And Acting In An Unsafe Manner Thereafter. “On 22 June 2011, the Dare County Department of Social Services (“DSS”) filed a petition alleging that Riley was an abused, dependent, and neglected juvenile. DSS stated that Riley was born with cocaine, opiates, and benzodiazepines in her system due to ingestion of these substances by respondent during pregnancy. DSS further stated that at the hospital, shortly after Riley’s birth, respondent and the putative father acted contrary to the medical staff’s safety instructions by “repeatedly plac[ing] the infant in the bed with them in the hospital room.” DSS further claimed that “[t]he hospital staff continued to find the infant in the bed with the parents, even after they were repeatedly told it was unsafe for her to be there. At one point, the newborn infant was found by hospital staff face down in the bed.” DSS obtained non-secure custody of Riley. On 14 October 2011, Riley was adjudicated neglected after respondent stipulated to the allegations in the petition.” (Case No. COA14-1081, *In Re: R.W.*, [North Carolina Court Of Appeals](#), Filed 4/7/15)

The Court Of Appeals Ruled Against The Mother. “A careful review of the termination order reveals a sufficient number of properly supported findings to demonstrate respondent’s prior neglect of Riley and a probability of future neglect if the child was returned to her care. See Ballard, 311 N.C. at 715, 319 S.E.2d at 232. Consequently, we conclude the trial court did not improperly rely on findings from its prior orders in determining that grounds existed to terminate respondent’s parental rights at the time of the termination hearing. Accordingly we affirm the trial court’s order terminating respondent’s parental rights.” (Case No. COA14-1081, *In Re: R.W.*, [North Carolina Court Of Appeals](#), Filed 4/7/15)

In Re: J.H.

In December 2015, Batch Represented A Respondent-Appellant Mother In An Appeal Of A Permanency Planning Order For Guardianship Of Her Son Before The North Carolina Court Of Appeals. “Holcomb & Cabe, LLP, by Samantha H. Cabe, for petitioner-appellee Chatham County Department of Social Services and Poyner Spruill LLP, by J.M. Durnovich, for guardian ad litem. Sydney Batch, for respondent-appellant. Appeal by respondent-mother from order entered on 23 February 2015 by Judge M. Patricia DeVine in District Court, Chatham County. Heard in the Court of Appeals on 28 October 2015. Chatham County, No. 14 JA 20. Respondent-mother appeals from a permanency planning order which established a permanent

plan for guardianship for her son J.H. (“James”)¹ and appointed his maternal grandparents as guardians. Respondent-mother argues that the trial court (1) lacked jurisdiction to enter orders affecting James's custody under the Uniform Child–Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (“UCCJEA”); (2) erred in relying on written reports that had not been formally tendered and admitted into evidence; (3) failed to verify that James's grandparents understood the legal significance of guardianship and had adequate resources to care for James; (4) erred in concluding that it was impossible to return James to respondent-mother within six months and that further reunification efforts would be futile; (5) erred in concluding that it was in James's best interests for respondent-mother to have minimal visitation and entering a visitation plan that failed to set out the duration of each visitation; and (6) erred in waiving further review hearings. We vacate and remand for further proceedings. We also deny the motion to dismiss by the guardian ad litem (“GAL”).” (Case No. COA15-579, *In Re: J.H.*, North Carolina Court Of Appeals, [FindLaw](#), Filed 12/1/15)

The Court Of Appeals Found That The Trial Court Failed To Make Findings In Support Of Criteria For The Plan And Vacated The Judgment. “Here, the trial court failed to make any findings in support of the first, third, and fourth criteria set forth in N.C. Gen.Stat. § 7B–906.1(n). And it would have been impossible for the trial court to make a finding as to the first criterion, because James had not resided with his maternal grandparents for at least one year at the time of the 8 January 2015 hearing or at the time the trial court entered its 23 February 2015 permanency planning order. Should the trial court reconsider this issue, we direct it to comply with N.C. Gen.Stat. § 7B–906.1(n). IV. Conclusion We vacate the 19 June 2014 adjudication and disposition order, the 2 September 2014 custody review order, and the 23 February 2015 permanency planning order and remand for further proceedings consistent with this opinion. We also deny the GAL's motion to dismiss.” (Case No. COA15-579, *In Re: J.H.*, North Carolina Court Of Appeals, [FindLaw](#), Filed 12/1/15)

In Re: A.C.

In May 2016, Batch Represented A Respondent-Appellant Mother In An Appeal Of “Review Order” Granting Sole Custody Of Her Daughter To Her Maternal Aunt Before The North Carolina Court Of Appeals. “Buncombe County Department of Social Services, by John C. Adams, for petitioner-appellee. Sydney Batch, for respondent-appellant. Leake & Stokes, by Jamie A. Stokes, for intervenor-appellee. Amanda Armstrong, for guardian ad litem. Appeal by respondent-mother from order entered on or about 15 July 2015 by Judge Andrea F. Dray in District Court, Buncombe County. Heard in the Court of Appeals 18 April 2016. Buncombe County, No. 12 JA 256. Respondent-mother appeals from a “Review Order” granting sole legal and physical custody of her daughter “April”¹ to April's maternal aunt (“intervenor”) and scheduling a permanency planning hearing in accordance with N.C. Gen.Stat. § 7B–906.1(a) (2015).” (Case No. COA15-1114 *In Re: A.C.*, North Carolina Court Of Appeals, [FindLaw](#), Filed 5/17/16)

The Court Ruled Against The Mother In Affirming That It Was In Her Child’s Best Interest To Be With Her Maternal Aunt. “In addition to finding a substantial change in circumstances affecting April's welfare, the trial court was required to determine that “a change in custody is in the best interest of the child.” Hibshman, 212 N.C.App. at 121, 710 S.E.2d at 443 (citation omitted). We review a trial court's best interest determination for an abuse of discretion.

In re D.S.A., 181 N.C.App. 715, 720, 641 S.E.2d 18, 22 (2007). “A ruling committed to a trial court's discretion is to be accorded great deference and will be upset only upon a showing that it was so arbitrary that it could not have been the result of a reasoned decision.” White v. White, 312 N.C. 770, 777, 324 S.E.2d 829, 833 (1985). Respondent-mother does not directly contest the trial court's assessment of April's best interest. She instead contends that “the trial court is barred from considering the child's best interest without clear and cogent evidence that a substantial change has occurred affecting April's welfare.” Because we have rejected respondent-mother's premise that no actionable change in circumstances occurred, her argument as to April's best interest also fails. Moreover, we discern no abuse of discretion in the trial court's conclusion of law that “it is in the best interest of the juvenile [April] that her sole care, custody, and control should be awarded to the [intervenor], subject to visitation with the respondent parents[.]” We affirm the trial court's order.” (Case No. COA15-1114 *In Re: A.C.*, North Carolina Court Of Appeals, [FindLaw](#), Filed 5/17/16)

BUSINESS RECORDS

Sydney Batch is manager of several North Carolina-domiciled business entities to date. In 2019, Batch's husband co-incorporated PJLC Holdings, LLC as a domestic, for-profit North Carolina business; Batch declares herself a partner of the entity alongside her husband. The business is active but currently delinquent and not current for failure to file an annual report. In 2013, Batch co-incorporated her current law firm, Batch, Poore & Williams, PC; the entity is active to date and Batch serves as registered agent. In 2013, Batch incorporated To The Moon and Back, LLC as a for-profit limited liability corporation; the entity was administratively dissolved shortly thereafter.

PJLC Holdings, LLC

In August 2019, PJLC Holdings, LLC Was Incorporated As A Domestic For-Profit Entity With The North Carolina Secretary Of State. (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 8/26/19)

Limited Liability Company

Legal Name

PJLC Holdings, LLC

Information

SosId: 1885187**Status:** Active-Not Current ⓘ**Date Formed:** 8/26/2019**Citizenship:** Domestic**Annual Report Due Date:** April 15th**Annual Report Status:** Delinquent**Registered Agent:** [Williams, J Patrick](#)

Addresses

Mailing128 IRONCREEK PL
Apex, NC 27539**Principal Office**128 IRONCREEK PL
Apex, NC 27539**Reg Office**128 Ironcreek PI
Apex, NC 27539**Reg Mailing**128 Ironcreek PI
Apex, NC 27539

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 8/26/19)

- **Batch's Husband Is A Manager And The Office/ Registered Agent Address Is Listed As Batch's Primary Residence.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

Company Officials

All LLCs are managed by their managers pursuant to N.C.G.S. 57D-3-20.

General Manager[Bryan Batch](#)2541 Bittersweet Dr.
Durham NC 27705**General Manager**[Alton Williams](#)2541 Bittersweet Dr.
Durham NC 27705**Manager**[Jerrold Patrick Williams](#)128 Ironcreek PI
Apex NC 27539

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

- **The Entity Is Active, But Delinquent And Not Current For Failure To File An Annual Report.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

In 2021, Batch Declared Her Spouse And Herself As Partners Of PJLC Holdings. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

9(a). List the name of each business with which you were associated where you or a member of your immediate family was an employee, director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager as of December 31, 2018.			
Name of Person	Relationship to Filer	Name of Company	Role of Person
Sydney Batch	Self	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC	Partner
Sydney Batch	Self	PJLC Holdings	Partner
Jerrold P Williams	Spouse	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC	Partner
Jerrold P Williams	Spouse	PJLC Holdings	Partner

(2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

Batch, Poore & Williams, PC

In January 2013, Batch Co-Incorporated Batch, Poore & Williams, PC As A Domestic For-Profit Entity With The North Carolina Secretary Of State. (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 1/15/13)

**State of North Carolina
Department of the Secretary of State
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
(PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION)**

North Carolina Secretary of State

C201300301344

Pursuant to Chapter 55B and § 55-2-02 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a professional corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is: Batch, Poore & Williams, PC
2. The number of shares the corporation is authorized to issue is: 150

These shares shall be: *(check either a or b)*

- a. ☒ all of one class, designated as common stock; or
- b. ☐ divided into classes or series within a class as provided in the attached schedule, with the information required by N.C.G.S. § 55-6-01.

3. The street address and county of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

Number and Street 107 Fayetteville St., Suite 100

City, State, Zip Code Raleigh, NC 27601 County Wake

5. The name of the initial registered agent is: Sydney Batch
6. Any other provisions, which the corporation elects to include, are attached.
7. The specific purpose for which the corporation is being formed: to practice law in North Carolina
8. The name and address of each incorporator is as follows: *(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)*
Shannon Poore 113 Nightshade Lane, Garner, NC 27529
J. Patrick Williams 5516 Moneta Lane, Apex, NC 27539
Sydney Batch 5516 Moneta Lane, Apex, NC 27539
9. With respect to each professional service to be practiced through the corporation, the name of at least one of the corporation's incorporators who is a licensee of the licensing board which regulates such profession in this State is: Shannon Poore, J. Patrick Williams, and Sydney Batch

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 1/15/13)

- **Batch Is Registered Agent.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 1/15/13)

The Entity Is Active And In Good Standing To Date. (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

Legal Name

Batch, Poore & Williams, PC

Information

SosId: 1296450

Status: Current-Active

Date Formed: 1/15/2013

Citizenship: Domestic

Annual Report Due Date:

Registered Agent: [Batch, Sydney](#)

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

To The Moon And Back, LLC

In January 2014, Batch Incorporated To The Moon And Back, LLC With Shannon Poore And Allison Yost As A Domestic For-Profit Corporation With The North Carolina Secretary Of State. (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 1/21/14)

Limited Liability Company
ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

Pursuant to §57D-2-20 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Organization for the purpose of forming a limited liability company.

1. The name of the limited liability company is: To the Moon and Back, LLC
(See Item 1 of the Instructions for appropriate entity designation)
2. The name and address of each person executing these articles of organization is as follows: (State whether each person is executing these articles of organization in the capacity of a member, organizer or both. **Note: This document must be signed by all persons listed.**)
Sydney Batch, organizer and member 5516 Moneta Lane, Apex, NC 27539
Shannon Poore, organizer and member, 114 Nightshade Lane Garner, NC 27529
Allison Yost organizer and member, 1500 Township Dr. Raleigh, NC 27609
3. The name of the initial registered agent is: Sydney Batch
4. The street address and county of the initial registered agent office of the limited liability company is:
Number and Street 120 Penmarc Dr., Suite 101
City Raleigh State: NC Zip Code: 27603 County: Wake

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 1/21/14)

- **Batch Served As Registered Agent.** (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Filed 1/21/14)

The Company Has Been Administratively Dissolved. (North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

Information

SosId: 1357705

Status: Admin. Dissolved

Date Formed: 1/21/2014

Citizenship: Domestic

Annual Report Due Date: April 15th

Annual Report Status:

Registered Agent: Batch, Sydney

(North Carolina Secretary Of State, Accessed 6/10/22)

PROFESSIONAL & RECREATIONAL LICENSES


Since 2005, Sydney Batch has been an actively-licensed attorney in the State of North Carolina. No public disciplinary history could be found for Batch.

North Carolina Attorney License

In August 2005, Batch Was Admitted To Practice Law With The North Carolina Bar. ([North Carolina State Bar](#), Filed 8/25/05)

Membership Information

Mrs. Sydney Jeanene Batch - Attorney	
Bar #: 33808	Status: Active
Name: Mrs. Sydney Jeanene Batch	The lawyer is presently eligible to practice law in North Carolina.
Address: Batch Poore & Williams, PC 5540 Centerview Dr., Suite 315	Date Admitted: 08/25/2005
City: Raleigh	Status Date: 08/25/2005
State: NC	Judicial District: 10 - Wake
Zip Code: 27606	
Work Phone: 919-870-0466	Board Certified In: Child Welfare
Email: sbatch@batchpoore.com	


**BOARD CERTIFIED
SPECIALIST**
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

([North Carolina State Bar](#), Filed 8/25/05)

- **No Disciplinary History Could Be Found For Batch.** ([North Carolina State Bar](#), Accessed 6/20/22)

PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

According to her past two most-recently filed Statement of Economic Interests, Sydney Batch and her husband are partners and stock owners at Batch, Poore & Williams, PC. Batch declared three liabilities. No immediately discernible vulnerabilities could be gleaned from Batch's disclosure. (Note: Batch filed a form indicating no change from her 2021 Statement of Economic Interests in 2022.)

2021 Statement Of Economic Interests (SD-17)

Real Property

In 2021, Batch Declared 50 Percent Interest In Her Apex, NC Primary Residence And Quarter Percent Ownership In Her Raleigh, NC Secondary Residence. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

Property Interests

1. As of December 31, 2018, did you or any members of your immediate family:
- A. have an ownership interest in North Carolina real estate (including your residence) with a market value of \$10,000 or more?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County
Sydney Batch (Self)	50.00%	Apex	Wake
Sydney Batch (Self)	25.00%	Raleigh	Wake
Jerrold P Williams (Spouse)	25.00%	Raleigh	Wake
Jerrold P Williams (Spouse)	50.00%	Apex	Wake

(2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

Investments

In 2021, Batch Declared No Public Stocks Or Stock Options. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

Financial Interests

3. As of December 31, 2018, did you or any members of your immediate family own any of the following financial interests valued at \$10,000 or more? **List each company individually.**

A. Stock in a publicly owned company?

☐ Yes ☒ No

► Do not list interests in a widely held investment fund (including mutual funds, regulated investment companies, or pension or deferred compensation plans) if:

1. the fund is publicly traded or its assets are widely diversified; and
2. neither you nor an immediate family member are able to control the underlying assets.

Owner of Interest	Full Name of Company or ticker symbol

B. Stock options in a company or business?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

In 2021, Batch Declared Personal And Spousal Stock Ownership In A Non-Private Entity, Batch, Poore & Williams, PC. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

C. Interests in a non-publicly owned company or business entity? These include interests in sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and closely held corporations.

☒ Yes ☐ No - If "No," proceed to question 4.

Owner of Interest	Name of Company or Business Entity
(Self plus Spouse)	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC

(2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

Creditors

In 2021, Batch Declared Personal And Spousal Liabilities Over \$10,000 With A Credit Union. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

In 2021, Batch Declared Personal And Spousal Liabilities Over \$10,000 With CFNC. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

In 2021, Batch Declared Spousal Liabilities Over \$10,000 With A Commercial Bank. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

5. As of December 31, 2018, did you any members of your immediate family have liabilities of \$10,000 or more, excluding the mortgage on your primary personal residence? Examples include credit card debts, auto loans, student loans, personal loans and intra-family debt.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name of Debtor	Type of Creditor (commercial Bank, credit union, individual, etc.)
(Self plus Spouse)	Credit Union
(Self plus Spouse)	CFNC
Jerrold P Williams (Spouse)	Commercial Bank

(2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

Income

In 2021, Batch Declared Personal And Spousal Salary Of More Than \$5,000 Received From Batch, Poore & Williams, PC. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

6. List each source of income (not specific amounts) of more than \$5,000 received by you or any members of your immediate family during 2018. Include salary, wages, state/local government retirement income, professional fees, honoraria, interest, dividends, rental income, business income, and other types required to be reported on State and federal tax returns.			
Do not include income received from the following sources:			
▶ Capital gains		▶ Federal government retirement	
▶ Military retirement		▶ Social security income/SSDI	
Recipient of Income	Name of Source	Type of Business/Industry	Type of Income
(Self plus Spouse)	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC	Law firm	Salary

(2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

Civic Positions

In 2021, Batch Declared A Civic Position As Board Member Of The Nonprofit Julia Crump Foundation. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

In 2021, Batch Declared A Civic Position As Board Member Of The Interfaith Prison Ministry For Women. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

Professional and Civic Relationships			
7(a). During 2020, were you or any members of your immediate family a director, officer, governing board member, employee, independent contractor, or registered lobbyist of a nonprofit corporation or organization operating in North Carolina primarily for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, public health and safety, or educational purposes? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - If "No," proceed to question 8.			
<p>► Do not list State boards or entities.</p> <p>► Do not list organizations of which you are a mere member.</p>			
Name of Person	Position	Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Nature or Purpose of Organization
Sydney Batch (Self)	Board Member	Julia Crump Foundation	nonprofit
Sydney Batch (Self)	Board Member	Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women	Support Women in Prisons
7(b). If the nonprofit corporations or organizations listed above do business with the State of North Carolina or receive State funds, briefly describe the nature of that business, if known or with due diligence could reasonably be known.			
Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization		Describe State Business	
Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women		None or Not Known	
Julia Crump Foundation		None or Not Known	

(2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

Fiduciary Positions

In 2021, Batch Declared A Personal And Spousal Fiduciary Position As Partner Of Batch, Poore & Williams, PC. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

In 2021, Batch Declared A Personal And Spousal Fiduciary Position As Partner Of PJLC Holdings. (2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

9(a). List the name of each business with which you were associated where you or a member of your immediate family was an employee, director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager as of December 31, 2018.			
Name of Person	Relationship to Filer	Name of Company	Role of Person
Sydney Batch	Self	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC	Partner
Sydney Batch	Self	PJLC Holdings	Partner
Jerrold P Williams	Spouse	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC	Partner
Jerrold P Williams	Spouse	PJLC Holdings	Partner

(2021 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 3/2/21)

2020 Statement Of Economic Interests (HD-37)

Real Property

In 2019, Batch Declared 50 Percent Interest In Her Apex, NC Primary Residence And Quarter Percent Ownership In Her Raleigh, NC Secondary Residence. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

Property Interests

1. As of December 31, 2018, did you or any members of your immediate family:
- A. have an ownership interest in North Carolina real estate (including your residence) with a market value of \$10,000 or more?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Owner of Real Estate	% Ownership Interest	Location by City	Location by County
Sydney Batch (Self)	50.00%	Apex	Wake
Sydney Batch (Self)	25.00%	Raleigh	Wake
Jerrold P Williams (Spouse)	25.00%	Raleigh	Wake
Jerrold P Williams (Spouse)	50.00%	Apex	Wake

(2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

Investments

In 2019, Batch Declared No Public Stocks Or Stock Options. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

Financial Interests

3. As of December 31, 2018, did you or any members of your immediate family own any of the following financial interests valued at \$10,000 or more? **List each company individually.**

A. Stock in a publicly owned company?

☐ Yes ☒ No

► Do not list interests in a widely held investment fund (including mutual funds, regulated investment companies, or pension or deferred compensation plans) if:

1. the fund is publicly traded or its assets are widely diversified; and
2. neither you nor an immediate family member are able to control the underlying assets.

Owner of Interest	Full Name of Company or ticker symbol

B. Stock options in a company or business?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

In 2019, Batch Declared Personal And Spousal Stock Ownership In A Non-Private Entity, Batch, Poore & Williams, PC. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

C. Interests in a non-publicly owned company or business entity? These include interests in sole proprietorships, partnerships, limited partnerships, joint ventures, limited liability companies, limited liability partnerships, and closely held corporations.

☒ Yes ☐ No - If "No," proceed to question 4.

Owner of Interest	Name of Company or Business Entity
(Self plus Spouse)	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC

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Creditors

In 2019, Batch Declared Personal And Spousal Liabilities Over \$10,000 With A Credit Union. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

In 2019, Batch Declared Personal And Spousal Liabilities Over \$10,000 With CFNC. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

In 2019, Batch Declared Spousal Liabilities Over \$10,000 With A Commercial Bank. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

5. As of December 31, 2018, did you any members of your immediate family have liabilities of \$10,000 or more, excluding the mortgage on your primary personal residence? Examples include credit card debts, auto loans, student loans, personal loans and intra-family debt.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name of Debtor	Type of Creditor (commercial Bank, credit union, individual, etc.)
(Self plus Spouse)	Credit Union
(Self plus Spouse)	CFNC
Jerrold P Williams (Spouse)	Commercial Bank

(2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

Income

In 2019, Batch Declared Personal And Spousal Salary Of More Than \$5,000 Received From Batch, Poore & Williams, PC. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

6. List each source of income (not specific amounts) of more than \$5,000 received by you or any members of your immediate family during 2018. Include salary, wages, state/local government retirement income, professional fees, honoraria, interest, dividends, rental income, business income, and other types required to be reported on State and federal tax returns.			
Do not include income received from the following sources:			
▶ Capital gains		▶ Federal government retirement	
▶ Military retirement		▶ Social security income/SSDI	
Recipient of Income	Name of Source	Type of Business/Industry	Type of Income
(Self plus Spouse)	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC	Law firm	Salary

(2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

Civic Positions

In 2019, Batch Declared A Civic Position As Board Member Of The Nonprofit Julia Crump Foundation. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

Professional and Civic Relationships			
7(a). During 2018, were you or any members of your immediate family a director, officer, governing board member, employee, independent contractor, or registered lobbyist of a nonprofit corporation or organization operating in North Carolina primarily for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, public health and safety, or educational purposes?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No - If "No," proceed to question 8.			
► Do not list State boards or entities. ► Do not list organizations of which you are a mere member.			
Name of Person	Position	Name of Nonprofit Corporation or Organization	Nature or Purpose of Organization
Sydney Batch (Self)	Board Member	Julia Crump Foundation	nonprofit

(2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

Fiduciary Positions

In 2019, Batch Declared A Personal And Spousal Fiduciary Position As Partner Of Batch, Poore & Williams, PC. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

In 2019, Batch Declared A Personal And Spousal Fiduciary Position As Partner Of PJLC Holdings. (2020 Statement Of Economic Interests, [North Carolina State Board Of Elections](#), Filed 12/27/19)

9(a). List the name of each business with which you were associated where you or a member of your immediate family was an employee, director, officer, partner, proprietor, or member or manager as of December 31, 2018.			
Name of Person	Relationship to Filer	Name of Company	Role of Person
Sydney Batch	Self	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC	Partner
Sydney Batch	Self	PJLC Holdings	Partner
Jerrold P Williams	Spouse	Batch, Poore & Williams, PC	Partner
Jerrold P Williams	Spouse	PJLC Holdings	Partner

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BATCH'S FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, BIG GOVERNMENT LIBERALISM

Batch's agenda resounds with fiscally irresponsible, big government liberalism.

Batch has often been on the wrong side of tax issues, either voting to increase taxes or refrain from reducing them. Batch voted against SB 578 in 2019, which reduced the franchise tax rate on North Carolina businesses. Batch co-sponsored HB 431 in 2019, a bill that authorizes localities to install and lease broadband infrastructure and authorizes localities to impose and use ad valorem property taxes to fund those projects.

Batch has worked to reduce school choice and well-meaning school programs. In 2019, Batch voted to pass Amdt 17 to HB 966, which reduced funding for the opportunity scholarship program - a program that "provides scholarships to low-income students to attend private schools." In 2021, Batch voted against similar legislation seeking to expand school choice options. Batch voted against SB 438, the Excellent Public Schools Act of 2019, which would make various improvements to the North Carolina read to achieve program. Batch voted against requiring high school students to take a course in economics and personal finance – a policy supported by the NC Chamber of Commerce. Despite claiming to support increases in teacher pay, Batch voted in a partisan manner against a series of 2019 bills that increased pay for North Carolina educators: HB 377, HB 354, and HB 231.

Notably, Batch signaled support for a universal pre-k program that would costs taxpayers over one billion dollars.

Batch's tendency to opt for expanded government and misguided policies extends to healthcare. Batch strongly supports the expansion of Medicaid in North Carolina and has sponsored legislation seeking to accomplish a much. In 2019, Batch voted against SB 86, the Small Business Healthcare Act, which allows for the formation of association health plans (AHP). Batch voted against SB 681, which expands the rural health care stabilization program and appropriates additional funding.

Batch has not shied away from policies continuing government interference in business. In 2019, Batch voted against an amendment that sought to move funding from the film and entertainment grant fund into water infrastructure project funding – essentially subsidizing the film industry. In August 2019, Batch voted against an advertising regulations reform bill that was backed the business community. In October 2019, Batch voted to pass HB 399, which extends the sunset dates for a series of tax credits and sales tax exemptions. Batch would impose additional burdens on small businesses with her push for expanding the federal Family and Medical Leave Act. Batch continues to push paid leave and other costly programs that could harm businesses.

Batch underscores her big government proclivities with her environmentalist associations. Batch has stated that "our planet is facing a climate emergency" and has suggested that its up to lawmakers to address this issue. Batch is known to have been supported by controversial environmentalist Tom Steyer and has been endorsed by the North Carolina League of Conservation voters, which is among the organizations to support the Green New Deal. Batch

has also promoted content critical of offshore drilling expansion on her social media. However, it should be noted that recently Batch has proposed giving \$200 to every North Carolinian with a drivers' license for gas price relief.

Finally, Batch supported the left's big government reaction to the covid-19 pandemic that decimated the economy. Batch supported Roy Cooper's authority and actions amid the covid pandemic. Batch consistently opposed legislative efforts to reopen businesses and schools.

BATCH VOTED AGAINST REDUCING THE FRANCHISE TAX RATE – A TAX ON NORTH CAROLINA'S BUSINESSES

Batch Voted Against SB 578, Which Reduces The Franchise Tax Rate

Batch Voted No On SB 578, Which Reduces The Franchise Tax Rate And Expands Those Qualifying For Film And Entertainment Grants. ([SB 578](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/31/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: "Senate Bill 578 would do the following, all of which were included in House Bill 966, the 2019 Appropriations Act: Reduce the franchise tax rate from \$1.50 to \$0.96 over a two-year span and remove one method of calculating a corporation's franchise tax base, beginning with the 2021 taxable year. (In House Bill 966, this provision was effective beginning with the 2020 taxable year). Reduce the qualifying expense threshold for awards from the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund (Fund), effective when the act becomes law. (House Bill 966 had an effective date of July 1, 2019)" ([SB 578](#))

SB 578 "Lowers The State's Franchise Tax, Which Is Defined As A Tax On A Company's 'Net Worth'"

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 578 "Lowers The State's Franchise Tax, Which Is Defined As A Tax On A Company's 'Net Worth.'" "SB 578 lowers the state's franchise tax, which is defined as a tax on a company's "net worth." The franchise tax essentially serves as a penalty for doing business in North Carolina. Reducing the franchise tax encourages capital investment in our state, resulting in more jobs and bigger paychecks. While the bill also includes some modifications to the state's Film Tax Credit - which is ardently opposed by Civitas Action - the benefits of reducing the franchise tax still far outweigh the negatives of making adjustments to the film grant program. North Carolina businesses should not be penalized for growing, which benefits the economy of the state. For that reason, Civitas Action believes a vote for SB578 is a vote for freedom." ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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BATCH CO-SPONSORED LEGISLATION WHICH AUTHORIZED LOCALITIES TO IMPOSE AND USE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES

Batch Co-Sponsored HB 431, A Bill That Authorizes Localities To Install And Lease Broadband Infrastructure And Authorizes Localities To Impose And Use Ad Valorem Property Taxes To Fund Those Projects

Batch Co-Sponsored HB 431, FIBER NC Act, A Bill That Authorizes Counties And Cities To Install And Lease Broadband Infrastructure And Authorizes Counties And Cities To Impose And Use Ad Valorem Property Taxes To Fund Those Projects. ([HB 431](#), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Batch Co-Sponsored)

- NOTE: “The proposed committee substitute for House Bill 431 would: Authorize counties and cities to install and maintain broadband infrastructure for the purpose of leasing that infrastructure to private providers, effective October 1, 2019. Authorize counties and cities to impose and use ad valorem property taxes to construct wireline and wireless infrastructure, effective for taxable years on or after July 1, 2020. Allow counties to offer grants to qualified private providers of high-speed Internet to expand service in unserved areas, effective October 1, 2019.” ([HB 431](#))

The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Opposed This Legislation And Categorized HB 431 With “Bad Bills That Threaten North Carolina’s Business Climate”

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HOWEVER, BATCH SUPPORTED THE GOP 2021 TAX CUT BILL

In June 2021, Batch Was Among The Democratic Senators To Break Ranks And Vote To Pass The Republican-Led JOBS Grand And Tax Relief Measure

In June 2021, Batch Was Among The Democratic Senators To Break Ranks And Vote To Pass The Republican-Led JOBS Grand And Tax Relief Measure. “The North Carolina Senate passed a Republican-led tax reform package Wednesday evening in a quick, 36-14 vote that drew eight Democrats to cross the aisle and vote in favor of the bill. House Bill 334 would raise the standard deduction from \$21,500 to \$25,500 for joint filers, which would take about a quarter of a million of the lowest-in-come North Carolinians entirely off the tax rolls. It also reduces North Carolina’s flat income tax rate for remaining taxpayers from 5.25% to 4.99%. Additionally, the tax package raises the per-child tax deduction by \$500. Bill sponsors say that a family with two children earning \$38,000 annually will get a 50% tax cut under this bill, while a family earning \$200,000 gets a 7.1% cut. For North Carolina households earning the median income of \$54,000, they will see a 21% decrease in their state taxes. By raising the minimum deduction, the poorest taxpayers move into the zero-tax bracket. Bill sponsor Senator Paul Newton, R-Cabarrus, told colleagues on the Senate floor the measure disproportionately provides relief to the poorest taxpayers in the state. “It will also remove some 250k people from the tax rolls altogether,” said Newton. “If your heart is to help the least affluent among us, then this bill will do that.” The JOBS Grand and Tax Relief measure would also phase out the state’s corporate income tax over the next seven years. Now, North Carolina’s corporate income tax rate is 2.5%. It would phase out to a zero-corporate tax by the year 2027. The reform package would also reduce the franchise tax that businesses must pay by 25%. Sen. Jay Chaudhuri, D-Wake, stood and spoke in opposition to the tax reform package saying that the state has not spent enough in recent years on schools and infrastructure. “We’ve elected to pursue more tax cuts rather than rebuild our schools, rebuild our infrastructure and ultimately rebuild our economy,” Chaudhuri said. Still, eight Democrat senators voted in favor of the tax relief package including Senators Sydney Batch, D-Wake, Ben Clark, D-Cumberland, Sarah Crawford, D-Franklin; Don Davis, D-Pitt; Kirk deViere, D-Cumberland; Michael Garnett, D-Guilford; Paul Lowe, D-Forsyth; and Joyce Waddell, D-Mecklenburg.” (*The Daily Courier*, 6/11/21)

BATCH VOTED TO CUT FUNDING FOR A SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM

Batch Voted To Pass An Amendment That Reduced Funding For The Opportunity Scholarship Program - A Program That “Provides Scholarships To Low-Income Students To Attend Private Schools”

Batch Voted Yea On Amdt 17 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reduced Funding For The Opportunity Scholarship Program. ([Amdt 17](#), Amendment Failed - House (54 - 60), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Batch Voted Yea)

4 on page 3, line 41, by decreasing the requirements for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years
 5 by \$20,000,000; and
 6
 7 on page 76, lines 26 through 27, by inserting between those lines the following new section to
 8 read:
 9 **"FUND SCHOOL-BASED PERSONNEL/REDUCE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**
 10 **FUNDS**
 11 **SECTION 7.39.(a)** G.S. 115C-562.8(b) reads as rewritten:
 12 "(b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide
 13 opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide
 14 ~~an increase of funds of at least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) each fiscal year for 10 years to~~
 15 the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore, there is appropriated from the
 16 General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the
 17 purposes set forth in this section:

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
2017-2018	\$44,840,000
2018-2019	\$54,840,000
2019-2020	\$64,840,000 \$44,840,000
2020-2021	\$74,840,000 \$54,840,000
2021-2022	\$84,840,000 \$64,840,000
2022-2023	\$94,840,000 \$74,840,000
2023-2024	\$104,840,000 \$84,840,000
2024-2025	\$114,840,000 \$94,840,000
2025-2026	\$124,840,000 \$104,840,000
2026-2027	\$134,840,000 \$114,840,000

29 For the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the
 30 General Fund to the Reserve the sum of one hundred ~~forty-four~~ twenty-four million eight hundred
 31 ~~forty thousand dollars (\$144,840,000)~~ (\$124,840,000) to be used for the purposes set forth in this
 32 section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year

([Amdt 17](#))

“This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reduce Funding To The Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP),” A Program That “Provides Scholarships To Low-Income Students To Attend Private Schools”

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization, Described The Amendment As:
“This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reduce Funding To The Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP),” A Program That “Provides Scholarships To Low-Income Students To Attend Private Schools.” “This amendment to the budget bill would reduce

funding to the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). OSP provides scholarships to low-income students to attend private schools. Civitas Action believes parents, not government bureaucrats, are best equipped to choose the right school for their children. Reducing funding for OSP takes that choice away from some of the most vulnerable NC families. The vote to defend freedom is no.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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In 2021, Batch Voted Against A Bill “Designed To Improve Education Outcomes By Responsibility Expanding Opportunities For Students And Their Families To Pursue School Choice”

Batch Voted No On SB 671, Which Provides ‘Changes To The K-12 Scholarship Programs.’ ([SB 671](#), Bill Passed - Senate (29 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 5/4/21, Batch Voted No)

ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Improve Education Outcomes By Responsibility Expanding Opportunities For Students And Their Families To Pursue School Choice.” “This bill is designed to improve education outcomes by responsibly expanding opportunities for students and their families to pursue school choice. The bill generally expands eligibility and reduces barriers for parents to participate in the state’s school choice programs including the Opportunity Scholarship program and the Personal Education Student Accounts program. ACU supports improving educational outcomes and reducing taxpayer costs by responsibly expanding school choice and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

American Conservative Union “Supports Improving Educational Outcomes And Reducing Taxpayer Costs By Responsibly Expanding School Choice And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

BATCH SIGNALLED SUPPORT FOR A UNIVERSAL PRE-K PROGRAM THAT COSTS TAXPAYERS OVER ONE BILLION DOLLARS

In 2021, Batch Voted In A Manner Supportive Of A Policy That “Would Cost Taxpayers An Additional \$1.2 Billion A Year To Socialize The Costs Of A Universal Pre-K And Childcare Program For All Children Who Are 3 To 4 Years Of Age”

Batch Voted No On A Motion To Table Amendment 11 To Sb 105, Which Adds 1.2 Billion Dollars To The Omnibus To Fund Universal NC Pre-K. ([Amdt 11](#), Motion To Table - (28 - 22), North Carolina State Senate, 6/24/21, Batch Voted No)

"FUNDS FOR UNIVERSAL NC PRE-K/EXPAND TO 3 YEAR-OLDS

SECTION 9C.1A. Notwithstanding the Committee Report referenced in Section 43.2 of this act or any other provision of law to the contrary, funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, are increased by the sum of one billion two hundred thirty-eight million dollars (\$1,238,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one billion two hundred forty-eight million dollars (\$1,248,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for all children who are 3 or 4 years of age in this State to participate in the North Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program in accordance with Section 9C.1 of this act."; and

([Amdt 11](#))

ACU: This Amendment “Would Cost Taxpayers An Additional \$1.2 Billion A Year To Socialize The Costs Of A Universal Pre-K And Childcare Program For All Children Who Are 3 To 4 Years Of Age.” “The Nickel (ACUF Lifetime 24%) amendment #11 to the omnibus appropriations bill would cost taxpayers an additional \$1.2 billion a year to socialize the costs of a universal Pre-K and childcare program for all children who are 3 to 4 years of age. ACU supports efforts to help individuals live happier, healthier, more productive lives by encouraging them to become self-sufficient and opposes this enormous expansion of the size and scope of government and opposed this amendment.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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BATCH VOTED AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT SOUGHT TO IMPROVE THE NORTH CAROLINA READ TO ACHIEVE PROGRAM

Batch Voted Against SB 438, The Excellent Public Schools Act Of 2019, Which Would Make Various Changes To The North Carolina Read To Achieve Program

Batch Voted No On SB 438, The Excellent Public Schools Act Of 2019, Which Would Makes Various Changes To The North Carolina Read To Achieve Program. ([SB 438](#), Bill Passed - House (68 - 48), North Carolina State House, 8/8/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “SB 438 would makes various changes to the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program, including the following: Establish individual reading plans. Establish a Digital

Children's Reading Initiative. Establish a Comprehensive Plan to Improve Literacy Instruction (Comprehensive Plan). Require the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) to prioritize and provide aligned professional development in early learning and literacy instruction. Require educator preparation programs to provide literacy training in programs for elementary education teachers. Require the literacy curriculum and instruction provided by local school administrative units to align with Read to Achieve and the Comprehensive Plan. Require approval of plans for local reading camps. Study phasing out some alternative assessments for third grade reading. Create a uniform reporting structure for Read to Achieve data. Provide for continuing education credits related to literacy for certain reading camp instructors and allow certain retired teachers to serve as reading camp instructors. Expand the Wolfpack WORKS program..." ([SB 438](#))

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The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported SB 438

The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation. (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

BATCH VOTED AGAINST REQUIRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAKE A COURSE IN ECONOMICS AND PERSONAL FINANCE – A POLICY SUPPORTED BY THE NC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Batch Voted Against HB 924, Which Requires “A New Course In Economics And Personal Finance (EPF) As A Graduation Requirement For Students...”

Batch Voted No On HB 924, Which Requires “A New Course In Economics And Personal Finance (EPF) As A Graduation Requirement For Students, As Well As Require Professional Development For Teachers Of That Course,” Among Other Measures. ([HB 924](#), Bill Passed - House (73 - 39), North Carolina State House, 6/27/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Clarify how much time a teacher must have already worked for a local board of education in order to be eligible for an extended employment contract.” ([HB 924](#))
- NOTE: “Require a new course in economics and personal finance (EPF) as a graduation requirement for students, as well as require professional development for teachers of that course.” ([HB 924](#))
- NOTE: “Clarify the requirements for the existing high school civics course, and require the State Board of Education to revise the standards for the social studies standard course of study.” ([HB 924](#))

The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported HB 924

The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation. (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

BATCH VOTED AGAINST MOVING THE TEXTBOOK SELECTION PROCESS FROM THE STATE TO THE LOCAL LEVEL

Batch Voted No On HB 315, Which Would Repeal The Current Process For Textbook Selection By The State Board Of Education And Would Replace It With A Process For Local Boards Of Education To Select Instructional Materials. ([HB 315](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 51), North Carolina State House, 4/3/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “HB 315 would repeal the current process for textbook selection by the State Board of Education and would replace it with a process for local boards of education to select instructional materials. HB 315 would also create a process for individuals to challenge instructional materials as unfit, which could be appealed to the State Board of Education.” ([HB 315](#))

ACTING IN A PARTISAN MANNER, BATCH VOTED AGAINST A SERIES OF 2019 BILLS THAT INCREASED PAY FOR NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATORS

Batch Voted Against HB 377, The Teacher Step Act, Which Provides Teachers With Salaries Increases

Batch Voted No On HB 377, The Teacher Step Act, Which Provides Teachers With Salaries Increases, Among Other Measures. ([HB 377](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “The Proposed Committee Substitute to House Bill 377 (PCS) would provide teachers, instructional support personnel, and assistant principals with salary increases based on years of experience, authorize salary supplements for highly qualified North Carolina teaching graduates, and, consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session, appropriate funds to provide legislatively mandated salary increases to principals.” ([HB 377](#))

Headline: “North Carolina Senate Passes New Teacher Pay Bill.” (Nyamekye Daniel, “North Carolina Senate Passes New Teacher Pay Bill,” [The Center Square](#), 10/31/19)

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Batch Voted Against SB 354, The Strengthening Educators' Pay Act, Which Would Provide Legislatively Mandated Compensation Increases For Certain Public School Employees

Batch Voted No On SB 354, The Strengthening Educators' Pay Act, Which Would Provide Legislatively Mandated Compensation Increases For Certain Public School Employees. ([SB 354](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 46), North Carolina State House, 10/31/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 354 would provide (i) legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain public school employees, consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session, and (ii) contingent on House Bill 966 becoming law, additional legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain educational employees and increased funding for tuition grants for graduates of the North Carolina School of Science

and Mathematics. SB 354 was ratified by the General Assembly on October 31, 2019, and vetoed by the Governor on November 8, 2019.” ([SB 354](#))

Batch Voted Against HB 231, Which Appropriates Funds To Provide For Salary Increases To Employees Of The University Of North Carolina System And The North Carolina Community College System

Batch Voted No On HB 231, Which Appropriates Funds To Provide For Salary Increases To Employees Of The University Of North Carolina System And The North Carolina Community College System And To Provide Two One-Time Cost-Of-Living Supplements For Retirees. ([HB 231](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Consistent with House Bill 966, the PCS to House Bill 231 appropriate funds to provide legislatively mandated salary increases to employees of the University of North Carolina system and the North Carolina Community College system and to provide two one-time cost-of-living supplements for retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, and the Legislative Retirement System.” ([HB 231](#))

BATCH STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE EXPANSION OF MEDICAID IN NORTH CAROLINA

Batch Was Among The Sponsors Of HB 1040 To Expand Medicaid In North Carolina

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released by the North Carolina Democratic Party: As the legislature returns this week, House Democrats will host a Digital Press Call to feature the primary sponsors of HB 1040, Healthcare for Working North Carolinians. Representatives James Gailliard (D-25), Sydney Batch (D-37), Scott Brewer (D-66) and Christy Clark (D-98) will speak about the importance of expanding Medicaid and answer questions about the legislation. Expanding Medicaid would help insure more than a half a million North Carolinians who need it most now amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Numerous reports have found that expanding Medicaid would not only benefit every county in North Carolina but reduce the chances of a rural hospital closing by 62 percent. To request media credentials for the event, please fill out THIS FORM by noon on Wednesday, April 29.” (NC Democratic Party, 4/28/20)

Batch Advocated For Expanding Medicaid As A Candidate And Has Promoted The Concept On Social Media

“Batch Wants To Expand Medicaid, Which Would Provide Health Insurance To Low-Income Adults, And Work With Health Insurance Companies To Figure Out Ways To Lower Costs.” “Batch wants to expand Medicaid, which would provide health insurance to low-income adults, and work with health insurance companies to figure out ways to lower costs . Some of the state's rural residents don't have access to medical care, she said. "There are things we can do in order to ensure we have accessible and affordable care," she said.” (“These Battleground Districts In Wake County Will Help Decide Who Controls The State,” *The News & Observer*, 10/29/18)

In A May 2019 Tweet, Batch Advocated For Medicaid Expansion. (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/26/19)



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BATCH VOTED AGAINST THE SMALL BUSINESS HEALTHCARE ACT – WHICH ALLOWS FOR ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLANS

Batch Voted Against SB 86, The Small Business Healthcare Act, Which Allows For The Formation Of Association Health Plans (AHP)

Batch Voted No On SB 86, The Small Business Healthcare Act, Which Allows For The Formation Of Association Health Plans (AHP). ([SB 86](#), Bill Passed - House (82 - 32), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to establish standards for association health plans and multiple employer welfare arrangements.” ([SB 86](#))

SB 86 “Allows For The Formation Of Association Health Plans (AHP) In North Carolina. AHPs Allow Small Business Owners And Sole Proprietors To Collectively Purchase Health Insurance”

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 86 “Allows For The Formation Of Association Health Plans (AHP) In North Carolina. AHPs Allow Small Business Owners And Sole Proprietors To Collectively Purchase Health Insurance.” “Senate Bill 86, Small Business Healthcare Act, allows for the formation of Association Health Plans (AHP) in North Carolina. AHPs allow small business owners and sole proprietors to collectively purchase health insurance. In doing so AHPs pools risk and drive down healthcare costs. Civitas Action believes AHPs are an effective tool to address the high costs of health insurance markets. By combining their insurance buying power, AHPs give small businesses similar negotiating advantages as larger corporations. SB 86 offers workable supply-side reforms to a healthcare market strangled by government regulation. The legislation removes government barriers for a product that has clear demand in the free market. Civitas Action believes individuals should be free to opt-in to Association Health Plans. The freedom-expanding vote is yes.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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- “SB 86 Offers Workable Supply-Side Reforms To A Healthcare Market Strangled By Government Regulation. The Legislation Removes Government Barriers For A Product That Has Clear Demand In The Free Market.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported SB 86

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BATCH VOTED AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT EXPANDED RURAL HEALTHCARE FUNDING

Batch Voted Against SB 681, Which Expands The Rural Health Care Stabilization Program And Appropriates Additional Funding

Batch Voted No On SB 681, Which Expands The Rural Health Care Stabilization Program And Appropriates Additional Funding. ([SB 681](#), Bill Passed - House (81 - 31), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 681 would do three things: Establish a nonreverting revolving loan fund to provide low-interest loans for the support of hospitals located in rural areas that are in financial crisis, with loan approval by the Local Government Commission (LGC) and loan administration by UNC Health Care. The budget conference report would appropriate \$13,397,000 to the fund in FY19-20 and \$6,603,000 to the fund in FY20-21. Provide counties with the flexibility to levy, by referendum, an additional quarter-cent local sales tax as long as the total overall rate does not exceed the current maximum rate allowed for that county and would allow counties to identify the use of the proceeds in the ballot question as being for any public purpose, for public education purposes, or for some combination of the two. Expand the counties eligible for grants from the Utility Account from the 80 most-distressed counties under the tier system to the 87 most-distressed counties.” ([SB 681](#))

BATCH VOTED AGAINST AN AMENDMENT THAT SOUGHT TO MOVE FUNDING FROM THE FILM AND ENTERTAINMENT GRANT FUND INTO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUNDING

Batch Voted Against An Amendment That Reallocates Funds From The Film And Entertainment Grant Fund To Be Used To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects

Batch Voted No On Amdt 29 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reallocates Funds From The Film And Entertainment Grant Fund To Be Used To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects Through The Department Of Environmental Quality For The State Water And Wastewater Reserve. ([Amdt 29](#), Amendment Failed - House (14 - 100), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Batch Voted No)

moves to amend the bill on page 5, line 41, by reducing the requirements by \$31,000,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

on page 5, line 46, by increasing the requirements by \$31,000,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

on page 216, lines 27-28, by inserting the following new provision between those lines:

"FILM GRANT RE-ALLOCATION TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

SECTION 12.13. Notwithstanding anything in this act or the associated committee report to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund shall be reduced by thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000) in recurring funds in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Environmental Quality for the State Water and Wastewater Reserve shall be increased by thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000) in recurring funds in the 2020-2021 fiscal year."; and

by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

([Amdt 29](#))

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BATCH VOTED AGAINST THE REGULATORY REFORM ACT OF 2019 – A BILL AIMED AT “REDUCING AND STREAMLINING NORTH CAROLINA REGULATIONS”

Batch Voted Against SB 553 - The Regulatory Reform Act Of 2019

Batch Voted No On SB 553, The Regulatory Reform Act Of 2019. ([SB 553](#), Bill Passed - House (78 - 31), North Carolina State House, 8/29/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “The Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for Senate Bill 553 would amend several State laws related to State and local government regulation, and agricultural, energy, environmental, and natural resources regulation.” ([SB 553](#))

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SB 553 Included A Series Of Provisions Which Are Supported By The North Carolina League Of Municipalities

SB 553 “Included The Following Provisions Of Interest To” North Carolina’s Municipalities, Among Other Measures:

- **“Authorization Of A City Or County To Establish A Process To Permit Temporary Event Venues.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))
- **“A Division Of Emergency Management Study Of The Needs Of Law Enforcement And First Responders To Improve Access To The Interstate System.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))
- **“Provisions To Address The Financial Viability Of Certain Water And Wastewater Utilities Based On Their Infrastructure Need, Including Creating A New Grant Program Entitled The “Viability Utility Reserve Fund” – Which Appeared In**

Multiple Other Bills This Session.” (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))

BATCH VOTED AGAINST AN ADVERTISING REGULATIONS REFORM BILL THAT WAS BACKED THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Batch Voted Against HB 645, Which Allows For Relocation And Reconstruction Of Outdoor Advertising Signs In Certain Instances

Batch Voted No On HB 645, Which Allows For Relocation And Reconstruction Of Outdoor Advertising Signs In Certain Instances, Among Other Reforms. ([HB 645](#), Bill Passed - House (60 - 54), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 645 would amend the laws pertaining to outdoor advertising, to do all of the following: Allow for relocation and reconstruction of outdoor advertising signs, with specified criteria to be met. Prohibit the North Carolina Department of Transportation from denying a sign relocation site due to the presence of vegetation obstructing the sign's visibility. Reduce the waiting period for a permitted outdoor advertising location to receive a selective vegetation removal permit from two years to one year, and exempt relocated signs from that waiting period.” ([HB 645](#))

HB 645 “Would Allow Billboard Companies The Ability To Move Their Signs If Government Takes Their Property Through Eminent Domain”

HB 645 “Would Allow Billboard Companies The Ability To Move Their Signs If Government Takes Their Property Through Eminent Domain.” “North Carolina’s Governor Roy Cooper vetoed House Bill 645 which would allow billboard companies the ability to move their signs if government takes their property through eminent domain. Here’s a press release by the North Carolina Outdoor Advertising Association objecting to the veto.” (“Governor Vetos House Bill 645 in North Carolina,” [Billboard Insider](#), 8/23/19)

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BATCH HAS VOTED TO SUPPORT MARKET DISTORTING TAX CREDITS AND SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS

Batch Voted To Pass HB 399, Which Extends The Sunset Dates For A Series Of Tax Credits And Sales Tax Exemptions

Batch Voted Yea On HB 399, Which Extends The Sunset Dates For A Series Of Tax Credits And Sales Tax Exemptions, Among Other Measures. ([HB 399](#), Bill Passed - House (93 - 8), North Carolina State House, 10/24/19, Batch Voted Yea)

- NOTE: "... Extends the sunset date of the State's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit to include expenses incurred by January 1, 2024. - Reinstates the Mill Rehabilitation Tax Credit for a project that meets certain conditions. - Extends the sunset date for an existing sales tax exemption for qualifying airlines until January 1, 2024. - Extends the sunset date for existing sales tax exemptions and refunds for the motorsports industry until January 1, 2024..." ([HB 399](#))

"HB399 Extends The Historic Preservation Tax Credit As Well As Other Targeted Tax Credits For The Airline And Motorsports Industries"

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: "HB399 Extends The Historic Preservation Tax Credit As Well As Other Targeted Tax Credits For The Airline And Motorsports Industries." "As amended and passed in October 2019, HB399 extends the Historic Preservation Tax Credit as well as other targeted tax credits for the airline and motorsports industries. Providing tax relief only to hand-picked industries is unfair and opens the door for corruption and cronyism. Instead, tax relief should be given on an across-the-board basis. The vote for freedom is no on HB399." ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization, Opposed This Legislation: "Providing Tax Relief Only To Hand-Picked Industries Is Unfair And Opens The Door For Corruption And Cronyism. Instead, Tax Relief Should Be Given On An Across-The-Board Basis"

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BATCH WOULD IMPOSE ADDITIONAL BURDENS ON SMALL BUSINESSES WITH HER PUSH FOR EXPANDING THE FEDERAL FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT

Batch Has Argued Strongly In Favor Of Expanding The Federal Family And Medical Leave Act

In February 2020, Batch Strongly Argued In Favor Of Expanding The Federal Family And Medical Leave Act. "Good morning, Chairwoman Adams, Ranking Member Byrne, and members of the Subcommittee. My name is Sydney Batch and I'm a state representative in the North Carolina House representing District 37, located in Southern Wake County. I am an attorney, one of three co-owners of a small law firm, a recent survivor of breast cancer, and the mother of fantastic sons ages six and nine. I am also a proud member of MomsRising. I am here today because I have needed family and medical leave during the happiest and hardest times in

my life. I know from personal experience how important family and medical leave is to my employees and constituents, to small businesses like mine, and to my community and state. And I know how badly our country needs a comprehensive family and medical leave plan that ensures all employees have the right to take leave and return to their same or a similar job (job protection); and provides wage replacement during leave.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)

- Batch Noted That She Was Fortunate As The Owner Of Her Law Practice That She Could Take 3 Months Of Leave And Still Have A Job To Return To – A Guarantee That Many American Lacked.** ‘I'd like to share my personal experience with family and medical leave, because it addresses all of these issues. Because the law firm my husband, business partner and I run has eight employees, we're not covered by the FMLA. I had the flexibility to take three months of leave when each of my sons was born because I am an owner of the firm, but few people have that flexibility. My husband, who does, still had to return to work days after my son's birth because we couldn't afford to both take unpaid leave. And while my unpaid leave created financial stress for my family, I didn't have the stress of worrying about whether my job would be there when I was ready to return, because of my position as an owner of the firm. My employees and other hard-working Americans should have the same kind of job protection.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)

Batch: “The FMLA Should Be Expanded To Cover Leave Taken By Relatives Like My Mom, Sisters And Grandmother, As Well As Domestic Partners And People Who Aren't Blood Relatives But Are Essential To Care And Recovery.” “My mother took unpaid time off to care for me and helped me get to my medical appointments. In December 2019, I began five weeks of radiation treatment. While the radiation treatments did not last long, the long commute to and from the facility and the side effects were extremely taxing. My sisters, mother, grandmother and friends helped out when they could negotiate time away from their jobs, so that I could receive the medical care I needed. But the leave they took to help me was unpaid because the FMLA does not have an inclusive definition of "family" and does not cover siblings and care for adult children. The FMLA should be expanded to cover leave taken by relatives like my mom, sisters and grandmother, as well as domestic partners and people who aren't blood relatives but are essential to care and recovery. They all deserve to access the unpaid leave the law provides.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)

- Batch: “I Support Rep. Carolyn Maloney's FMLA Modernization Act (H.R. 5456), As Does MomsRising.”** “Sadly, their experiences are far from unique. All working people deserve to be able to get support from a range of family members when they are seriously ill. I support Rep. Carolyn Maloney's FMLA Modernization Act (H.R. 5456), as does MomsRising. All working people also deserve the wage replacement that a paid insurance leave plan can provide. And all working people, no matter the size of their employer, deserve to know that they won't lose their jobs when they need time away from

work to care for and bond with new babies, recover from illness, and care for aging parents or other relatives who are struggling with serious illness. I am no more deserving of that than my employees -- and that includes those who work part-time and those who have been with my firm for less than a year.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)

- Batch: “That's Why Ensuring That All Workers -- Including Those At Small Businesses, Those Who Work Part-Time, And Those Who Are Recent Hires -- Have Job Protection Through The FMLA Is Essential.”** “Another serious barrier that prevents working people from taking leave is the lack of job protection. Any paid family and medical leave insurance program must provide job protection or workers simply won't be able to take the paid leave it provides. That's why ensuring that all workers -- including those at small businesses, those who work part-time, and those who are recent hires -- have job protection through the FMLA is essential.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)
- Batch: “I Am Proud To Support An Executive Order Signed By North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, Which Offers Paid Parental Leave To State Employees.”** “I am proud to support an executive order signed by North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, which offers paid parental leave to state employees. It's a start for our state, but it covers only state employees and not those in the private sector. We must do more. That's why I am co-sponsoring a bold, comprehensive paid family and medical leave insurance program in North Carolina that shares the costs of the program through an employer-employee cost share. The proposed legislation would cover all businesses, no matter their size, and people who are self-employed, like myself. It uses a more inclusive definition of family so that siblings, grandparents, domestic partners, and people whose close relationship is equivalent to family can utilize paid leave insurance. It also provides job protection and addresses the needs of military families, many of whom live in my state.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)

Batch Rejected Arguments That Small Businesses' Bottom Lines Would Be Adversely Affected By The Expansion Of The Family And Medical Leave Act

“Some Opponents Have Argued That Requiring Small Businesses To Provide Paid Or Even Unpaid Family And Medical Leave Will Harm Their Bottom Lines. However, These Sky-Is-Falling Predictions Have Been Disproven.” “Some opponents have argued that requiring small businesses to provide paid or even unpaid family and medical leave will harm their bottom lines. However, these sky-is-falling predictions have been disproven. Fortunately, we now have comprehensive paid family and medical leave insurance programs in place around the country that show us how beneficial these programs are. We need - always - to look at actual facts and see what real, on-the-ground experiences can teach us. On this, they are clear: comprehensive paid family and medical leave insurance works well, strengthening our economy, business bottom lines, families and communities. But every working person who takes family

and medical leave needs job protections -- and the best way to guarantee that is to expand the FMLA to cover all working people.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; “Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act.”; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)

BATCH SUPPORTS ADDITIONAL REGULATORY HARDSHIPS FOR BUSINESSES

Batch “Wants To Ensure All Employees Have Paid Family And Medical Leave”

Batch “Wants To Ensure All Employees Have Paid Family And Medical Leave.” “House 37. Democrat Sydney Batch won this southern Wake County seat by narrowly defeating Republican John Adcock, who had been appointed to the seat in 2018. Batch, a family law attorney, wants to ensure all employees have paid family and medical leave. The Republican challenger is Erin Pare, a PTA president and vice chair of the Holly Springs Board of Adjustment. She supports lower taxes, gun rights and less regulation of small businesses. Also running is Libertarian Liam Leaver, who favors school vouchers and school choice. We recommend Sydney Batch.” (Editorial, *The News & Observer*, 10/12/20)

In 2021, Batch Introduced “The North Carolina Paid Family Leave Insurance Act”

In 2021, Batch Introduced “The North Carolina Paid Family Leave Insurance Act.” “North Carolina state Sen. Sydney Batch and state Rep. Graig Meyer introduce the North Carolina Paid Family Leave Insurance Act, followed by state Sen. Gladys Robinson and state Rep. Susan Fisher introducing the Healthy Families Healthy Workplaces/Paid Sick Days Act, via virtual press conference.” (*The Associated Press*, 4/20/21)

BATCH HAS ENVIRONMENTALIST PROCLIVITIES

Batch: “Our Planet Is Facing A Climate Emergency. It Is Within Our Power To Fix It. We Need Lawmakers That Are Willing To Take Charge And Act To Preserve Our Planet”

In July 2020, Batch Posted On Facebook A Thank You To Tom Steyer For Allowing Her To Participate In A Conversation With Steyer On Climate Change And The Environment. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/7/20)

Batch: “Our Planet Is Facing A Climate Emergency. It Is Within Our Power To Fix It. We Need Lawmakers That Are Willing To Take Charge And Act To Preserve Our Planet. Ignoring The Effects Of Climate Change On Our Environment Is Damaging Our Chances Of Enacting Sustainable Policy.” (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/7/20)



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Batch Has Been Supported By Environmentalist Tom Steyer

In 2020, Batch Was Backed By Environmentalist Billionaire Tom Steyer, Who “Cited Batch's Proposal Of A Clean Water Bill This Year As One Way She Has Championed Climate And Environmental Justice.” “If Batch loses this race, it could be a bad sign for Democrats hoping to retake a majority. If Paré wins, Democrats would need to gain seven more seats in the House, rather than just six. That's why we've seen high-profile Democrats weighing in. Billionaire Tom Steyer, who is backing "environmental and climate champions around the country," and former South Bend, Indiana, mayor Pete Buttigieg, who both lost the Democratic presidential primary, have contributed to Batch's campaign, making it one of the most expensive races in the state. I talked with Steyer in August, who cited Batch's proposal of a clean water bill this year as one way she has championed climate and environmental justice. "North Carolina has traditionally been a swing state, and then in the last few years, it's sort of dipped into this far right, Republican mode," Steyer said in a video interview. "I'm really hoping that in 2020, we're going to see North Carolina as a swing state with a much more progressive group of

representatives across the board." Facing Batch is Paré, a Republican with a background in regulatory policy work, and libertarian Liam Leaver." (Foundation For Research On Equal Opportunity, 9/14/20)

Batch Has Been Endorsed By Environmentalist Groups

Batch Was Endorsed By The North Carolina League Of Conservation Voters Which Supports The Green New Deal

In September 2018, Batch Was Among The Candidates To Be Endorsed By The North Carolina League Of Conservation Voters. "Similar announcements by the national League of Conservation Voters (LCV) and other state affiliates within the Conservation Voter Movement are happening today for a total of more than 1,400 candidates who have made the Clean Energy for All commitment across the country. "Across North Carolina, people are demanding common-sense clean energy solutions to protect our health, and to create more sustainable and thriving communities," said Carrie Clark, NCLCV Executive Director. "Clean energy is a winning issue for candidates, and a win for North Carolina's public health, environment, and economy. Recognizing that, nearly 100 candidates for the General Assembly's 170 seats have heard our call -- if they are all elected, they would form a governing majority in both chambers which is committed to moving North Carolina in the right direction." Among these 94 clean energy champions are Sydney Batch, candidate for House District 37 in Wake County, and Erica McAdoo, candidate for House District 63 in Alamance County." (Press Release, "94 Legislative Candidates Commit To Moving NC To 100% Clean Energy By 2050," North Carolina League Of Conservation Voters, 9/12/18)

The North Carolina League Of Conservation Voters Is Among The Organizations To Support The Green New Deal. "Yet as Majority Leader of the Senate, time and again you have stymied any serious debate and blocked climate progress. It's urgent to take action on climate change and to develop a clean energy economy that is equitable, sustainable and prosperous for everyone. LCV and our state league partners below support the Green New Deal, 100% clean, renewable energy, major investments in climate-smart infrastructure and efficiency, good-paying federal jobs, and a just transition for workers and communities hardest hit by pollution. It's long past time for you to take the climate crisis seriously and start taking immediate action to address this existential threat. Sincerely, League of Conservation Voters, The Alaska Center, California League of Conservation Voters, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters, Florida Conservation Voters, Illinois Environmental Council, Maine Conservation Voters, Maryland League of Conservation Voters, Environmental League of Massachusetts, Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Nevada Conservation League, New Jersey League of Conservation Voters, New York League of Conservation Voters, North Carolina League of Conservation Voters, Oregon League Conservation Voters, Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania, Vermont Conservation Voters, Washington Conservation Voters." (Open Letter To Mitch McConnell, [League Of Conservation Voters](#), 3/2019)

Batch Has Promoted Content Critical Of Expanding Offshore Drilling

On Twitter, Batch Promoted Content Critical Of The Trump Administration's Efforts To Expand Offshore Energy Drilling. (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/13/18)



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HOWEVER, BATCH HAS PROPOSED GIVING \$200 TO EVERY NORTH CAROLINIAN WITH A DRIVERS LICENSE FOR GAS PRICE RELIEF

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In May 2022, Batch Proposed “That Every Licensed Adult Driver In North Carolina Get \$200 From The State To Apply Toward Spiking Gas Prices.” “A group of senators in Raleigh want the state to give drivers some cash to spend on fuel. State Sen. Michael Garrett (D-Greensboro) is one of three primary sponsors – along with Sen. Dan Blue (D-Wake) and Sen. Sydney Batch (D-Wake) – who filed Senate Bill 897 on Thursday, proposing that every licensed adult driver in North Carolina get \$200 from the state to apply toward spiking gas prices. They are calling the measure the Gas Tax Rebate Act of 2022 and said it can be funded by spending \$1.3 billion of the roughly \$4.241 billion in surplus revenue the state has collected. The bill stipulates that to qualify for the rebate, a person must be a licensed driver residing in North Carolina and at least 18 as of March 31. If passed, the bill would become effective on July 1, and the state would distribute the rebate by no later than Oct. 1.” (CBS 13 WBTW, 5/27/22)

BATCH SUPPORTED ROY COOPER'S AUTHORITY AND ACTIONS AMID THE COVID PANDEMIC

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“Wake County Commissioner Matt Calabria and state Rep. Sydney Batch, a Raleigh Democrat, held a virtual town hall via Zoom on Sunday afternoon to discuss the coronavirus and its local impact. “There really isn't a family out there that's not affected some way,” Calabria said. He said Wake County has set up 53 food distribution sites. Calabria suggests businesses take the temperatures of all employees, and ideally customers as well. He said with the shortage of testing kits, it isn't possible to test all employees at grocery stores. “The county has gone so far as to develop plans for drive-thru testing ... but it's really hard to do drive-thru testing when on any given day you have 20 tests,” Calabria said. He said because of the shortage, tests are focused on particularly vulnerable populations like health-care workers and people who are older than 65. “We're barking up every tree we can to make more tests available,” he said. Batch said that “in an ideal world we'd test everyone, but we don't live in an ideal world.” Batch, an attorney, said she has spent her weekend making reusable face masks to donate. That's one way people can help, she said. Batch said that social distancing could also be called physical distancing, emphasizing that people can still maintain social connections in other ways. Batch said her daughter in elementary school uses Zoom to connect with classmates.” (*The News & Observer*, 3/29/20)

In March 2020, Batch Promoted A Tweet Appearing To Express Her Support For North Carolina’s Stay At Home Order

In March 2020, Batch ‘Liked’ A Tweet Appearing To Express Her Support For North Carolina’s Stay At Home Order. (Batch Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/27/20)



(Batch Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/27/20)

In 2020 And 2021, Batch Voted Against Legislation That Sought To Reign In Gov. Cooper’s Abuse Of Emergency Powers

Batch Voted No On HB 264, ‘Emergency Powers Accountability Act.’ ([HB 264](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27 - 15), North Carolina State Senate, 9/8/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to clarify the expiration of a statewide state of emergency and the exercise of certain powers under a statewide state of emergency, to clarify the abatement of statewide imminent hazards, and to clarify statewide quarantines.” ([HB 264](#))

ACU: “This Bill, Known As The Emergency Powers Accountability Act, Helps Protect Against Overreach Taken By The Executive Branch Concerning Issuance Of Executive Orders Relating To States Of Emergency.” “This bill, known as the Emergency Powers Accountability Act, helps protect against overreach taken by the executive branch concerning issuance of executive orders relating to states of emergency. Under the bill, a “Council of State” is established which is made up of the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and six other public officials. Under the bill, any state-wide emergency declaration issued by the governor shall expire 7 days after issuance unless the Council of State approves. If the Council of State approves, the order must then be approved by the General Assembly to be implemented for more than 45 days. ACU supports this legislative check on executive branch power and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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The American Conservative Union “Supports This Legislative Check On Executive Branch Power And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Batch Voted No SB 105, Which Clarifies Emergency Powers. ([SB 105](#), Bill Passed - House (64 – 49), North Carolina State House, 2/16/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to clarify the expiration of a state of emergency and the exercise of certain powers under a state of emergency and to clarify the abatement of statewide imminent hazards.” ([SB 105](#))

ACU: “This Bill Provides A Critical Check On Executive Branch Powers Concerning State Of Emergency Declarations, Which Have Been Abused By Governor Roy Cooper During The COVID-19 Outbreak.” “This bill provides a critical check on executive branch powers concerning state of emergency declarations, which have been abused by Governor Roy Cooper during the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the bill, any statewide state of emergency declared by the governor must be approved in concurrence of the majority of the Council of State (Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Insurance) or be rescinded 48 hours after issuance. ACU supports this check on executive authority and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

In June 2020, Batch Voted Against Legislation That “Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys Can Safely Reopen”

Batch Voted No SB 599, Concerning Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys. ([SB 599](#), Bill Passed - House (68 – 52), North Carolina State House, 6/16/20, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize skating rinks and bowling alleys to resume operations and to modify the capacity of temporary outdoor seating for food and drink establishments.” ([SB 599](#))

ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys Can Safely Reopen.” “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring skating rinks and bowling alleys can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

In June 2020, Batch Voted Against Legislation That Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Gyms, Health Clubs And Fitness Centers Can Safely Reopen”

Batch Voted No HB 806, Concerning Exercise And Fitness Facilities. ([HB 806](#), Bill Passed - House (75 – 31), North Carolina State House, 6/26/20, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize indoor or outdoor exercise and fitness facilities, gyms, health clubs, and fitness centers to resume operations.” ([HB 806](#))

ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Gyms, Health Clubs And Fitness Centers Can Safely Reopen.” “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring gyms, health clubs and fitness centers can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of between 40 and 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

In June 2020, Batch Voted Against A Bill That “Ensures Individuals Are Able To Celebrate Our Nation’s Founding And Participate In Fourth Of July Festivities By Overriding The Governor’s COVID-19 Shutdown Order”

July 4th / Shutdown Orders

Batch Voted No On HB 686, ‘Freedom To Celebrate The Fourth Of July.’ ([HB 686](#), Bill Passed - House (67 – 47), North Carolina State House, 6/23/20, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An Act To Protect The Right To Celebrate The Fourth Of July, In Commemoration Of The Declaration Of Independence Of The United States.” ([HB 686](#))

ACU: “This Bill Ensures Individuals Are Able To Celebrate Our Nation’s Founding And Participate In Fourth Of July Festivities By Overriding The Governor’s COVID-19 Shutdown Order.” “This bill ensures individuals are able to celebrate our nation’s founding and participate in Fourth of July festivities by overriding the Governor’s COVID-19 shutdown order. Under the bill, the Governor nor localities may enact any restriction that forbids parades or firework displays from July 1st through the 10th of 2020. Additionally, this bill protects organizations that hold festivities by establishing civil liability protections for alleged exposure to COVID-19. ACU believes individuals possess reason, which gives them the ability to assess risk and choose how they celebrate the founding of the United States and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

- **“Under The Bill, The Governor Nor Localities May Enact Any Restriction That Forbids Parades Or Firework Displays From July 1st Through The 10th Of 2020.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)
- **“Additionally, This Bill Protects Organizations That Hold Festivities By Establishing Civil Liability Protections For Alleged Exposure To COVID-19.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

The American Conservative Union “Believes Individuals Possess Reason, Which Gives Them The Ability To Assess Risk And Choose How They Celebrate The Founding Of The United States And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

In June 2020, Batch Voted Against Legislation That “Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Amusement Parks, Arcades, Fairs, Carnivals, And Public Playgrounds Can Safely Reopen”

Batch Voted No On HB 795, Which Authorizes Operations For Playgrounds, Among Other Venues. ([HB 795](#), Bill Passed - House (54 – 52), North Carolina State House, 6/25/20, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize amusement parks, gaming and business establishments with video games and arcade games, fairs or carnivals, and public playgrounds to resume operations.” ([HB 795](#))

ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Amusement Parks, Arcades, Fairs, Carnivals, And Public Playgrounds Can Safely Reopen.” “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power

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BATCH VOTED AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT SOUGHT TO ENSURE IN-PERSON LEARNING FOR STUDENTS

In 2021, Batch Voted Against SB 37 – A Bill That “Helps Return Students To The Classroom For The Remainder Of The 2020-2021 School Year By Requiring All Local School Administrative Units To Provide The Option Of In-Person Instruction To Students In Grades”

Batch Voted No On SB 37, ‘In-Person Learning Choice For Families.’ ([SB 37](#), Veto Override Failed - Senate (29 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 3/1/21, Batch Voted No; [SB 37](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31 - 16), North Carolina State Senate, 2/16/21, Batch Voted No)

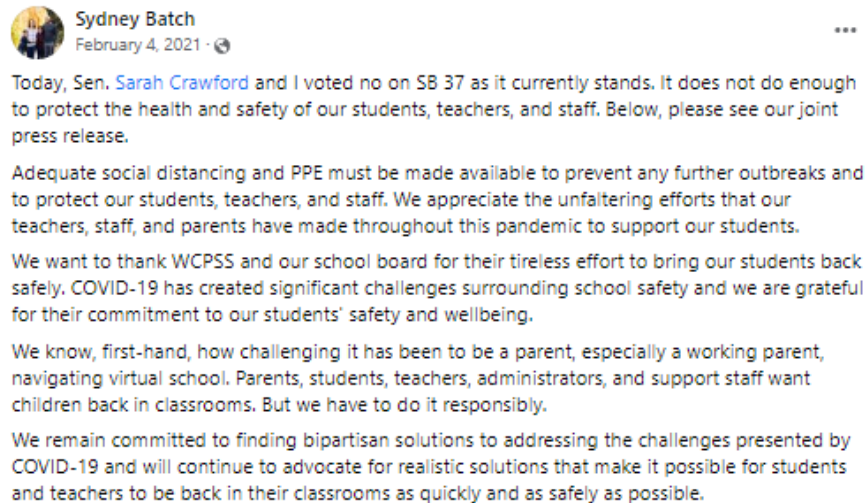
- NOTE: “An act to provide access to in-person learning for students in grades kindergarten through twelve.” ([SB 37](#))

ACU: “This Bill Helps Return Students To The Classroom For The Remainder Of The 2020-2021 School Year By Requiring All Local School Administrative Units To Provide The Option Of In-Person Instruction To Students In Grades.” “This bill helps return students to the classroom for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year by requiring all local school administrative units to provide the option of in-person instruction to students in grades K-12. The bill provides appropriate guidance to promote social distancing for in-person instruction and leaves student participation up to the student’s parent or guardian for the remainder of the school year. ACU supports improving educational outcomes by returning students to the classrooms and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Supports Improving Educational Outcomes By Returning Students To The Classrooms And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Batch Defended Her Vote On Social Media

In February 2021, Batch Posted On Facebook Appearing To Express Her Support For The Masking Of Children. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 2/4/21)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 2/4/21)

BATCH'S FAR-LEFT, RADICAL SOCIAL AGENDA

Batch supports a radical social agenda relative to North Carolina values.

Batch is a pro-abortion legislator who has voted against the the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act several times. In turn, Batch has been supported by pro-abortion organizations. Batch was named a “champion of choice” by Planned Parenthood. Batch was endorsed by the pro-choice EMILY’s choice organization regularly.

Batch also has expressed anti-second amendment sentiments. Batch has voted against the Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act, which “strengthens Second Amendment rights. Additionally, Batch has taken part in pro-gun control demonstrations

Batch does not support the rule of law in regard to illegal immigration. With her vote against HB 135, which declares a sanctuary county or city ordinance null and void, Batch undermined immigration enforcement law. Furthermore, Batch voted against HB 370, which requires confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Questionably, Batch voted against legislation (SB 250) that would remove foreign citizens from North Carolina voting rolls.

Finally, it should be noted that Batch signed a pledge in 2020 for the Future Now Fund; the pledge included measures for defunding the police, bail reform, and other measures.

BATCH VOTED AGAINST THE BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

In 2019, Batch Voted Against SB 359, The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Batch Voted No On SB 359, The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. ([SB 359](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 46), North Carolina State House, 4/16/19, Batch Voted No; [SB 359](#), Veto Override Attempt - House (67 - 53), North Carolina State House, 6/5/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 359 would: Mandate reporting of a medical practitioner who failed to provide care. Require care by a medical practitioner for a child born alive despite an abortion. Create two new Class D felonies for violations of the Article. Create a bar to prosecution of the woman whose child was not cared for. Create civil penalties for the woman whose child was not cared for. Amend the current murder statute.” ([SB 359](#))

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”

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: 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.” “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. Governor Roy Cooper vetoed this life-saving bill; the vote for freedom is yes to override the veto.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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In 2021, Batch Voted Against Similar Legislation

Batch Voted No On S 404, The ‘Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.’ ([SB 404](#), Bill Passed - Senate (28 - 21), North Carolina State Senate, 5/11/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act establishing the born-alive abortion survivors protection act.” ([SB 405](#))

ACU: “This Bill, Known As The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, Protects Life By Requiring A Health Care Practitioner To Exercise The Same Degree Of Professional Skill And Care To Preserve The Life Of A Child Born Alive In The Case Of An Abortion Or Attempt To Perform An Abortion.” “This bill, known as the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, protects life by requiring a health care practitioner to exercise the same degree of professional skill and care to preserve the life of a child born alive in the case of an abortion or attempt to perform an abortion. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 11, 2021 by a vote of 28-21.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Believes Abortion Is A Human Tragedy, Supports Restrictions On The Practice And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

BATCH APPEARS TO SUPPORT ALLOWING ABORTION BASED ON DISCRIMINATORY FACTORS

In 2021, Batch Voted Against Legislation That “Protects Life By Prohibiting Abortions Sought Due To The Race Or The Presence Or Presumed Presence Of Down Syndrome Of The Unborn Child”

Batch Voted No On HB 453, ‘Human Life Nondiscrimination Act/No Eugenics’. ([HB 453](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 6/10/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An Act To Protect Against Discrimination Of Human Life.” ([HB 453](#))

ACU: “This Bill Protects Life By Prohibiting Abortions Sought Due To The Race Or The Presence Or Presumed Presence Of Down Syndrome Of The Unborn Child.” “This bill protects life by prohibiting abortions sought due to the race or the presence or presumed presence of Down syndrome of the unborn child. Under the bill, a physician is required to provide a statement confirming that the women did not seek the abortion because of the child’s actual or presumed race or presence of Down syndrome. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

- **“Under The Bill, A Physician Is Required To Provide A Statement Confirming That The Women Did Not Seek The Abortion Because Of The Child’s Actual Or Presumed Race Or Presence Of Down Syndrome.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

BATCH HAS BEEN BOOSTED BY PRO-ABORTION ORGANIZATIONS

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Batch Has Been Consistently Endorsed By The Pro-Choice EMILY's Choice Organization

In 2018, Batch Was Among The Candidates To Be Endorsed By The Progressive, Pro-Choice Organization EMILYs List. “Under Republican leadership, public education and voting rights have come under attack in North Carolina. The Republican state legislature is more concerned with pushing their agenda than protecting the people they were elected to represent and it's time to hold them accountable. These nineteen women have stepped in to give North Carolina voters the voice they deserve. Electing pro-choice Democratic women to state offices is an important step in building up the pipeline in this critical swing state with a history of illegal gerrymandering. EMILY's List is proud to endorse these impressive women leaders who have what it takes to fight for change for North Carolina's women and working families.” EMILYs List endorsed the following slate of challengers and incumbents: Cynthia Ball (HD-49) Sydney Batch (HD-37) Jean Farmer Butterfield (HD-24).” (“Emily's List Endorses Nineteen Women Leaders For North Carolina's State Legislature,” Emily’s List, 5/10/18)

In 2020, Batch Was Endorsed By The Pro-Choice Organization EMILY's List. “These endorsements are in addition to 17 previously endorsed EMILYs List candidates in North Carolina: Beth Wood (Auditor), Jenna Wadsworth (Commissioner of Agriculture), Natalie Murdock (SD-20), Natasha Marcus (SD-41), Julie Mayfield (SD-49), Marcia Morgan (HD-19), Jean Farmer-Butterfield (HD-24), Rosa Gill (HD-33), Julie von Haefen (HD-36), Sydney Batch

(HD-37), Frances Jackson (HD-45), Verla Insko (HD-56), Evelyn Terry (HD-71), Aimy Steele (HD-82), Christy Clark (HD-98), Becky Carney (HD-102), and Rachel Hunt (HD-103). EMILYs List, the nations largest resource for women in politics, has raised over \$600 million to elect pro-choice Democratic women candidates.” (Emily’s List, 3/27/20)

In 2022, Batch Was Endorsed By EMILY’s List. “Today, EMILYs List, the nations largest resource for women in politics, endorsed 20 women for the North Carolina General Assembly. Laphonza Butler, president of EMILYs List, released the following statement: EMILYs List is thrilled to endorse this slate of Democratic pro-choice women for the North Carolina General Assembly. These women have plans to improve North Carolinas education system and fight for civil rights, economic justice, and reproductive freedom. As anti-choice attacks surge in state legislatures across the country, we are confident that these candidates will fight back against Republicans unnecessary and burdensome restrictions intended to obstruct abortion access and advance reproductive justice throughout the state. EMILYs List is proud to stand with this slate of pro-choice champions at this critical juncture for reproductive freedom in the United States. EMILY’s List endorsed the following slate of challengers and incumbents: Kandie Smith (NC-SD05) Lisa Grafstein (NC-SD13) Sydney Batch (NC-SD17)...” (Emily’s List, 4/19/22)

BATCH HAS EXPRESSED ANTI-SECOND AMENDMENT SENTIMENTS

In 2021, Batch Voted Against The Religious Assembly Security And Protection Act, Which “Strengthens Second Amendment Rights By Building Upon Previous Law To Ensure Individuals Can Carry A Concealed Firearm In A Church Or Place Of Worship That Shares Its Location With A School”

Batch Voted No On SB 43, ‘Protect Religious Meeting Places.’ ([SB 43](#), Bill Passed - Senate (30 - 19), North Carolina State Senate, 6/8/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to enact the religious assembly security and protection act of 2021 and to authorize concealed carry for certain law enforcement facility employees.” ([SB 43](#))

ACU: “This Bill, Known As The Religious Assembly Security And Protection Act, Strengthens Second Amendment Rights By Building Upon Previous Law To Ensure Individuals Can Carry A Concealed Firearm In A Church Or Place Of Worship That Shares Its Location With A School.” “This bill, known as the Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act, strengthens Second Amendment rights by building upon previous law to ensure individuals can carry a concealed firearm in a church or place of worship that shares its location with a school. Religious institutions and owners still have the freedom to prohibit a firearm on their property. Additionally, the bill provides certain law enforcement facility employees to conceal carry in a greater amount of previously prohibited areas. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, opposes “gun-free zones” which threaten public safety by stripping individuals of their ability to defend themselves, and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

- **“Additionally, The Bill Provides Certain Law Enforcement Facility Employees To Conceal Carry In A Greater Amount Of Previously Prohibited Areas.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment, Opposes ‘Gun-Free Zones’ Which Threaten Public Safety By Stripping Individuals Of Their Ability To Defend Themselves, And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

In 2021, Batch Voted Against Legislation That “Reduces An Undue Burden For Individuals To Exercise Their Second Amendment Rights By Repealing The State’s Pistol Purchase Permit Requirement...”

Batch Voted No On HB 398, An Act To Repeal Pistol Permits. ([HB 398](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 8/18/21, Batch Voted No)

ACU: “This Bill Reduces An Undue Burden For Individuals To Exercise Their Second Amendment Rights By Repealing The State’s Pistol Purchase Permit Requirement And Instead Directs State Handgun Purchases Through The Federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Managed By The FBI.” “This bill reduces an undue burden for individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights by repealing the state’s pistol purchase permit requirement and instead directs state handgun purchases through the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) managed by the FBI. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Batch Has Taken Part In Pro-Gun Control Demonstrations

According To Her Campaign Twitter Profile, Batch Took Part In A February 2019 March With The Pro-Gun Control Group ‘Moms Demand Action.’ (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 2/9/19)



(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 2/9/19)

BATCH HAS SIGNED SUPPORT FOR SANCTUARY CITIES AND COUNTIES

Batch Voted Against HB 135, Which Declares A Sanctuary County Or City Ordinance Null And Void

Batch Voted No On HB 135, Which Declares A Sanctuary County Or City Ordinance Null And Void, Among Other Measures. ([HB 135](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 52), North Carolina State House, 6/26/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: "House Bill 135 would: Declare a sanctuary county or city ordinance null and void. Authorize any person to bring an action for injunctive relief against a county or city enacting a sanctuary ordinance. Appropriate \$15,000, in nonrecurring funds, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to provide education for the public and for local governments on the contents of this act." ([HB 135](#))

BATCH VOTED AGAINST LEGISLATION THAT REQUIRES COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES

Batch Voted Against HB 370, Which Requires Confinement Facilities To Comply With Detainers And Administrative Warrants Issued By Immigration And Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Batch Voted No On HB 370, Which Requires Confinement Facilities To Comply With Detainers And Administrative Warrants Issued By Immigration And Customs Enforcement (ICE). ([HB 370](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 53), North Carolina State House, 8/20/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 370 would do the following: Require confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Authorize the removal of a sheriff or officer from office for failing to comply with ICE detainers. Require confinement facilities to submit annual reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety (JPS Oversight) regarding compliance with ICE detainers.” ([HB 370](#))

HB 370 “States That Sheriff’s Departments Across The State Would Be Forced To Work With Immigration Officers”

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In 2021, Batch Voted Against Similar Legislation

Batch Voted No On SB 101, ‘Require Cooperation With ICE 2.0’. ([SB 101](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 3/11/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to require compliance with immigration detainers and administrative warrants and to require certain reports from local law enforcement.” ([SB 101](#))

ACU: “This Bill Requires Local Law Enforcement To Comply With Federal Immigration Detainers And Administrative Warrants, While Also Strengthening The Screening Process For The Immigration Status Of Individuals Charged With Crimes.” “This bill requires local law enforcement to comply with federal immigration detainers and administrative warrants, while also strengthening the screening process for the immigration status of individuals charged

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- NOTE: “...Modifies proposed GS 9-6.2, regarding reports of excusals from jury duty based on disqualification. Clarifies that the records retained by the State Board of Elections (State Board) regarding disqualification from jury duty based on citizenship are public records, except as prohibited by federal statute. Makes a similar clarification to GS 163-82.14, concerning registered voter list maintenance, to deem noncitizen records under new subsection (c1) public records, except as prohibited by federal statute. Further amends the proposed new provisions in GS 163-82.14 to no longer require the State Board to quarterly publish on its website the voter registration status of persons disqualified from jury duty based on citizenship.” ([SB 250](#))

SB 250 “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”

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 250 “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.” “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.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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BATCH SIGNED A PLEDGE IN 2020 FOR THE FUTURE NOW FUND; THE PLEDGE INCLUDED MEASURES FOR DEFUNDING THE POLICE, BAIL REFORM, AND OTHER MEASURES

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policy statement: “Police funding...has been shown to have no connection to crime rates.”
(Foundation For Research On Equal Opportunity, 9/24/20)

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BATCH'S CONTROVERSIAL POLITICAL ACTIONS AND TIES TO THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT

Batch is not without her own fair share of controversial political actions and associations.

Batch was twice criticized for pushing misleading campaign ads in 2018. An October 2018 ad by Batch was labeled "false" by Politifact for misleadingly portraying a Republican Bill to provide an alternative to Obamacare. A May 2018 claim by Batch was labeled "false" by Politifact for mischaracterizing Republican actions on the North Carolina state budget.

Unsurprisingly, Batch has pushed Democrat-favored voting reforms.

Batch has been associated with leading leftist politicians, including Biden, Harris, Obama, Buttigieg, and Cooper.

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In October 2018, Batch Came Under Scrutiny For An Ad Attacking North Carolina Positions On Healthcare. "Democrats in North Carolina are campaigning on the idea that the GOP-controlled legislature should do more to improve health care in North Carolina. A recent video ad by Sydney Batch, a Democrat running for NC House District 37 in southern Wake County, tries to build off that idea. She's running against Republican John Adcock, who was appointed to the seat in September. "John Adcock wants to join politicians who took thousands from insurance companies and support letting them deny health care coverage," a narrator in the ad says. "Their plan would get rid of coverage altogether for thousands of families and raise premiums on the rest of us." The claims are vague, leaving PolitiFact to wonder which plan by legislative Republicans would eliminate coverage for North Carolina families." ("A Wake County Candidate's Ad Falsely Links Her Republican Rival To A Health Care Bill," *The News & Observer*, 10/23/16)

- Politifact Rated Batch's Ad "False" For Misleadingly Portraying A Republican Bill To Provide An Alternative To Obamacare, Which Was Actually Not Supported By Her Republican Opponent.** "Batch's commercial suggests a plan supported by John Adcock and legislative Republicans "would get rid of coverage altogether for thousands of families and raise premiums on the rest of us." Her campaign manager cited a bill that would have provided an alternative option to the Affordable Care Act. While that bill could ultimately destabilize the ACA marketplace, causing premiums to rise, it doesn't directly eliminate coverage. It didn't have enough support to pass and Adcock says he opposes it. We rate this claim False. This story was produced by the North Carolina Fact-Checking Project, a partnership of McClatchy Carolinas, the Duke University Reporters' Lab and PolitiFact. The NC Local News Lab Fund and the International Center for Journalists provide support for the project, which shares fact-checks with newsrooms statewide." ("A Wake County Candidate's Ad Falsely Links Her Republican Rival To A Health Care Bill," *The News & Observer*, 10/23/18)

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A May 2018 Campaign Newsletter Released By Batch Overstated North Carolina Republican Actions On The State Budget, Noting That Republicans Had Used The “Nuclear Option” To Pass The North Carolina State Budget When They Had Not.

‘Democrats are mad that Republicans plan to change state government spending without their direct input. Republicans, who hold a supermajority in the North Carolina Legislature, are mostly negotiating budget changes amongst themselves and intend to block any proposed amendments to their bill. But, if voters were to read one Democrat's newsletter, they'd get an entirely different picture of the situation. A May 23 newsletter distributed by Sydney Batch, a Democratic candidate for NC House, overstates what has happened so far. "Yesterday afternoon the Republicans in the General Assembly used the nuclear option to pass North Carolina's over \$20 billion budget," the newsletter said. It adds: "For the first time in (the) history of our great state, they are not allowing any debate or input on our budget.'" ("On The GOP's Budget, This Democrat Got It Wrong," *News & Observer*, 5/25/18)

- **“The Problem With Batch's Statements Is That They Aren't Accurate.”** “The problem with Batch's statements is that they aren't accurate. As we write this fact-check, legislative Republicans have yet to vote on or even reveal their full budget plans. And her statement about the lack of debate is also misleading.” (“On The GOP's Budget, This Democrat Got It Wrong,” *News & Observer*, 5/25/18)
- **Batch Acknowledged The Error And Claimed Her Mistake Was An “Inadvertent Typo” Before Retracting Her Statement And Issuing An Apology.** ““I meant to type, "Yesterday afternoon the Republicans in the General Assembly decided that they are going to use the nuclear option to pass North Carolina's over \$20 billion budget,"" Batch wrote in an email (Whether or not the process Republicans are using can be referred to as "the nuclear option" is another debate altogether.) "I will retract and edit the statement with the email list shortly. Thanks for bringing it to my attention," Batch wrote. And retract the statement, she did. On May 24, Batch distributed a newsletter apologizing for her mistake.” (“On The GOP's Budget, This Democrat Got It Wrong,” *News & Observer*, 5/25/18)
- **Politifact Rated Her Claim As “False.”** “Batch said, "Yesterday afternoon the Republicans in the General Assembly used the nuclear option to pass North Carolina's over \$20 billion budget." In fact, the budget hasn't been approved yet. It hasn't even been put up for a vote. Batch apologized for the mistake and retracted her statement in a new email - which PolitiFact applauds. But that doesn't protect her first statement from our Truth-O-Meter. We rate her claim False.” (“On The GOP's Budget, This Democrat Got It Wrong,” *News & Observer*, 5/25/18)

BATCH PUSHES DEMOCRAT-FAVORED ELECTION REFORMS

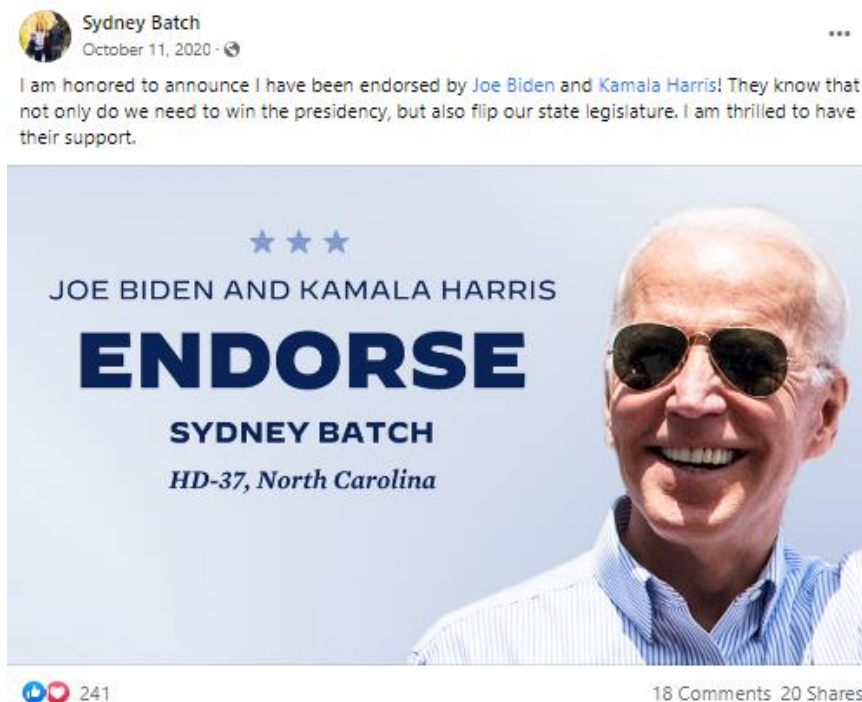
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BATCH HAS TIES TO LEADING PROGRESSIVES

Batch Has Previously Been Endorsed By Joe Biden And Kamala Harris

In October 2020, Batch Posted On Facebook Stating Her Campaign Had Been Endorsed By Joe Biden And Kamala Harris. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 10/11/20)



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Batch Has Promoted Her Support Of Kamala Harris

In October 2020, Batch Posted A Photo On Facebook Picturing Her Posing With Kamala Harris. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 10/7/20)



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Batch Has Been Consistently Supported By Barack Obama

In August 2018, Batch Was Among The Democrats To Be Endorsed By Barack Obama.

“Earlier today, President Obama announced his first wave of endorsements for the 2018 midterm election, including six North Carolina House and Senate candidates: * Wiley Nickel (SD 16) * Ron Wesson (HD 1) * Terence Everitt (HD 35) * Julie von Haefen (HD 36) * Sydney Batch (HD 37) * Rachel Hunt (HD 103) In announcing the endorsement, President Obama said "I'm confident that, together, they'll strengthen this country we love by restoring opportunity, repairing our alliances and standing in the world, and upholding our fundamental commitment to justice, fairness, responsibility, and the rule of law. But first, they need our votes.” (Press Release, “President Obama Endorses Six North Carolina Democrats,” North Carolina Democratic Party, 8/1/18)

Batch’s 2018 Campaign Was Endorsed Barack Obama. (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 8/1/18)



(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 8/1/18)

In 2020, Batch Was Endorsed For Reelection By Obama. “In the House, Obama endorsed several incumbent Democrats facing potentially competitive challenges from Republicans this year: Rep. Sydney Batch of Holly Springs, who's facing Republican Erin Pare and Libertarian Liam Leaver. Rep. Terence Everitt of Wake Forest, who's facing Republican Fred Von Canon and Libertarian Michael Nelson. Rep. Christy Clark of Charlotte, who has a rematch with Republican John Bradford whom she unseated in 2018. Rep. Brandon Lofton of Charlotte, who's facing Don Pomeroy. He also endorsed Kimberly Hardy of Fayetteville, who defeated Rep. Elmer Floyd in the Democratic primary and is now facing Republican Diane Wheatley.” (*The News & Observer*, 8/3/20)

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In June 2020, Pete Buttigieg Urged His Supporters To Help With Batch's Reelection Effort Resulting In An Influx Of Contributions To Her Campaign. “In the 2018 'Blue Wave' election, Democrats flipped several GOP-held seats in suburban areas and erased Republicans' veto-proof supermajority. Now, Republicans hold 65 of 120 N.C. House seats and 29 of 50 Senate seats. So if Democrats want to take back the majority this year, they'll need to emerge from 2020 with five more Senate seats and six more House seats. And they've gotten national

attention in their attempts to do so. For example, Democratic Rep. Sydney Batch's district in southwestern Wake County is among Republicans' best shots to take back a seat they lost in 2018. So former Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg waded into that race in June, encouraging his supporters across the country to help her out. With her national attention, Batch raised \$230,000 in the most recent quarter from mid-February through June. The only member of the House of Representatives who raised more money was Republican Speaker of the House Tim Moore. Batch will be facing Republican challenger Erin Paré, whose \$87,000 last quarter trailed Batch but was still a strong showing.” (*The News & Observer*, 7/20/20)

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In January 2021, Batch Was Appointed To The North Carolina State Senate Despite Having Lost Her 2020 Reelection Campaign. “Sydney Batch, who previously represented Wake County in the state House, is North Carolina's newest state senator. And Knightdale Mayor James Roberson is the newest member of the state House. A group of Wake County Democratic Party members unanimously nominated Batch to fill a vacancy in Senate District 17 on Saturday morning. On Sunday afternoon, Democrats nominated Roberson to replace former Rep. Darren Jackson in House District 39 in eastern Wake, Jackson announced in a tweet Sunday. And Gov. Roy Cooper appointed the pair Monday ahead of the legislative session that starts Wednesday, making their positions official. Jackson previously served as the House minority leader but was appointed by Cooper to North Carolina's Court of Appeals. Roberson, senior dean of Instructional Support at Wake Technical Community College and chief campus officer of the Western Wake Campus, was elected to the Knightdale Town Council in 2007. He served two terms before he was elected as mayor in 2015 and 2019. His term was set to expire in 2023, according to the town's website. Former state Sen. Sam Searcy announced in late December he planned to resign from his Senate seat representing southern and western Wake County, saying he was pursuing another opportunity. He has not yet announced what he'll do next, but said he will still be serving North Carolinians. On his way out, Searcy endorsed former Rep. Batch, who lost her reelection bid in November. Batch has largely been seen as a rising star in the Democratic Party.” (*The News & Observer*, 1/9/21)

BATCH HAS BENN ENDORSED BY PROGRESSIVE ACTIVIST GROUPS

Batch Was Endorsed For Reelection By The Pro-LGBTQ Group Human Rights Campaign

In 2020, Batch Was Endorsed For Reelection By The Pro-LGBTQ Group Human Rights Campaign. “Today, the Human Rights Campaign announced the endorsement of champions of equality running for the North Carolina State Legislature. Today, 29 states, including North Carolina, lack comprehensive protections for LGBTQ people. North Carolina, the home of HB2, has been ground zero for the fight to end discrimination against transgender people and ensure equal protections for all LGBTQ Americans. Thanks to the hard work of the Human Rights Campaign, Equality North Carolina and local LGBTQ rights advocates, we ousted Gov. Pat McCrory. Today's endorsements mark the next step of our efforts, to limit the power of our

opponents and elect as many pro-equality allies as possible to ensure all LGBTQ North Carolinians have the protections they deserve. "North Carolina continues to be a key state for defending and advancing LGBTQ protections and we need local leaders to continue the fight," said HRC Associate Regional Campaigns Director Meloda Gutierrez. "There is a lot more work to do to ensure that 319,000 LGBTQ North Carolinians have the protections from discrimination all humans deserve. We are excited to endorse 26 champions of LGBTQ equality who have led the fight in their own communities and on the state level to advance equality and defend against attempts to roll back LGBTQ rights. Between now and November, we are laser focused on mobilizing the more than 1.5 million Equality Voters throughout the state to ensure these and other pro-equality candidates up and down the ballot are elected.'" (Human Rights Campaign, 8/13/20)

- **NOTE:** *Batch was mentioned later in the release as an endorsed candidate.*

***Batch Was Among The Candidates Endorsed By The Progressive Organization
Democracy For America***

In May 2018, Batch Was Among The Candidates Endorsed By The Progressive Organization Democracy For America. "As primary election results begin filtering in tonight, Democracy for America (DFA) will be closely monitoring the success of it's 10 endorsed state-level candidates in Indiana, North Carolina, and Ohio. DFA state and municipal-level endorsed candidates running in today's primary elections include: * Anna Murray (IN Senate - District 46) * Sherry Shipley (IN Senate - District 22) * Amie Neiling (IN House - District 32) * Natasha Marcus (NC Senate - District 41) * Mujtaba Mohammed (NC Senate - District 38) * Allison Dhale (NC House - District 11) * Julie von Haefen (NC House - District 36) * Sydney Batch (NC House - District 37) * Christy Clark (NC House - District 98) * Yvonka Hall (OH House - District 12)." (Press Release, "During May 8 Primaries, DFA Closely Following 10 State-Level Candidates In IN, NC, OH," Democracy For America, 5/8/18)

***Notably, Batch Lost Her 2020 Reelection Campaign Despite Donors Pouring \$1
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Batch Lost Her 2020 Reelection Campaign Despite Donors Pouring \$1 Million Into Her Coffers. 'For Democrats to win a majority in North Carolina's General Assembly, they needed one of the party's rising stars to hang on to her seat. So donors across the country poured more than \$1 million into Rep. Sydney Batch's campaign for House District 37 -- a purple, suburban district in southwestern Wake County -- signaling her seat was key to taking back control of the legislature and the power to draw congressional and state legislative districts that would last for the next decade. "We put everything we had into defending Rep. Batch," said Rep. Graig Meyer, a Democrat who served as a campaign chair for the House Democratic Caucus. "We knew that if we weren't going to be able to hold District 37 ... There was no way we were going to get to a majority in this election." In the end, money didn't translate to votes for Batch and most other Democrats vying for legislative seats. Despite out-raising Republican Erin Paré by nearly five times, Batch lost by more than 3 percentage points on election night, despite the 4-point advantage the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation estimated Democrats had in the district. The outcome of Batch's race is representative of the struggles Democratic candidates for the state legislature had across the state this year. The millions of dollars they raised weren't

enough to overcome a number of factors Democrats didn't foresee. Among them: Unexpectedly high turnout among Trump voters.” (*News & Observer*, 11/12/20)

APPENDIX A: ISSUES OF NOTE (BY SUBJECT AREA)

Below is a non-comprehensive reference section pertaining to Sydney Batch's issues and policy positions of note. Any actionable material from this section has been incorporated into the prior narrative sections.

FISCAL

Taxes

Tax Cuts

In June 2021, Batch Was Among The Democratic Senators To Break Ranks And Vote To Pass The Republican-Led JOBS Grand And Tax Relief Measure. “The North Carolina Senate passed a Republican-led tax reform package Wednesday evening in a quick, 36-14 vote that drew eight Democrats to cross the aisle and vote in favor of the bill. House Bill 334 would raise the standard deduction from \$21,500 to \$25,500 for joint filers, which would take about a quarter of a million of the lowest-in-come North Carolinians entirely off the tax rolls. It also reduces North Carolina’s flat income tax rate for remaining taxpayers from 5.25% to 4.99%. Additionally, the tax package raises the per-child tax deduction by \$500. Bill sponsors say that a family with two children earning \$38,000 annually will get a 50% tax cut under this bill, while a family earning \$200,000 gets a 7.1% cut. For North Carolina households earning the median income of \$54,000, they will see a 21% decrease in their state taxes. By raising the minimum deduction, the poorest taxpayers move into the zero-tax bracket. Bill sponsor Senator Paul Newton, R-Cabarrus, told colleagues on the Senate floor the measure disproportionately provides relief to the poorest taxpayers in the state. “It will also remove some 250k people from the tax rolls altogether,” said Newton. “If your heart is to help the least affluent among us, then this bill will do that.” The JOBS Grand and Tax Relief measure would also phase out the state’s corporate income tax over the next seven years. Now, North Carolina’s corporate income tax rate is 2.5%. It would phase out to a zero-corporate tax by the year 2027. The reform package would also reduce the franchise tax that businesses must pay by 25%. Sen. Jay Chaudhuri, D-Wake, stood and spoke in opposition to the tax reform package saying that the state has not spent enough in recent years on schools and infrastructure. “We’ve elected to pursue more tax cuts rather than rebuild our schools, rebuild our infrastructure and ultimately rebuild our economy,” Chaudhuri said. Still, eight Democrat senators voted in favor of the tax relief package including Senators Sydney Batch, D-Wake, Ben Clark, D-Cumberland, Sarah Crawford, D-Franklin; Don Davis, D-Pitt; Kirk deViere, D-Cumberland; Michael Garnett, D-Guilford; Paul Lowe, D-Forsyth; and Joyce Waddell, D-Mecklenburg.” (*The Daily Courier*, 6/11/21)

Franchise Tax Rate

Batch Voted No On SB 578, Which Reduces The Franchise Tax Rate And Expands Those Qualifying For Film And Entertainment Grants. ([SB 578](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/31/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 578 would do the following, all of which were included in House Bill 966, the 2019 Appropriations Act: Reduce the franchise tax rate from \$1.50 to \$0.96

over a two-year span and remove one method of calculating a corporation's franchise tax base, beginning with the 2021 taxable year. (In House Bill 966, this provision was effective beginning with the 2020 taxable year). Reduce the qualifying expense threshold for awards from the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund (Fund), effective when the act becomes law. (House Bill 966 had an effective date of July 1, 2019)” ([SB 578](#))

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 578 “Lowers The State’s Franchise Tax, Which Is Defined As A Tax On A Company’s ‘Net Worth.’” “SB 578 lowers the state’s franchise tax, which is defined as a tax on a company’s “net worth.” The franchise tax essentially serves as a penalty for doing business in North Carolina. Reducing the franchise tax encourages capital investment in our state, resulting in more jobs and bigger paychecks. While the bill also includes some modifications to the state's Film Tax Credit - which is ardently opposed by Civitas Action - the benefits of reducing the franchise tax still far outweigh the negatives of making adjustments to the film grant program. North Carolina businesses should not be penalized for growing, which benefits the economy of the state. For that reason, Civitas Action believes a vote for SB578 is a vote for freedom.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“The Franchise Tax Essentially Serves As A Penalty For Doing Business In North Carolina.”** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Batch Voted Yea On Amdt 1 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reinstated The Earned Income Tax Credit. ([Amdt 1](#), Amendment Failed - House (55 - 61), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Batch Voted Yea)

moves to amend the bill on page 322, line 13, by adding a new section to read:

"REINSTATE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

SECTION 41.11.(a) G.S. 105-151.31 is reenacted as it existed immediately before its expiration, is recodified as G.S. 105-153.11, and reads as rewritten:

'§ 105-151.31. Earned income tax credit.

([Amdt 1](#))

Historic Preservation Tax Credit And Certain Sales Tax Exemptions

Batch Voted Yea On HB 399, Which Extends The Sunset Dates For A Series Of Tax Credits And Sales Tax Exemptions, Among Other Measures. ([HB 399](#), Bill Passed - House (93 - 8), North Carolina State House, 10/24/19, Batch Voted Yea)

- NOTE: "... Extends the sunset date of the State's Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit to include expenses incurred by January 1, 2024. - Reinstates the Mill Rehabilitation Tax Credit for a project that meets certain conditions. - Extends the sunset date for an existing sales tax exemption for qualifying airlines until January 1, 2024. - Extends the sunset date for existing sales tax exemptions and refunds for the motorsports industry until January 1, 2024..." ([HB 399](#))

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: "HB399 Extends The Historic Preservation Tax Credit As Well As Other Targeted Tax Credits For The Airline And Motorsports Industries." "As amended and passed in October 2019, HB399 extends the Historic Preservation Tax Credit as well as other targeted tax credits for the airline and motorsports industries. Providing tax relief only to hand-picked industries is unfair and opens the door for corruption and cronyism. Instead, tax relief should be given on an across-the-board basis. The vote for freedom is no on HB399." ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **Civitas Action Opposed This Legislation: "Providing Tax Relief Only To Hand-Picked Industries Is Unfair And Opens The Door For Corruption And Cronyism. Instead, Tax Relief Should Be Given On An Across-The-Board Basis."** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

Spending And Budgets

Gas Tax Relief

In May 2022, Batch Proposed "That Every Licensed Adult Driver In North Carolina Get \$200 From The State To Apply Toward Spiking Gas Prices." "A group of senators in Raleigh want the state to give drivers some cash to spend on fuel. State Sen. Michael Garrett (D-Greensboro) is one of three primary sponsors – along with Sen. Dan Blue (D-Wake) and Sen. Sydney Batch (D-Wake) – who filed Senate Bill 897 on Thursday, proposing that every licensed adult driver in North Carolina get \$200 from the state to apply toward spiking gas prices. They are calling the measure the Gas Tax Rebate Act of 2022 and said it can be funded by spending \$1.3 billion of the roughly \$4.241 billion in surplus revenue the state has collected. The bill stipulates that to qualify for the rebate, a person must be a licensed driver residing in North Carolina and at least 18 as of March 31. If passed, the bill would become effective on July 1, and the state would distribute the rebate by no later than Oct. 1." (CBS 13 WBTW, 5/27/22)

The 2019 Appropriations Act (Budget)

Batch Voted No On HB 966, The 2019 Appropriations Act (Budget). ([HB 966](#), Bill Passed - House (64 - 49), North Carolina State House, 6/27/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “The General Assembly ended its work in 2019 without a full state budget for the 2019- 2020 fiscal year becoming law. The budget passed by the House and Senate in HB 966 in June was vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper soon afterward, and while the House voted to override that veto in controversial fashion in September, the Senate never attempted an override vote of its own...” (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))

Info. Tech. Budget/2019-2021 Fiscal Biennium

Batch Voted No On HB 398, Which Establishes The Budget For The Department Of Information Technology For The 2019-2021 Fiscal Biennium, Among Other Measures. ([HB 398](#), Bill Passed - House (54 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/24/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “... Establishes the budget for the Department of Information Technology for the 2019-2021 fiscal biennium, totaling \$67.4 million in FY 2019-2020 or 26.8% above the FY 2019-2020 base budget and \$68.9 million in FY 2020-2021 or 3.0% above the FY 2019-2020 Conference budget proposal....” ([HB 398](#))

Job Maintenance And Capital Development Fund

Batch Voted Yea On SB 505, Rural Job Retention Act, Which Expands The Types Of Business Eligible For A Grant From The Job Maintenance And Capital Development Fund And Increases The Total Aggregate Cost Of All Agreements The Department Of Commerce May Enter Into Under The Program. ([SB 505](#), Bill Passed - House (110 - 3), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Batch Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 505 expands the types of business eligible for an award from the Job Maintenance and Capital Development Fund to include a heritage manufacturing employer. ... The bill also increases the number of agreements the Department may enter into from six to seven, and it increases the total aggregate cost of all agreements that may be entered into from \$139 million to \$154 million.” ([SB 505](#))

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization Opposed This Legislation: “This Bill Is A Clear Example Of Corporate Cronyism And Highlights The Problems With Corporate Welfare Programs More Broadly.” “Senate Bill 505, Rural Job Retention Act, would expand eligibility for the Jobs Maintenance and Capital Development Fund (JMAC) and grant an additional \$15 million of taxpayer money over ten years to the program. This bill is a clear example of corporate cronyism and highlights the problems with corporate welfare programs more broadly. Civitas Action believes government should not pick winners and losers in the free market. Across the board tax cuts are the only fair way to provide support to our job-creating businesses. The vote to defend freedom is no.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

HEALTHCARE

In October 2018, Batch Spoke About The Rising Cost Of Health Care. BATCH: “Breast cancer is a diagnosis no woman wants. Yet I consider myself lucky. We caught it early and I have good coverage, but many in North Carolina don't because of rising costs or lack of access. I'm Sydney Batch and I'm running for the legislature to change that, to stand up to insurance

companies that raise premiums or try to deny coverage for preexisting conditions. To me, healthcare's always been important. Now it's personal.” (“Because,” [YouTube](#), 10/8/18) 0:00 – 0:30

In January 2019, Batch Spoke About The Cost Of Healthcare And The Need For Everyone To Have Access To Affordable Healthcare. BATCH: “Hello. My name is Sydney Batch and I represent district 37 in the North Carolina House of Representatives. I'm fighting for affordable access to health care in North Carolina for working families and for all North Carolinians. As a survivor of breast cancer, I believe that it's extremely important for every single person to have access to healthcare and to affordable healthcare. I'm extremely fortunate to be able to provide that for myself and for my employees as a small business owner, but I think it's extremely important to provide that for all North Carolinians. And so that's what I'm fighting for in the North Carolina house. Um, I'm fighting for families with six.” (“Six,” [Vimeo](#), 1/28/19) 0:00 – 0:43

In August 2018, Batch Addressed Her Cancer Diagnosis And Discussed Women’s Access To Healthcare. BATCH: “Hello. My name is Sydney batch and I'm running for the North Carolina house in district 37 in Southern wake County. Recently I was diagnosed with early noninvasive breast cancer and while it's a diagnosis that no woman wants to receive, I consider myself fortunate because I have health insurance, I was diagnosed early, I will receive treatment and I will dance with my sons at their weddings. But I know that there are many women that are not as fortunate as myself. I will be able to take time off of work and the campaign trail to recover, but many women will not be able to do so because they have to work or they simply won't receive treatment because they don't have access to health insurance. And that is the reason. While I will continue to campaign, and so while I will be out for several weeks from work and from campaigning, I look forward to returning in October. I also want to thank all of my friends, my husband and my family, and the breast cancer survivors who have reached out to me and given me the support that I need to get through this difficult time. Thank you so much and I look forward to seeing you back on the campaign trail in October.” (“Sydney Batch Addressed Cancer Diagnosis,” [YouTube](#), 8/27/18) 0:00 – 1:17

Medicaid

In April 2020, Batch Was Among The Speakers At A Virtual Event To Underscore The Importance Of Expanding Medicaid In North Carolina. “The following information was released by the North Carolina Democratic Party: As the legislature returns this week, House Democrats will host a Digital Press Call to feature the primary sponsors of HB 1040, Healthcare for Working North Carolinians. Representatives James Gailliard (D-25), Sydney Batch (D-37), Scott Brewer (D-66) and Christy Clark (D-98) will speak about the importance of expanding Medicaid and answer questions about the legislation. Expanding Medicaid would help insure more than a half a million North Carolinians who need it most now amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Numerous reports have found that expanding Medicaid would not only benefit every county in North Carolina but reduce the chances of a rural hospital closing by 62 percent. To request media credentials for the event, please fill out THIS FORM by noon on Wednesday, April 29.” (NC Democratic Party, 4/28/20)

Batch Was Among The Sponsors Of HB 1040 To Expand Medicaid In North Carolina In April 2020. “The following information was released by the North Carolina Democratic Party:

Today, Democratic legislators from across North Carolina introduced House Bill 1040 to expand Medicaid in North Carolina and increase access to affordable health care for more than half a million North Carolinians. House Leaders joined together on a press call earlier today to discuss the new legislation. North Carolina's failure, year after year, to expand Medicaid has left the state more vulnerable to pandemics and public health crises because of the state's high uninsured population. "Health care for working families is more important than ever," said Representative Sydney Batch of Wake County. "When you have over 500,000 North Carolinians without coverage that means people are delaying care, which is bad for them and bad for the public health." "Expanding health care coverage lowers costs for all families," said Rep. Christy Clark of Mecklenburg County. "When people are uninsured, they delay care until it is really expensive and then they go the Emergency Room where all of us end up paying through higher premiums and costs." Medicaid Expansion is not just about making health care more available and more affordable. It also would create over 37,000 new health care jobs and boost paychecks across the state, according to a Cone Health Foundation report." (NC Democratic Party, 4/29/20)

In December 2020, Batch Posted On Facebook Expressing Her Support For Medicaid Expansion. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 12/15/20)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 12/15/20)

“Batch Wants To Expand Medicaid, Which Would Provide Health Insurance To Low-Income Adults, And Work With Health Insurance Companies To Figure Out Ways To Lower Costs.” “Batch wants to expand Medicaid, which would provide health insurance to low-income adults, and work with health insurance companies to figure out ways to lower costs . Some of the state's rural residents don't have access to medical care, she said. "There are things we can do in order to ensure we have accessible and affordable care," she said.” (“These Battleground Districts In Wake County Will Help Decide Who Controls The State,” *The News & Observer*, 10/29/18)

In A May 2019 Tweet, Batch Advocated For Medicaid Expansion. (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/26/19)



(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/26/19)

In September 2018, Batch Claimed Republicans Are “Denying 500,000 North Carolinians Access To Health Insurance.” BATCH: “If you were to ask me a year ago, if I would've been sitting here today running for office, I would have laughed because I'm not a politician. I understand what my clients face every single day. They are finding it more difficult to meet the needs of their families with stagnant wages and growing expenses. And when I'm talking to voters, they're extremely concerned about the escalating costs of healthcare. Republicans are denying 500,000 North Carolinians access to health insurance. Republicans are forfeiting 6 billion of our tax dollars that we've already paid to the federal government. The federal government wants to give us our money back, and the Republicans say hard pass, we're not actually going to take it. That is ridiculous. We can provide 43,000 jobs to North Carolinians in 500,000 North Carolinians with healthcare coverage, with enabled to positively affect my client's lives. And that's what I want to do. And for millions of North Carolinians, not just the hundreds of clients that I've represented over the years. My name is Sydney Batch and I'm running for North Carolina House in district 37.” (“Hard Pass,” [YouTube](#), 9/7/18) 0:00 – 1:00

In August 2018, Batch Discussed The Need To Expand Medicaid In North Carolina.

BATCH: “By failing to expand Medicaid. North Carolina is losing out on 43,000 good paying jobs. I want to be able to assist millions of North Carolinians, not just my clients and trying to meet the needs of their family. Currently, 30,000 veterans are uninsured in North Carolina, and if we expanded Medicaid, 80% of them would be covered. All North Carolinians have the right to health care and the General Assembly is sorting their effort. No one should be without health insurance or die because they don't have it. My name is Sydney Batch and I'm running for the North Carolina house in district 37.” (Sydney Batch, [Facebook](#), 8/9/18) 0:00 – 0:30

Insurance

Batch: “I'm Running For The Legislature To Change That To Stand Up To Insurance Companies That Raise Premiums Or Try To Deny Coverage For Preexisting Conditions. To Me, Health Care Has Always Been Important; Now, It's Personal.” (Press Release, “Republicans Closing Message: Fear And Division,” North Carolina Democratic Party, 11/5/18)

Small Business Healthcare Act

Batch Voted No On SB 86, The Small Business Healthcare Act, Which Allows For The Formation Of Association Health Plans (AHP). ([SB 86](#), Bill Passed - House (82 - 32), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to establish standards for association health plans and multiple employer welfare arrangements.” ([SB 86](#))

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 86 “Allows For The Formation Of Association Health Plans (AHP) In North Carolina. AHPs Allow Small Business Owners And Sole Proprietors To Collectively Purchase Health Insurance.” “Senate Bill 86, Small Business Healthcare Act, allows for the formation of Association Health Plans (AHP) in North Carolina. AHPs allow small business owners and sole proprietors to collectively purchase health insurance. In doing so AHPs pools risk and drive down healthcare costs. Civitas Action believes AHPs are an effective tool to address the high costs of health insurance markets. By combining their insurance buying power, AHPs give small businesses similar negotiating advantages as larger corporations. SB 86 offers workable supply-side reforms to a healthcare market strangled by government regulation. The legislation removes government barriers for a product that has clear demand in the free market. Civitas Action believes individuals should be free to opt-in to Association Health Plans. The freedom-expanding vote is yes.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

“Civitas Action Believes AHPs Are An Effective Tool To Address The High Costs Of Health Insurance Markets.” “Civitas Action believes AHPs are an effective tool to address the high costs of health insurance markets. By combining their insurance buying power, AHPs give small businesses similar negotiating advantages as larger corporations. SB 86 offers workable supply-side reforms to a healthcare market strangled by government regulation. The legislation removes government barriers for a product that has clear demand in the free market. Civitas Action believes individuals should be free to opt-in to Association Health Plans.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“By Combining Their Insurance Buying Power, AHPs Give Small Businesses Similar Negotiating Advantages As Larger Corporations.”** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)
- **“SB 86 Offers Workable Supply-Side Reforms To A Healthcare Market Strangled By Government Regulation. The Legislation Removes Government Barriers For A Product That Has Clear Demand In The Free Market.”** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation. (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

Rural Hospital Funding

Batch Voted No On SB 681, Which Expands The Rural Health Care Stabilization Program And Appropriates Additional Funding. ([SB 681](#), Bill Passed - House (81 - 31), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 681 would do three things: Establish a nonreverting revolving loan fund to provide low-interest loans for the support of hospitals located in rural areas that are in financial crisis, with loan approval by the Local Government Commission (LGC) and loan administration by UNC Health Care. The budget conference report would appropriate \$13,397,000 to the fund in FY19-20 and \$6,603,000 to the fund in FY20-21. Provide counties with the flexibility to levy, by referendum, an additional quarter-cent local sales tax as long as the total overall rate does not exceed the current maximum rate allowed for that county and would allow counties to identify the use of the proceeds in the ballot question as being for any public purpose, for public education purposes, or for some combination of the two. Expand the counties eligible for grants from the Utility Account from the 80 most-distressed counties under the tier system to the 87 most-distressed counties.” ([SB 681](#))

Covid

Testing

In March 2020, Batch Noted That It Would Be “Ideal” To Test Everyone For COVID.

“Wake County Commissioner Matt Calabria and state Rep. Sydney Batch, a Raleigh Democrat, held a virtual town hall via Zoom on Sunday afternoon to discuss the coronavirus and its local impact. "There really isn't a family out there that's not affected some way," Calabria said. He said Wake County has set up 53 food distribution sites. Calabria suggests businesses take the temperatures of all employees, and ideally customers as well. He said with the shortage of testing kits, it isn't possible to test all employees at grocery stores. "The county has gone so far as to develop plans for drive-thru testing ... but it's really hard to do drive-thru testing when on any given day you have 20 tests," Calabria said. He said because of the shortage, tests are focused on particularly vulnerable populations like health-care workers and people who are older than 65. "We're barking up every tree we can to make more tests available," he said. Batch said that "in an ideal world we'd test everyone, but we don't live in an ideal world." Batch, an attorney, said she has spent her weekend making reusable face masks to donate. That's one way people can help, she said. Batch said that social distancing could also be called physical distancing, emphasizing that people can still maintain social connections in other ways. Batch said her daughter in elementary school uses Zoom to connect with classmates.” (*The News & Observer*, 3/29/20)

State Of Emergency Orders

Batch Voted No On HB 264, ‘Emergency Powers Accountability Act.’ ([HB 264](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27 - 15), North Carolina State Senate, 9/8/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to clarify the expiration of a statewide state of emergency and the exercise of certain powers under a statewide state of emergency, to clarify the abatement of statewide imminent hazards, and to clarify statewide quarantines.” ([HB 264](#))

ACU: “This Bill, Known As The Emergency Powers Accountability Act, Helps Protect Against Overreach Taken By The Executive Branch Concerning Issuance Of Executive Orders Relating To States Of Emergency.” “This bill, known as the Emergency Powers Accountability Act, helps protect against overreach taken by the executive branch concerning issuance of executive orders relating to states of emergency. Under the bill, a “Council of State” is established which is made up of the Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and six other public officials. Under the bill, any state-wide emergency declaration issued by the governor shall expire 7 days after issuance unless the Council of State approves. If the Council of State approves, the order must then be approved by the General Assembly to be implemented for more than 45 days. ACU supports this legislative check on executive branch power and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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- **“Under The Bill, Any State-Wide Emergency Declaration Issued By The Governor Shall Expire 7 Days After Issuance Unless The Council Of State Approves.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Supports This Legislative Check On Executive Branch Power And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Batch Voted No SB 105, Which Clarifies Emergency Powers. ([SB 105](#), Bill Passed - House (64 – 49), North Carolina State House, 2/16/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to clarify the expiration of a state of emergency and the exercise of certain powers under a state of emergency and to clarify the abatement of statewide imminent hazards.” ([SB 105](#))

ACU: “This Bill Provides A Critical Check On Executive Branch Powers Concerning State Of Emergency Declarations, Which Have Been Abused By Governor Roy Cooper During The COVID-19 Outbreak.” “This bill provides a critical check on executive branch powers concerning state of emergency declarations, which have been abused by Governor Roy Cooper during the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the bill, any statewide state of emergency declared by the governor must be approved in concurrence of the majority of the Council of State (Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Labor, Commissioner of Insurance) or be rescinded 48 hours after issuance. ACU supports this check on executive authority and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

Businesses Reopening

Batch Voted No SB 599, Concerning Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys. ([SB 599](#), Bill Passed - House (68 – 52), North Carolina State House, 6/16/20, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize skating rinks and bowling alleys to resume operations and to modify the capacity of temporary outdoor seating for food and drink establishments.” ([SB 599](#))

ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Skating Rinks And Bowling Alleys Can Safely Reopen.” “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring skating rinks and bowling alleys can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

Batch Voted No HB 806, Concerning Exercise And Fitness Facilities. ([HB 806](#), Bill Passed - House (75 – 31), North Carolina State House, 6/26/20, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize indoor or outdoor exercise and fitness facilities, gyms, health clubs, and fitness centers to resume operations.” ([HB 806](#))

ACU: “This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Gyms, Health Clubs And Fitness Centers Can Safely Reopen.” “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring gyms, health clubs and fitness centers can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of between 40 and 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

July 4th / Shutdown Orders

Batch Voted No On HB 686, ‘Freedom To Celebrate The Fourth Of July.’ ([HB 686](#), Bill Passed - House (67 – 47), North Carolina State House, 6/23/20, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An Act To Protect The Right To Celebrate The Fourth Of July, In Commemoration Of The Declaration Of Independence Of The United States.” ([HB 686](#))

ACU: “This Bill Ensures Individuals Are Able To Celebrate Our Nation’s Founding And Participate In Fourth Of July Festivities By Overriding The Governor’s COVID-19

Shutdown Order.” “This bill ensures individuals are able to celebrate our nation’s founding and participate in Fourth of July festivities by overriding the Governor’s COVID-19 shutdown order. Under the bill, the Governor nor localities may enact any restriction that forbids parades or firework displays from July 1st through the 10th of 2020. Additionally, this bill protects organizations that hold festivities by establishing civil liability protections for alleged exposure to COVID-19. ACU believes individuals possess reason, which gives them the ability to assess risk and choose how they celebrate the founding of the United States and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

- **“Under The Bill, The Governor Nor Localities May Enact Any Restriction That Forbids Parades Or Firework Displays From July 1st Through The 10th Of 2020.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)
- **“Additionally, This Bill Protects Organizations That Hold Festivities By Establishing Civil Liability Protections For Alleged Exposure To COVID-19.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

The American Conservative Union **“Believes Individuals Possess Reason, Which Gives Them The Ability To Assess Risk And Choose How They Celebrate The Founding Of The United States And Supported This Bill.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

Playgrounds Reopening

Batch Voted No On HB 795, Which Authorizes Operations For Playgrounds, Among Other Venues. ([HB 795](#), Bill Passed - House (54 – 52), North Carolina State House, 6/25/20, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to authorize amusement parks, gaming and business establishments with video games and arcade games, fairs or carnivals, and public playgrounds to resume operations.” ([HB 795](#))

ACU: **“This Bill Combats Governor Roy Coopers Abuse Of Power During The COVID-19 Outbreak By Ensuring Amusement Parks, Arcades, Fairs, Carnivals, And Public Playgrounds Can Safely Reopen.”** “This bill combats Governor Roy Coopers abuse of power during the COVID-19 outbreak by ensuring amusement parks, arcades, fairs, carnivals, and public playgrounds can safely reopen. At the time of this vote, these types of establishments had been shut down for months due to emergency orders issued by the governor and other local officials even as other businesses were permitted to reopen. The bill sets a capacity restriction of 50 percent and requires the establishments that reopen to comply with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government’s reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

- **“At The Time Of This Vote, These Types Of Establishments Had Been Shut Down For Months Due To Emergency Orders Issued By The Governor And Other Local Officials Even As Other Businesses Were Permitted To Reopen.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2020)

Schools Reopening

Batch Voted No On SB 37, ‘In-Person Learning Choice For Families.’ ([SB 37](#), Veto Override Failed - Senate (29 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 3/1/21, Batch Voted No; [SB 37](#), Bill Passed - Senate (31 - 16), North Carolina State Senate, 2/16/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to provide access to in-person learning for students in grades kindergarten through twelve.” ([SB 37](#))

ACU: “This Bill Helps Return Students To The Classroom For The Remainder Of The 2020-2021 School Year By Requiring All Local School Administrative Units To Provide The Option Of In-Person Instruction To Students In Grades.” “This bill helps return students to the classroom for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year by requiring all local school administrative units to provide the option of in-person instruction to students in grades K-12. The bill provides appropriate guidance to promote social distancing for in-person instruction and leaves student participation up to the student’s parent or guardian for the remainder of the school year. ACU supports improving educational outcomes by returning students to the classrooms and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Supports Improving Educational Outcomes By Returning Students To The Classrooms And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Stay At Home Order

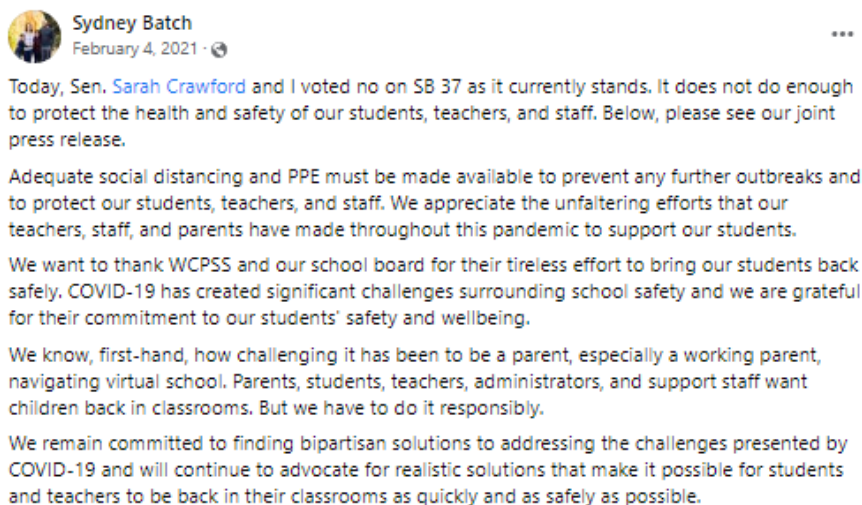
In March 2020, Batch ‘Liked’ A Tweet Appearing To Express Her Support For North Carolina’s Stay At Home Order. (Batch Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/27/20)



(Batch Profile, [Twitter](#), 3/27/20)

Masking

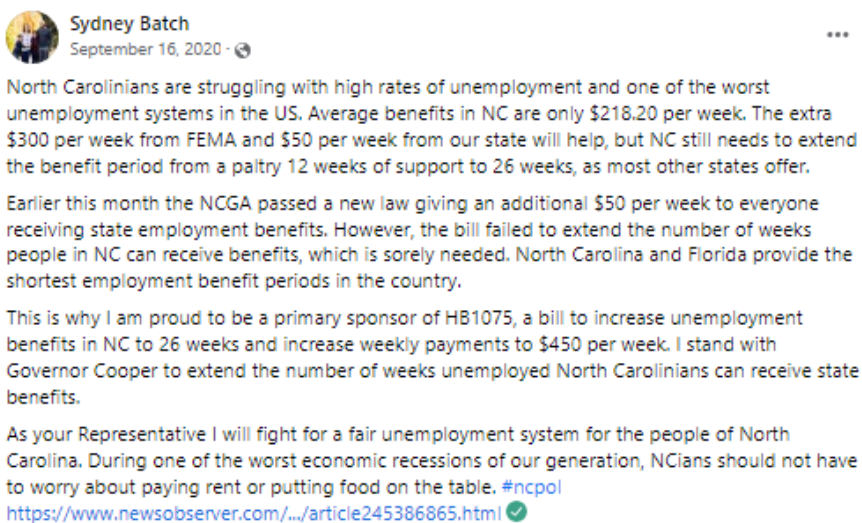
In February 2021, Batch Posted On Facebook Appearing To Express Her Support For The Masking Of Children. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 2/4/21)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 2/4/21)

Unemployment Benefits

In September 2020, Batch Posted On Facebook Appearing To Express Her Support Enhanced Unemployment Benefits Due To COVID-19. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 9/16/20)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 9/16/20)

LABOR

Family And Medical Leave

Federal Family And Medical Leave Act

In February 2020, Batch Strongly Argued In Favor Of Expanding The Federal Family And Medical Leave Act. “Good morning, Chairwoman Adams, Ranking Member Byrne, and members of the Subcommittee. My name is Sydney Batch and I'm a state representative in the North Carolina House representing District 37, located in Southern Wake County. I am an

attorney, one of three co-owners of a small law firm, a recent survivor of breast cancer, and the mother of fantastic sons ages six and nine. I am also a proud member of MomsRising. I am here today because I have needed family and medical leave during the happiest and hardest times in my life. I know from personal experience how important family and medical leave is to my employees and constituents, to small businesses like mine, and to my community and state. And I know how badly our country needs a comprehensive family and medical leave plan that ensures all employees have the right to take leave and return to their same or a similar job (job protection); and provides wage replacement during leave.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)

- Batch Noted That She Was Fortunate As The Owner Of Her Law Practice That She Could Take 3 Months Of Leave And Still Have A Job To Return To – A Guarantee That Many American Lacked.** ‘I’d like to share my personal experience with family and medical leave, because it addresses all of these issues. Because the law firm my husband, business partner and I run has eight employees, we’re not covered by the FMLA. I had the flexibility to take three months of leave when each of my sons was born because I am an owner of the firm, but few people have that flexibility. My husband, who does, still had to return to work days after my son’s birth because we couldn’t afford to both take unpaid leave. And while my unpaid leave created financial stress for my family, I didn’t have the stress of worrying about whether my job would be there when I was ready to return, because of my position as an owner of the firm. My employees and other hard-working Americans should have the same kind of job protection.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)
- Batch: “The FMLA Should Be Expanded To Cover Leave Taken By Relatives Like My Mom, Sisters And Grandmother, As Well As Domestic Partners And People Who Aren’t Blood Relatives But Are Essential To Care And Recovery.”** “My mother took unpaid time off to care for me and helped me get to my medical appointments. In December 2019, I began five weeks of radiation treatment. While the radiation treatments did not last long, the long commute to and from the facility and the side effects were extremely taxing. My sisters, mother, grandmother and friends helped out when they could negotiate time away from their jobs, so that I could receive the medical care I needed. But the leave they took to help me was unpaid because the FMLA does not have an inclusive definition of "family" and does not cover siblings and care for adult children. The FMLA should be expanded to cover leave taken by relatives like my mom, sisters and grandmother, as well as domestic partners and people who aren’t blood relatives but are essential to care and recovery. They all deserve to access the unpaid leave the law provides.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)
- Batch: “I Support Rep. Carolyn Maloney’s FMLA Modernization Act (H.R. 5456), As Does MomsRising.”** “Sadly, their experiences are far from unique. All working people deserve to be able to get support from a range of family members when they are

seriously ill. I support Rep. Carolyn Maloney's FMLA Modernization Act (H.R. 5456), as does MomsRising. All working people also deserve the wage replacement that a paid insurance leave plan can provide. And all working people, no matter the size of their employer, deserve to know that they won't lose their jobs when they need time away from work to care for and bond with new babies, recover from illness, and care for aging parents or other relatives who are struggling with serious illness. I am no more deserving of that than my employees -- and that includes those who work part-time and those who have been with my firm for less than a year.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)

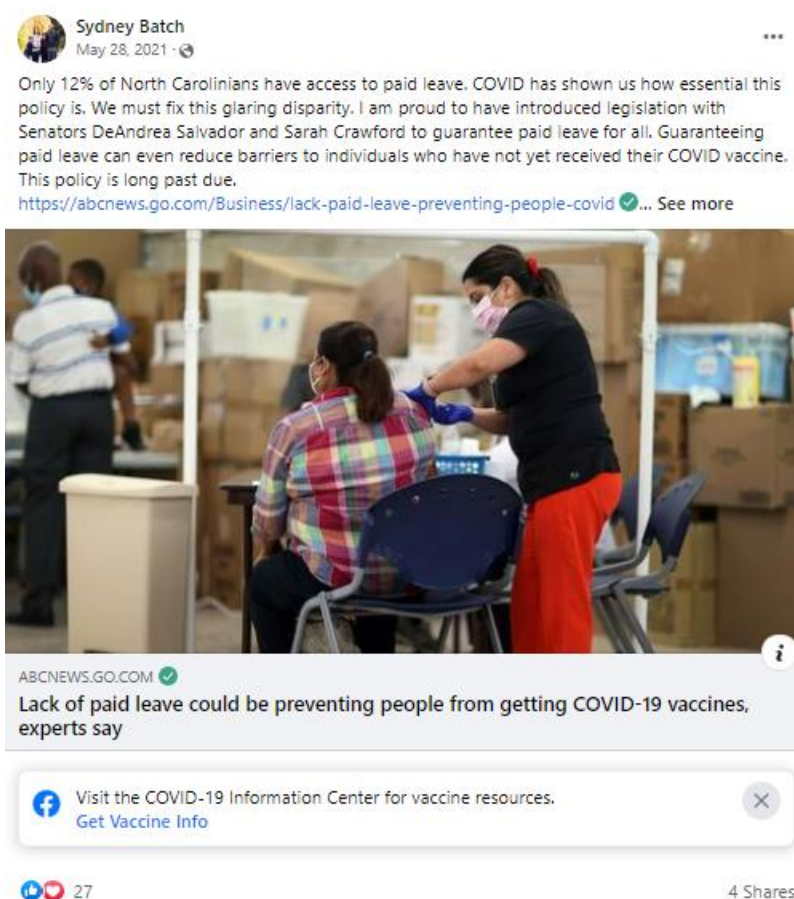
- **Batch: “That's Why Ensuring That All Workers -- Including Those At Small Businesses, Those Who Work Part-Time, And Those Who Are Recent Hires -- Have Job Protection Through The FMLA Is Essential.”** “Another serious barrier that prevents working people from taking leave is the lack of job protection. Any paid family and medical leave insurance program must provide job protection or workers simply won't be able to take the paid leave it provides. That's why ensuring that all workers -- including those at small businesses, those who work part-time, and those who are recent hires -- have job protection through the FMLA is essential.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)
- **Batch: “I Am Proud To Support An Executive Order Signed By North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, Which Offers Paid Parental Leave To State Employees.”** “I am proud to support an executive order signed by North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, which offers paid parental leave to state employees. It's a start for our state, but it covers only state employees and not those in the private sector. We must do more. That's why I am co-sponsoring a bold, comprehensive paid family and medical leave insurance program in North Carolina that shares the costs of the program through an employer-employee cost share. The proposed legislation would cover all businesses, no matter their size, and people who are self-employed, like myself. It uses a more inclusive definition of family so that siblings, grandparents, domestic partners, and people whose close relationship is equivalent to family can utilize paid leave insurance. It also provides job protection and addresses the needs of military families, many of whom live in my state.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)
- **“Some Opponents Have Argued That Requiring Small Businesses To Provide Paid Or Even Unpaid Family And Medical Leave Will Harm Their Bottom Lines. However, These Sky-Is-Falling Predictions Have Been Disproven.”** “Some opponents have argued that requiring small businesses to provide paid or even unpaid family and medical leave will harm their bottom lines. However, these sky-is-falling predictions have been disproven. Fortunately, we now have comprehensive paid family and medical leave insurance programs in place around the country that show us how beneficial these programs are. We need - always - to look at actual facts and see what real, on-the-ground experiences can teach us. On this, they are clear: comprehensive paid family and medical

leave insurance works well, strengthening our economy, business bottom lines, families and communities. But every working person who takes family and medical leave needs job protections -- and the best way to guarantee that is to expand the FMLA to cover all working people.” (Sydney Batch, “House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Workforce Protections Hearing; "Balancing Work, Health, And Family: The Case For Expanding The Family And Medical Leave Act."; Testimony By WAX21021120H013,” U.S. House Of Representatives, 2/11/20)

Batch “Wants To Ensure All Employees Have Paid Family And Medical Leave.” “House 37. Democrat Sydney Batch won this southern Wake County seat by narrowly defeating Republican John Adcock, who had been appointed to the seat in 2018. Batch, a family law attorney, wants to ensure all employees have paid family and medical leave. The Republican challenger is Erin Pare, a PTA president and vice chair of the Holly Springs Board of Adjustment. She supports lower taxes, gun rights and less regulation of small businesses. Also running is Libertarian Liam Leaver, who favors school vouchers and school choice. We recommend Sydney Batch.” (Editorial, *The News & Observer*, 10/12/20)

In 2021, Batch Introduced “the North Carolina Paid Family Leave Insurance Act.” “North Carolina state Sen. Sydney Batch and state Rep. Graig Meyer introduce the North Carolina Paid Family Leave Insurance Act, followed by state Sen. Gladys Robinson and state Rep. Susan Fisher introducing the Healthy Families Healthy Workplaces/Paid Sick Days Act, via virtual press conference.” (*The Associated Press*, 4/20/21)

In May 2021, Batch Posted On Facebook Expressing Her Support For “Guaranteeing Paid Leave”. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/28/21)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 5/28/21)

IMMIGRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Sanctuary Cities

Batch Voted No On HB 135, Which Declares A Sanctuary County Or City Ordinance Null And Void, Among Other Measures. ([HB 135](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 52), North Carolina State House, 6/26/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 135 would: Declare a sanctuary county or city ordinance null and void. Authorize any person to bring an action for injunctive relief against a county or city enacting a sanctuary ordinance. Appropriate \$15,000, in nonrecurring funds, for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to provide education for the public and for local governments on the contents of this act.” ([HB 135](#))

Cooperation With Federal Immigration Authorities

Batch Voted No On HB 370, Which Requires Confinement Facilities To Comply With Detainers And Administrative Warrants Issued By Immigration And Customs Enforcement (ICE). ([HB 370](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 53), North Carolina State House, 8/20/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 370 would do the following: Require confinement facilities to comply with detainers and administrative warrants issued by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Authorize the removal of a sheriff or officer from office for failing to comply with ICE detainers. Require confinement facilities to submit annual reports to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Justice and Public Safety (JPS Oversight) regarding compliance with ICE detainers.” ([HB 370](#))

HB 370 “States That Sheriff’s Departments Across The State Would Be Forced To Work With Immigration Officers.” “House Bill 370 states that sheriff’s departments across the state would be forced to work with immigration officers. 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.” Members of local activism group Comunidad Colectiva are celebrating the veto. “This is a big victory for the immigrant community and it goes to show the democratic process of electing a sheriff is being respected,” Stephania Arteaga said.” (“Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE,” [WBTV](#), 8/20/19)

HB 370 “States That Sheriffs Who Receive An ICE Detainer Request Would Be Required To Take The Person Before A ‘State Judicial Official.’” “McFadden. The bill states that sheriffs who receive an ICE detainer request would be required to take the person before a “state judicial official.” That official would make the decision whether the inmate would continue to be detained. H.B. 370 would also authorize the removal of a sheriff from office for failing to comply with ICE detainers.” (“Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE,” [WBTV](#), 8/20/19)

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- Cox: **“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.”** (“Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE,” [WBTV](#), 8/20/19)

HB 370's Advocates Said That Gov. Cooper's Veto Of The Legislation "Undermines 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." ("Gov. Cooper Vetoes Bill Requiring Sheriffs To Cooperate With ICE," [WBTB](#), 8/20/19)

Batch Voted No On SB 101, 'Require Cooperation With ICE 2.0'. ([SB 101](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 3/11/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: "An act to require compliance with immigration detainers and administrative warrants and to require certain reports from local law enforcement." ([SB 101](#))

ACU: "This Bill Requires Local Law Enforcement To Comply With Federal Immigration Detainers And Administrative Warrants, While Also Strengthening The Screening Process For The Immigration Status Of Individuals Charged With Crimes." "This bill requires local law enforcement to comply with federal immigration detainers and administrative warrants, while also strengthening the screening process for the immigration status of individuals charged with crimes. ACU supports efforts to help the federal government perform its constitutional role in enforcing the nation's immigration laws and supported this bill." ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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Foreign Citizens On Voting Rolls

Batch Voted No On SB 250, Which Removes From Voter Rolls Those Who Are Disqualified From Jury Duty Based On Citizenship. ([SB 250](#), Bill Passed - House (59 - 51), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: "...Modifies proposed GS 9-6.2, regarding reports of excusals from jury duty based on disqualification. Clarifies that the records retained by the State Board of Elections (State Board) regarding disqualification from jury duty based on citizenship are public records, except as prohibited by federal statute. Makes a similar clarification to GS 163-82.14, concerning registered voter list maintenance, to deem noncitizen records under new subsection (c1) public records, except as prohibited by federal statute. Further amends the proposed new provisions in GS 163-82.14 to no longer require the State Board to quarterly publish on its website the voter registration status of persons disqualified from jury duty based on citizenship." ([SB 250](#))

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: SB 250 "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." "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.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“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.”** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

Civitas Action: “SB 250 Is An Important Step In Maintaining The Integrity Of North Carolina’s Voter Rolls. The Vote To Preserve Freedom Is Yes.” “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.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

Law And Order Reforms

Future Now Fund Pledge

In September 2020, Republicans Criticized Batch For Signing A “Pledge With Future Now Fund, To Defund The Police, Restrict The Ability Of Law Enforcement To Obtain Basic Protective Equipment And Strip Citizens Of Second Amendment Rights With No Due Process. The Pledge Also Includes Ending Cash Bail And The Assignment Of Court Fees And Costs, One Which Would Return Some Dangerous Criminals Back To The Streets, The Other Which Would Further Defund The Police By Eliminating A Revenue Source For Police Training And Police Retirement.” “In a piece that began hitting mailboxes around September 18, just four days after House Speaker Tim Moore held a press conference highlighting the issue, a hard hitting mail piece was sent to voters in western Wake County, highlighting Rep. Sydney Batch’s (D-Raleigh) signed pledge with Future Now Fund, to defund the police, restrict the ability of law enforcement to obtain basic protective equipment and strip citizens of Second Amendment rights with no due process. The pledge also includes ending cash bail and the assignment of court fees and costs, one which would return some dangerous criminals back to the streets, the other which would further defund the police by eliminating a revenue source for police training and police retirement. Included in part of the pledge is the policy statement: “Police funding...has been shown to have no connection to crime rates.” (Foundation For Research On Equal Opportunity, 9/24/20)

- **“Batch Is One Of 11 Democratic House Candidates That Signed The Pledge And Then Received A \$5,400 Contribution From The Group, The Maximum Allowed By Law.”** “Batch is one of 11 Democratic House candidates that signed the pledge and then received a \$5,400 contribution from the group, the maximum allowed by law. The

Raleigh News and Observer reported that “the Future Now Fund gave \$59,400 to 11 Democratic candidates for state House along with \$50,000 given to the Democrats joint house campaign fund.” Rep. Batch took to Twitter to respond to the charges: However, she did not respond to direct questions of what exactly were the “lies.” Speaker Tim Moore is also conducting press events in local districts, such as one in Greenville, attacking 9th district Democrat candidate Brian Farkas.” (Foundation For Research On Equal Opportunity, 9/24/20)

EDUCATION

In October 2018, Batch Discussed The Need To Prioritize Children’s Future And Work On The Public Education System. BATCH: “When I knock on doors. The top issue for voters in my district is education. I have children in public schools myself. I live on a street with 45 children. There are 45 children on my street. The growth in Southern wake County isn't going to change not anytime soon. And we need more schools and we need more teachers. We can't do that without funding. Rather than deal with the issue, they're sitting up there in Raleigh twiddling their thumbs, choosing to prioritize cutting the taxes of corporations rather than prioritizing the needs of children in this state. And that is wrong. Under the Republican watch, we have now dropped to 39th in the country for per pupil spending and that is ridiculous. If you send me to Raleigh, I will fight to make sure that our children are in schools that are well funded. I grew up in North Carolina and I'm a proud product of a fantastic public education system from elementary school to graduate school. I want my children in all the children in our community to have the exact same opportunity. My name is Sydney Batch and I'm running for North Carolina house and district 37.” (Sydney Batch, [Facebook](#), 10/17/18) 0:00 – 1:05

Public Educators Salaries

Teacher Pay

Batch Has Argued That “North Carolina Teachers Should Earn At Least The National Average Teacher Pay.” “Batch, 39, a lawyer who also has a degree in social work, has affordable health care and improved education funding at the center of her campaign. Batch returned to active campaigning after treatment for breast cancer this summer. “We shirked our responsibility to public education,” Batch said. North Carolina teachers should earn at least the national average teacher pay, she said.” (“These Battleground Districts In Wake County Will Help Decide Who Controls The State,” *The News & Observer*, 10/29/18)

Batch Voted No On HB 377, The Teacher Step Act, Which Provides Teachers With Salaries Increases, Among Other Measures. ([HB 377](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “The Proposed Committee Substitute to House Bill 377 (PCS) would provide teachers, instructional support personnel, and assistant principals with salary increases based on years of experience, authorize salary supplements for highly qualified North Carolina teaching graduates, and, consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session, appropriate funds to provide legislatively mandated salary increases to principals.” ([HB 377](#))

Headline: “North Carolina Senate Passes New Teacher Pay Bill.” (Nyamekye Daniel, “North Carolina Senate Passes New Teacher Pay Bill,” [The Center Square](#), 10/31/19)

Under HB 377, “Teachers Would Receive A 3.9 Percent Raise Over Two Years And Non-Instructional Support Staff Would Receive 2 Percent Over Two Years.” “Cars zoomed past the corner of Shipyard Blvd and 41st Street while Hoggard High School chemistry teacher Amanda White spoke from behind a podium and a sign which read: “Better budget priorities.” White was joined by a small group of educators and Senator Harper Peterson to urge Governor Roy Cooper to veto House Bill 377. If passed, teachers would receive a 3.9 percent raise over two years and non-instructional support staff would receive 2 percent over two years.” (“Educators Urge Gov. Cooper To Veto Pay Raise Bill,” [Star News](#), 11/7/19)

Public School Employees Pay

Batch Voted No On SB 354, The Strengthening Educators' Pay Act, Which Would Provide Legislatively Mandated Compensation Increases For Certain Public School Employees. ([SB 354](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 46), North Carolina State House, 10/31/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 354 would provide (i) legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain public school employees, consistent with House Bill 966 of the 2019 Regular Session, and (ii) contingent on House Bill 966 becoming law, additional legislatively mandated compensation increases for certain educational employees and increased funding for tuition grants for graduates of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. SB 354 was ratified by the General Assembly on October 31, 2019, and vetoed by the Governor on November 8, 2019.” ([SB 354](#))

University Employee Pay

Batch Voted No On HB 231, Which Appropriates Funds To Provide For Salary Increases To Employees Of The University Of North Carolina System And The North Carolina Community College System And To Provide Two One-Time Cost-Of-Living Supplements For Retirees. ([HB 231](#), Bill Passed - House (61 - 49), North Carolina State House, 10/30/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Consistent with House Bill 966, the PCS to House Bill 231 appropriate funds to provide legislatively mandated salary increases to employees of the University of North Carolina system and the North Carolina Community College system and to provide two one-time cost-of-living supplements for retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System, and the Legislative Retirement System.” ([HB 231](#))

School Choice

Batch Voted Yea On Amdt 17 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reduced Funding For The Opportunity Scholarship Program. ([Amdt 17](#), Amendment Failed - House (54 - 60), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Batch Voted Yea)

4 on page 3, line 41, by decreasing the requirements for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 fiscal years
 5 by \$20,000,000; and
 6
 7 on page 76, lines 26 through 27, by inserting between those lines the following new section to
 8 read:
 9 **"FUND SCHOOL-BASED PERSONNEL/REDUCE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**
 10 **FUNDS**
 11 **SECTION 7.39.(a)** G.S. 115C-562.8(b) reads as rewritten:
 12 "(b) The General Assembly finds that, due to the critical need in this State to provide
 13 opportunity for school choice for North Carolina students, it is imperative that the State provide
 14 ~~an increase of funds of at least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) each fiscal year for 10 years to~~
 15 the Opportunity Scholarship Grant Fund Reserve. Therefore, there is appropriated from the
 16 General Fund to the Reserve the following amounts for each fiscal year to be used for the
 17 purposes set forth in this section:

Fiscal Year	Appropriation
2017-2018	\$44,840,000
2018-2019	\$54,840,000
2019-2020	\$64,840,000 \$44,840,000
2020-2021	\$74,840,000 \$54,840,000
2021-2022	\$84,840,000 \$64,840,000
2022-2023	\$94,840,000 \$74,840,000
2023-2024	\$104,840,000 \$84,840,000
2024-2025	\$114,840,000 \$94,840,000
2025-2026	\$124,840,000 \$104,840,000
2026-2027	\$134,840,000 \$114,840,000

29 For the 2027-2028 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, there is appropriated from the
 30 General Fund to the Reserve the sum of one hundred ~~forty-four~~ twenty-four million eight hundred
 31 ~~forty thousand dollars (\$144,840,000)~~ \$124,840,000 to be used for the purposes set forth in this
 32 section. When developing the base budget, as defined by G.S. 143C-1-1, for each fiscal year

(Amdt 17)

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization, Described The Amendment As:
"This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reduce Funding To The Opportunity
Scholarship Program (OSP)," A Program That "Provides Scholarships To Low-Income
Students To Attend Private Schools." "This amendment to the budget bill would reduce
 funding to the Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP). OSP provides scholarships to low-
 income students to attend private schools. Civitas Action believes parents, not government
 bureaucrats, are best equipped to choose the right school for their children. Reducing funding for
 OSP takes that choice away from some of the most vulnerable NC families. The vote to defend freedom
 is no." ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

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([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

School Choice

Private Scholarship Programs

Batch Voted No On SB 671, Which Provides ‘Changes To The K-12 Scholarship Programs.’ ([SB 671](#), Bill Passed - Senate (29 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 5/4/21, Batch Voted No)

ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Improve Education Outcomes By Responsibility Expanding Opportunities For Students And Their Families To Pursue School Choice.”
“This bill is designed to improve education outcomes by responsibly expanding opportunities for students and their families to pursue school choice. The bill generally expands eligibility and reduces barriers for parents to participate in the state’s school choice programs including the Opportunity Scholarship program and the Personal Education Student Accounts program. ACU supports improving educational outcomes and reducing taxpayer costs by responsibly expanding school choice and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

American Conservative Union “Supports Improving Educational Outcomes And Reducing Taxpayer Costs By Responsibly Expanding School Choice And Supported This Bill.”
([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Universal Pre-K

Batch Voted No On A Motion To Table Amendment 11 To Sb 105, Which Adds 1.2 Billion Dollars To The Omnibus To Fund Universal NC Pre-K. ([Amdt 11](#), Motion To Table - (28 - 22), North Carolina State Senate, 6/24/21, Batch Voted No)

"FUNDS FOR UNIVERSAL NC PRE-K/EXPAND TO 3 YEAR-OLDS

SECTION 9C.1A. Notwithstanding the Committee Report referenced in Section 43.2 of this act or any other provision of law to the contrary, funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, are increased by the sum of one billion two hundred thirty-eight million dollars (\$1,238,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year and the sum of one billion two hundred forty-eight million dollars (\$1,248,000,000) in recurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. These funds shall be used for all children who are 3 or 4 years of age in this State to participate in the North Carolina Prekindergarten (NC Pre-K) program in accordance with Section 9C.1 of this act.”; and

([Amdt 11](#))

ACU: This Amendment “Would Cost Taxpayers An Additional \$1.2 Billion A Year To Socialize The Costs Of A Universal Pre-K And Childcare Program For All Children Who Are 3 To 4 Years Of Age.” “The Nickel (ACUF Lifetime 24%) amendment #11 to the omnibus appropriations bill would cost taxpayers an additional \$1.2 billion a year to socialize the costs of a universal Pre-K and childcare program for all children who are 3 to 4 years of age. ACU supports efforts to help individuals live happier, healthier, more productive lives by encouraging them to become self-sufficient and opposes this enormous expansion of the size and scope of government and opposed this amendment.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Help Individuals Live Happier, Healthier, More Productive Lives By Encouraging Them To Become Self-Sufficient And Opposes This Enormous Expansion Of The Size And Scope Of Government And Opposed This Amendment.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

School Performance

Excellent Public Schools Act Of 2019

Batch Voted No On SB 438, The Excellent Public Schools Act Of 2019, Which Would Makes Various Changes To The North Carolina Read To Achieve Program. ([SB 438](#), Bill Passed - House (68 - 48), North Carolina State House, 8/8/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “SB 438 would makes various changes to the North Carolina Read to Achieve Program, including the following: Establish individual reading plans. Establish a Digital Children's Reading Initiative. Establish a Comprehensive Plan to Improve Literacy Instruction (Comprehensive Plan). Require the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCCAT) to prioritize and provide aligned professional development in early learning and literacy instruction. Require educator preparation programs to provide literacy training in programs for elementary education teachers. Require the literacy curriculum and instruction provided by local school administrative units to align with Read to Achieve and the Comprehensive Plan. Require approval of plans for local reading camps. Study phasing out some alternative assessments for third grade reading. Create a uniform reporting structure for Read to Achieve data. Provide for continuing education credits related to literacy for certain reading camp instructors and allow certain retired teachers to serve as reading camp instructors. Expand the Wolfpack WORKS program...” ([SB 438](#))

SB 438, Which Was Vetoed By Gov. Cooper, “Aimed To Improve Read To Achieve, The State’s K-3 Literacy Program Tasked With Improving Low Reading Scores.” “S.B. 438 aimed to improve Read to Achieve, the state’s K-3 literacy program tasked with improving low reading scores. The legislation, introduced by Senate leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, would establish individual reading plans, expand the Wolfpack WORKS program, align the literacy curriculum and instruction with Read to Achieve, as well as a few other provisions. In his veto message, Cooper said S.B. 438 tries to put a Band-Aid on a program where implementation has clearly failed.” (Lindsay Marchello, “Governor Vetoes Excellent Public Schools Act, Senate Leader’s Priority,” [Carolina Journal](#), 8/23/19)

SB 438 “Would Establish Individual Reading Plans, Expand The Wolfpack WORKS Program, Align The Literacy Curriculum And Instruction With Read To Achieve.” “S.B. 438 aimed to improve Read to Achieve, the state’s K-3 literacy program tasked with improving low reading scores. The legislation, introduced by Senate leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, would establish individual reading plans, expand the Wolfpack WORKS program, align the literacy curriculum and instruction with Read to Achieve, as well as a few other provisions. In his veto message, Cooper said S.B. 438 tries to put a Band-Aid on a program where implementation has clearly failed.” (Lindsay Marchello, “Governor Vetoes Excellent Public Schools Act, Senate Leader’s Priority,” [Carolina Journal](#), 8/23/19)

The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation. (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

Curriculum And Related

Economics And Personal Finance Course Requirements

Batch Voted No On HB 924, Which Requires “A New Course In Economics And Personal Finance (EPF) As A Graduation Requirement For Students, As Well As Require Professional Development For Teachers Of That Course,” Among Other Measures. ([HB 924](#), Bill Passed - House (73 - 39), North Carolina State House, 6/27/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Clarify how much time a teacher must have already worked for a local board of education in order to be eligible for an extended employment contract.” ([HB 924](#))
- NOTE: “Require a new course in economics and personal finance (EPF) as a graduation requirement for students, as well as require professional development for teachers of that course.” ([HB 924](#))
- NOTE: “Clarify the requirements for the existing high school civics course, and require the State Board of Education to revise the standards for the social studies standard course of study.” ([HB 924](#))

The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Supported This Legislation. (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

Textbook Selection

Batch Voted No On HB 315, Which Would Repeal The Current Process For Textbook Selection By The State Board Of Education And Would Replace It With A Process For Local Boards Of Education To Select Instructional Materials. ([HB 315](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 51), North Carolina State House, 4/3/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “HB 315 would repeal the current process for textbook selection by the State Board of Education and would replace it with a process for local boards of education to select instructional materials. HB 315 would also create a process for individuals to challenge instructional materials as unfit, which could be appealed to the State Board of Education.” ([HB 315](#))

Public School Assignment

Batch Criticized Her Republican Opponent For Injecting Public School Assignment Into The Race Even Though The State Legislature Had No Jurisdiction Over The Matter.

“Adcock, whose father-in-law passed away this week, did not immediately return requests for comment. But his two opponents, Sydney Batch and Guy Meilleur, both criticized Adcock for injecting student assignment into the campaign. “School reassignment is the responsibility of the Wake County school board, not the state legislature,” Batch, a Democrat and attorney from Holly Springs, said in a statement. “It is disappointing that John Adcock either doesn't know that or, worse, he is willfully misleading his constituents about what he can do as a state representative.”

"As a mother with two young boys in Wake County Public Schools I can understand the frustration parents feel when a child is reassigned to a new school, but the state legislature is not the place this issue will be solved.'" ("NC Lawmaker Says He'll Stop 'Needless' Wake Student Reassignments. But What Can He Do?," *The News & Observer*, 11/1/18)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Offshore Drilling

On Twitter, Batch Promoted Content Critical Of The Trump Administration's Efforts To Expand Offshore Energy Drilling. (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/13/18)



(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/13/18)



(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/13/18)

Renewable Energy

In October 2018, Batch Discussed How She'll "Increase Opportunities For Wind And Solar Energy." ANNOUNCER: "Sydney Batch knows the importance of protecting North Carolina's environment. That's why she'll increase opportunities for wind and solar energy. Sydney Batch knows that investments in clean renewable energy will create jobs and protect our environment. Sydney VAT will put people over profits and make sure corporate polluters are held responsible for their environmental negligence because North Carolina families have the right to clean air and safe water. Sydney bat, she'll protect our families, not polluters." ("Sydney Batch," [YouTube](#), 10/8/18) 0:00 – 0:30

Environmental Organizations And Figures**Tom Steyer**

In 2020, Batch Was Backed By Environmentalist Billionaire Tom Steyer, Who “Cited Batch's Proposal Of A Clean Water Bill This Year As One Way She Has Championed Climate And Environmental Justice.” “If Batch loses this race, it could be a bad sign for Democrats hoping to retake a majority. If Paré wins, Democrats would need to gain seven more seats in the House, rather than just six. That's why we've seen high-profile Democrats weighing in. Billionaire Tom Steyer, who is backing "environmental and climate champions around the country," and former South Bend, Indiana, mayor Pete Buttigieg, who both lost the Democratic presidential primary, have contributed to Batch's campaign, making it one of the most expensive races in the state. I talked with Steyer in August, who cited Batch's proposal of a clean water bill this year as one way she has championed climate and environmental justice. "North Carolina has traditionally been a swing state, and then in the last few years, it's sort of dipped into this far right, Republican mode," Steyer said in a video interview. "I'm really hoping that in 2020, we're going to see North Carolina as a swing state with a much more progressive group of representatives across the board." Facing Batch is Paré, a Republican with a background in regulatory policy work, and libertarian Liam Leaver.” (Foundation For Research On Equal Opportunity, 9/14/20)

In July 2020, Batch Posted On Facebook A Thank You To Tom Steyer For Allowing Her To Participate In A Conversation With Steyer On Climate Change And The Environment. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/7/20)

Batch: “Our Planet Is Facing A Climate Emergency. It Is Within Our Power To Fix It. We Need Lawmakers That Are Willing To Take Charge And Act To Preserve Our Planet. Ignoring The Effects Of Climate Change On Our Environment Is Damaging Our Chances Of Enacting Sustainable Policy.” (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/7/20)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/7/20)

League Of Conservation Voters

In September 2018, Batch Was Among The Candidates To Be Endorsed By The North Carolina League Of Conservation Voters. “Similar announcements by the national League of Conservation Voters (LCV) and other state affiliates within the Conservation Voter Movement are happening today for a total of more than 1,400 candidates who have made the Clean Energy for All commitment across the country. "Across North Carolina, people are demanding common-sense clean energy solutions to protect our health, and to create more sustainable and thriving communities," said Carrie Clark, NCLCV Executive Director. "Clean energy is a winning issue for candidates, and a win for North Carolina's public health, environment, and economy. Recognizing that, nearly 100 candidates for the General Assembly's 170 seats have heard our call -- if they are all elected, they would form a governing majority in both chambers which is committed to moving North Carolina in the right direction." Among these 94 clean energy champions are Sydney Batch, candidate for House District 37 in Wake County, and Erica McAdoo, candidate for House District 63 in Alamance County.” (Press Release, “94 Legislative

Candidates Commit To Moving NC To 100% Clean Energy By 2050,” North Carolina League Of Conservation Voters, 9/12/18)

INFRASTRUCTURE

Water Infrastructure

Water Infrastructure Project Funding

Batch Voted No On Amdt 29 To HB 966, An Amendment To An Appropriations Act That Reallocates Funds From The Film And Entertainment Grant Fund To Be Used To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects Through The Department Of Environmental Quality For The State Water And Wastewater Reserve. ([Amdt 29](#), Amendment Failed - House (14 - 100), North Carolina State House, 5/2/19, Batch Voted No)

moves to amend the bill on page 5, line 41, by reducing the requirements by \$31,000,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

on page 5, line 46, by increasing the requirements by \$31,000,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year; and

on page 216, lines 27-28, by inserting the following new provision between those lines:

"FILM GRANT RE-ALLOCATION TO WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

SECTION 12.13. Notwithstanding anything in this act or the associated committee report to the contrary, the funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce for the Film and Entertainment Grant Fund shall be reduced by thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000) in recurring funds in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Environmental Quality for the State Water and Wastewater Reserve shall be increased by thirty-one million dollars (\$31,000,000) in recurring funds in the 2020-2021 fiscal year."; and

by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.

([Amdt 29](#))

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: “This Amendment To The Budget Bill Would Reallocate \$31 Million From The State's Film Tax Incentive Program To Fund Water Infrastructure Projects Through The State Department Of Environmental Quality.”

“This amendment to the budget bill would reallocate \$31 million from the state's film tax incentive program to fund water infrastructure projects through the state Department of Environmental Quality. Civitas Action believes North Carolina taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize Hollywood. The vote to defend freedom is yes.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

“Civitas Action Believes North Carolina Taxpayers Should Not Be Forced To Subsidize Hollywood.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

Governing Of Water Infrastructure Grants

Batch Voted No On SB 320, Would Amend Requirements Governing Disbursement Of Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Grants Or Loans To Recipients Engaged In

Regionalization. ([SB 320](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 54), North Carolina State House, 7/16/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 320 would amend requirements governing disbursement of water/wastewater infrastructure grants or loans to recipients engaged in regionalization to, in certain circumstances, require a written agreement between a recipient and local government units purchasing treated or untreated water from the recipient, stating the current rates of purchase and any anticipated increases over the term of the agreement, or a resolution approved by the governing board of the purchasing local government unit stating that it waives its option to establish such a written agreement. The bill also establishes a process for the Local Government Commission (LGC) to assist in resolving any disputes between local government units prior to execution of a written agreement. If the parties fail to reach an agreement, the bill would prohibit the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) from disbursing any loan or grant to either local government unit until the dispute is resolved to the satisfaction of the LGC.” ([SB 320](#))

Broadband Expansion

Authorizes Ad Valorem Property Taxes

Batch Co-Sponsored HB 431, FIBER NC Act, A Bill That Authorizes Counties And Cities To Install And Lease Broadband Infrastructure And Authorizes Counties And Cities To Impose And Use Ad Valorem Property Taxes To Fund Those Projects. ([HB 431](#), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Batch Co-Sponsored)

- NOTE: “The proposed committee substitute for House Bill 431 would: Authorize counties and cities to install and maintain broadband infrastructure for the purpose of leasing that infrastructure to private providers, effective October 1, 2019. Authorize counties and cities to impose and use ad valorem property taxes to construct wireline and wireless infrastructure, effective for taxable years on or after July 1, 2020. Allow counties to offer grants to qualified private providers of high-speed Internet to expand service in unserved areas, effective October 1, 2019.” ([HB 431](#))

The North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce Opposed This Legislation And Categorized HB 431 With “Bad Bills That Threaten North Carolina’s Business Climate.” (2019 Legislative Session North Carolina General Assembly, [North Carolina Chamber Of Commerce](#))

REGULATIONS

Regulatory Reform Act Of 2019

Batch Voted No On SB 553, The Regulatory Reform Act Of 2019. ([SB 553](#), Bill Passed - House (78 - 31), North Carolina State House, 8/29/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “The Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for Senate Bill 553 would amend several State laws related to State and local government regulation, and agricultural, energy, environmental, and natural resources regulation.” ([SB 553](#))

SB 553, Which Was Vetoed By Gov. Cooper, Has Been Described As “Annual Legislation Pitched By Republicans As Reducing And Streamlining North Carolina Regulations.”

“Gov. Roy Cooper has vetoed the annual legislation pitched by Republicans as reducing and streamlining North Carolina regulations. The Democratic governor wrote Friday that a couple of provisions in the 25-page Regulatory Reform Act of 2019 threaten public health and safety. Gubernatorial vetoes apply to an entire bill’s content. Cooper cites one item that would alter the state fire code so that doorstep garbage and recycling containers can sit in certain apartment complex hallways temporarily. The governor says that could pose safety risks for residents and emergency responders.” (“Cooper Vetoes Annual North Carolina Regulatory Cleanup Bill,” [Associated Press](#), 9/20/19)

- **Associated Press Headline: “Cooper Vetoes Annual North Carolina Regulatory Cleanup Bill.”** (“Cooper Vetoes Annual North Carolina Regulatory Cleanup Bill,” [Associated Press](#), 9/20/19)

SB 553 “Included The Following Provisions Of Interest To” North Carolina’s Municipalities, Among Other Measures:

- **“Authorization Of A City Or County To Establish A Process To Permit Temporary Event Venues.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))
- **“A Division Of Emergency Management Study Of The Needs Of Law Enforcement And First Responders To Improve Access To The Interstate System.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))
- **“Provisions To Address The Financial Viability Of Certain Water And Wastewater Utilities Based On Their Infrastructure Need, Including Creating A New Grant Program Entitled The “Viability Utility Reserve Fund” – Which Appeared In Multiple Other Bills This Session.”** (2019 End Of Session Bulletin Addendum, [North Carolina League Of Municipalities](#))

Outdoor Advertising

Batch Voted No On HB 645, Which Allows For Relocation And Reconstruction Of Outdoor Advertising Signs In Certain Instances, Among Other Reforms. ([HB 645](#), Bill Passed - House (60 - 54), North Carolina State House, 8/7/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 645 would amend the laws pertaining to outdoor advertising, to do all of the following: Allow for relocation and reconstruction of outdoor advertising signs, with specified criteria to be met. Prohibit the North Carolina Department of Transportation from denying a sign relocation site due to the presence of vegetation obstructing the sign's visibility. Reduce the waiting period for a permitted outdoor advertising location to receive a selective vegetation removal permit from two years to one year, and exempt relocated signs from that waiting period.” ([HB 645](#))

HB 645 “Would Allow Billboard Companies The Ability To Move Their Signs If Government Takes Their Property Through Eminent Domain.” “North Carolina’s Governor Roy Cooper vetoed House Bill 645 which would allow billboard companies the ability to move their signs if government takes their property through eminent domain. Here’s a press release by the North Carolina Outdoor Advertising Association objecting to the veto.” (“Governor Vetos House Bill 645 in North Carolina,” [Billboard Insider](#), 8/23/19)

The North Carolina Outdoor Advertising Association Slammed Gov. Cooper’s Decision To Veto The Legislation. (“Governor Vetos House Bill 645 in North Carolina,” [Billboard Insider](#), 8/23/19)

Alcohol On College Campuses

Batch Voted Yea On HB 389, Which Would Authorize Public Colleges And Universities To Allow Alcohol Sales At Stadiums, Athletic Facilities, And Arenas Located On School Property. ([SB 389](#), Bill Passed - House (88 - 25), North Carolina State House, 6/19/19, Batch Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “House Bill 389 would authorize public colleges and universities to allow alcohol sales at stadiums, athletic facilities, and arenas located on school property.” ([HB 389](#))

Hemp

Batch Voted No On SB 315, Which Established A State Hemp Program And Regulations Surrounding Hemp, Among Other Measures. ([SB 315](#), Bill Passed - House (63 - 48), North Carolina State House, 8/21/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “...Implement A State Hemp Program In Accordance With Section 10113 Of The Federal Agriculture Improvement Act Of 2018, To Be Administered By The North Carolina Hemp Commission Until July 1, 2021...” ([SB 315](#))

Foster Parents

Batch Voted No On HB 918, Which Amends Various Abuse, Neglect, And Dependency Laws, With The Goal Of Expediting Permanency. ([HB 918](#), Bill Passed - House (62 - 54), North Carolina State House, 5/6/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “House Bill 918 amends various abuse, neglect, and dependency laws to do the following: Ensure the safety of children in out-of-home placements. • Expedite the goal of permanency for children under three years of age who have been removed from the home. Create a presumption that foster parents with whom a child under three years of age has lived continuously for nine months are deemed nonrelative kin. Create an aggravating circumstance for the exposure of nonmedical, controlled substances in utero.” ([HB 918](#))

SOCIAL ISSUES

Abortion

Batch And Democrats Alleged That Republicans Were Taking Advantage Of Her Breast Cancer Treatments And Repeatedly Delaying Voting On A Veto Override Of An Anti-

Abortion Bill. “media reports from HuffPost and Talking Points Memo brought much-needed attention to GOP efforts to ram through anti-abortion legislation on Monday night, when Representative Sydney Batch was taking time off to recover from a procedure as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer. Not on Batch’s watch. When she heard Republicans were plotting to hold the vote to override Governor Cooper’s veto of anti-choice legislation, she cut down her week off to a matter of hours. In an interview with Talking Points Memo, Batch said: “When I realized that Monday, [Republicans were] planning to hold the vote it was worth physical sacrifice and pain to come in to vote. It was extremely important for me to vote.” In an interview with HuffPost, Batch added, “[Speaker] Moore is well aware of what’s happening with me and that I’m dealing with ongoing treatment.” This is a new low for House Republicans — but Batch is not giving Republicans an inch in their relentless attempts to criminalize doctors and undermine the rights of women.” (Press Release, “In a New Low, ‘GOP Is Exploiting Lawmaker’s Breast Cancer To Push Anti-Abortion Bill’,” Democratic Party Of North Carolina, 5/28/19)

- **Democrats Were Ultimately Successful In Their Efforts To Block Republican Overriding Of The Veto Of The Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.** “After weeks of dirty tactics[1] from their GOP colleagues, Democrats[2] in North Carolina[3]’s House of Representatives successfully sustained Gov. Roy Cooper[4]’s (D) veto of an extreme anti-abortion[5] bill on Wednesday. The majority of the House actually voted in favor of overriding Cooper’s veto of the controversial ‘Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act[6]’ in a 67-53 vote[7]. But the legislative body failed to get the 60% supermajority needed to overturn the governor’s veto. The ‘Born Alive’ measure threatens prison time for medical professionals who do not provide necessary medical care to an infant born alive during an abortion later in pregnancy — a vanishingly rare event. Many opponents of the measure note that murder and infanticide are already illegal.” (“North Carolina Democrats Successfully Block ‘Born Alive’ Anti-Abortion Bill,” The Huffington Post, 6/6/19)

Batch Was Named A “Champion Of Choice” By The Pro-Abortion Organization, Planned Parenthood. (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/25/19)



(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/25/19)

In 2020, Batch Was Endorsed By The Pro-Choice Organization EMILY's List. "These endorsements are in addition to 17 previously endorsed EMILYs List candidates in North Carolina: Beth Wood (Auditor), Jenna Wadsworth (Commissioner of Agriculture), Natalie Murdock (SD-20), Natasha Marcus (SD-41), Julie Mayfield (SD-49), Marcia Morgan (HD-19), Jean Farmer-Butterfield (HD-24), Rosa Gill (HD-33), Julie von Haefen (HD-36), Sydney Batch (HD-37), Frances Jackson (HD-45), Verla Insko (HD-56), Evelyn Terry (HD-71), Aimy Steele (HD-82), Christy Clark (HD-98), Becky Carney (HD-102), and Rachel Hunt (HD-103). EMILYs List, the nations largest resource for women in politics, has raised over \$600 million to elect pro-choice Democratic women candidates." (Emily's List, 3/27/20)

In 2022, Batch Was Endorsed By EMILY's List. "Today, EMILYs List, the nations largest resource for women in politics, endorsed 20 women for the North Carolina General Assembly. Laphonza Butler, president of EMILYs List, released the following statement: EMILYs List is thrilled to endorse this slate of Democratic pro-choice women for the North Carolina General Assembly. These women have plans to improve North Carolinas education system and fight for civil rights, economic justice, and reproductive freedom. As anti-choice attacks surge in state legislatures across the country, we are confident that these candidates will fight back against Republicans unnecessary and burdensome restrictions intended to obstruct abortion access and advance reproductive justice throughout the state. EMILYs List is proud to stand with this slate of pro-choice champions at this critical juncture for reproductive freedom in the United States.

EMILY's List endorsed the following slate of challengers and incumbents: Kandie Smith (NC-SD05) Lisa Grafstein (NC-SD13) Sydney Batch (NC-SD17)...” (Emily’s List, 4/19/22)

Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act

Batch Voted No On SB 359, The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act. ([SB 359](#), Bill Passed - House (65 - 46), North Carolina State House, 4/16/19, Batch Voted No; [SB 359](#), Veto Override Attempt - House (67 - 53), North Carolina State House, 6/5/19, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “Senate Bill 359 would: Mandate reporting of a medical practitioner who failed to provide care. Require care by a medical practitioner for a child born alive despite an abortion. Create two new Class D felonies for violations of the Article. Create a bar to prosecution of the woman whose child was not cared for. Create civil penalties for the woman whose child was not cared for. Amend the current murder statute.” ([SB 359](#))

Civitas Action, A Conservative Advocacy Organization: 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.” “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. Governor Roy Cooper vetoed this life-saving bill; the vote for freedom is yes to override the veto.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

- **“This Bill Provides Important Legal Protections For Some Of The Most Vulnerable North Carolinians: Newborn Babies.”** ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

“Civitas Action Believes That All North Carolinians Have A Responsibility To Uphold The Sanctity Of Life.” “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. Governor Roy Cooper vetoed this life-saving bill; the vote for freedom is yes to override the veto.” ([Civitas Action Legislative Scorecard](#), 2019)

Batch Voted No On S 404, The ‘Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.’ ([SB 404](#), Bill Passed - Senate (28 - 21), North Carolina State Senate, 5/11/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act establishing the born-alive abortion survivors protection act.” ([SB 405](#))

ACU: “This Bill, Known As The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, Protects Life By Requiring A Health Care Practitioner To Exercise The Same Degree Of Professional Skill And Care To Preserve The Life Of A Child Born Alive In The Case Of An Abortion Or Attempt To Perform An Abortion.” “This bill, known as the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, protects life by requiring a health care practitioner to exercise the same degree of professional skill and care to preserve the life of a child born alive in the case of an abortion or attempt to perform an abortion. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 11, 2021 by a vote of 28-21.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Believes Abortion Is A Human Tragedy, Supports Restrictions On The Practice And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Abortion Based On Discrimination

Batch Voted No On HB 453, ‘Human Life Nondiscrimination Act/No Eugenics’. ([HB 453](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 6/10/21, Batch Voted No)

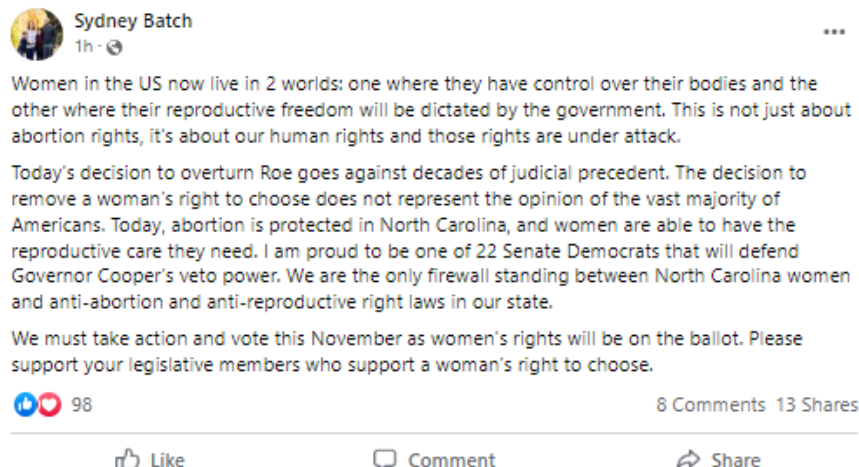
- NOTE: “An Act To Protect Against Discrimination Of Human Life.” ([HB 453](#))

ACU: “This Bill Protects Life By Prohibiting Abortions Sought Due To The Race Or The Presence Or Presumed Presence Of Down Syndrome Of The Unborn Child.” “This bill protects life by prohibiting abortions sought due to the race or the presence or presumed presence of Down syndrome of the unborn child. Under the bill, a physician is required to provide a statement confirming that the women did not seek the abortion because of the child’s actual or presumed race or presence of Down syndrome. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

- **“Under The Bill, A Physician Is Required To Provide A Statement Confirming That The Women Did Not Seek The Abortion Because Of The Child’s Actual Or Presumed Race Or Presence Of Down Syndrome.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Roe

In June 2022, Batch Posted On Facebook Claiming “Women In The Us Now Live In 2 Worlds: One Where They Have Control Over Their Bodies And The Other Where Their Reproductive Freedom Will Be Dictated By The Government”. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/22)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/24/22)

Second Amendment

The Religious Assembly Security And Protection Act

Batch Voted No On SB 43, ‘Protect Religious Meeting Places.’ ([SB 43](#), Bill Passed - Senate (30 - 19), North Carolina State Senate, 6/8/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to enact the religious assembly security and protection act of 2021 and to authorize concealed carry for certain law enforcement facility employees.” ([SB 43](#))

ACU: “This Bill, Known As The Religious Assembly Security And Protection Act, Strengthens Second Amendment Rights By Building Upon Previous Law To Ensure Individuals Can Carry A Concealed Firearm In A Church Or Place Of Worship That Shares Its Location With A School.” “This bill, known as the Religious Assembly Security and Protection Act, strengthens Second Amendment rights by building upon previous law to ensure individuals can carry a concealed firearm in a church or place of worship that shares its location with a school. Religious institutions and owners still have the freedom to prohibit a firearm on their property. Additionally, the bill provides certain law enforcement facility employees to conceal carry in a greater amount of previously prohibited areas. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, opposes “gun-free zones” which threaten public safety by stripping individuals of their ability to defend themselves, and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

- **“Additionally, The Bill Provides Certain Law Enforcement Facility Employees To Conceal Carry In A Greater Amount Of Previously Prohibited Areas.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment, Opposes ‘Gun-Free Zones’ Which Threaten Public Safety By Stripping Individuals Of Their Ability To Defend Themselves, And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Pistol Permits

Batch Voted No On HB 398, An Act To Repeal Pistol Permits. ([HB 398](#), Bill Passed - Senate (27 - 20), North Carolina State Senate, 8/18/21, Batch Voted No)

ACU: “This Bill Reduces An Undue Burden For Individuals To Exercise Their Second Amendment Rights By Repealing The State’s Pistol Purchase Permit Requirement And Instead Directs State Handgun Purchases Through The Federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) Managed By The FBI.” “This bill reduces an undue burden for individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights by repealing the state’s pistol purchase permit requirement and instead directs state handgun purchases through the federal National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) managed by the FBI. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Supports The Founders’ Belief In The Second Amendment And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Moms Demand Action

According To Her Campaign Twitter Profile, Batch Took Part In A February 2019 March With The Pro-Gun Control Group ‘Moms Demand Action.’ (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 2/9/19)



(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 2/9/19)

Women's Issues

Batch Strongly Encourages Other Women To Run For Office. “Republican state Sen. Vickie Sawyer and Democratic Reps. Sydney Batch and Ashton Wheeler Clemmons held a town hall on Facebook Live last week to encourage women to run for office. The legislators' comments were revealing. The job requires raising funds, public speaking, private negotiating, intense juggling of time between work and home and regular, if sometimes inadvertent, sexism. Clemmons, a 35-year-old freshman legislator, said some are surprised to find her among the graying, male ranks of legislators. " 'You're a Rep?' I heard that three times yesterday," she said. Sawyer, 43, an insurance agent, wants to focus on regulations that hinder business, but she gets steered toward softer issues. "I feel like we get the squishy stuff," she said. Batch, 40, a lawyer in her first year as a legislator, said, "I'm constantly asked, 'Who's watching your kids?'" (“More Women Are Reshaping Politics,” *News & Observer*, 3/29/19)

POLITICAL

Ideology

Batch's 2018 Campaign Was Endorsed By A Series Of Left-Leaning Organizations. (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/10/18)



(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/10/18)

Governance

Public Employee Performance Record

Batch Voted No On HB 64, The Government Transparency Act Of 2021. ([HB 64](#), Bill Passed - Senate (28 - 19), North Carolina State Senate, 6/14/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to strengthen confidence in government by increasing accessibility to certain public personnel performance and dismissal records.” ([HB 64](#))

ACU: “The Senate Version Of This Bill Strengthens Government Transparency By Making Public Employee Performance And Disciplinary Records Public.” “The Senate

version of this bill strengthens government transparency by making public employee performance and disciplinary records public. Under the bill, certain information such as the history of promotion, demotion, transfer, suspension, separation, or dismissal are made public. Additionally, the bill publishes the disciplinary reasons taken by public agencies for each dismissal. ACU supports strengthening government transparency and accountability, including unelected bureaucrats and union bosses and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

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Election Law

Voter ID

In 2019, Batch Noted Democrats Efforts To Water Down Voter ID Requirements Were Made Possible By Legislative Gains In 2018. “Batch recounted how recent legislative gains in her state helped Democrats weaken Republican measures. “In North Carolina, there was a constitutional amendment to require voter ID that passed overwhelmingly, unfortunately,” she explained. “Because we flipped 10 seats, and because the governor now has a veto, we were able to work with Republicans in the House in order to ensure that college IDs and a ton of other IDs were actually going to be included.” On the issue of voting rights, Daley said even Democrats aren't taking bold enough action.” (“Not All About Trump: Democrats Worry About State Legislative Races,” *Tribune Regional News*, 7/16/19)

Automatic Registration

In 2021, Batch Planned “To Sponsor A Bill Implementing Automatic Voter Registration.” “In addition to moving to allow the state to accept absentee ballots nine days after Election Day, Chaudhuri said Democrats will also file legislation that would make online voter registration widely available, address voter intimidation and make Election Day a holiday. Sen. Mike Woodard, a Durham Democrat, along with Sens. Ben Clark and Sydney Batch, plans to sponsor a bill implementing automatic voter registration, he said. Some 19 states and the District of Columbia already have such a program, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.” (*The News & Observer*, 3/25/21)

Absentee Voting Reforms

Batch Voted No On S 325, ‘Election Day Integrity Act.’ ([S 325](#), Bill Passed - Senate (28 - 21), North Carolina State Senate, 6/16/21, Batch Voted No)

- NOTE: “An act to amend the date by which mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the county board of elections in order to be counted, to require publishing of the date absentee ballots are available and the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot, and to provide for the reporting of ballots by the county boards of elections.” ([S 325](#))

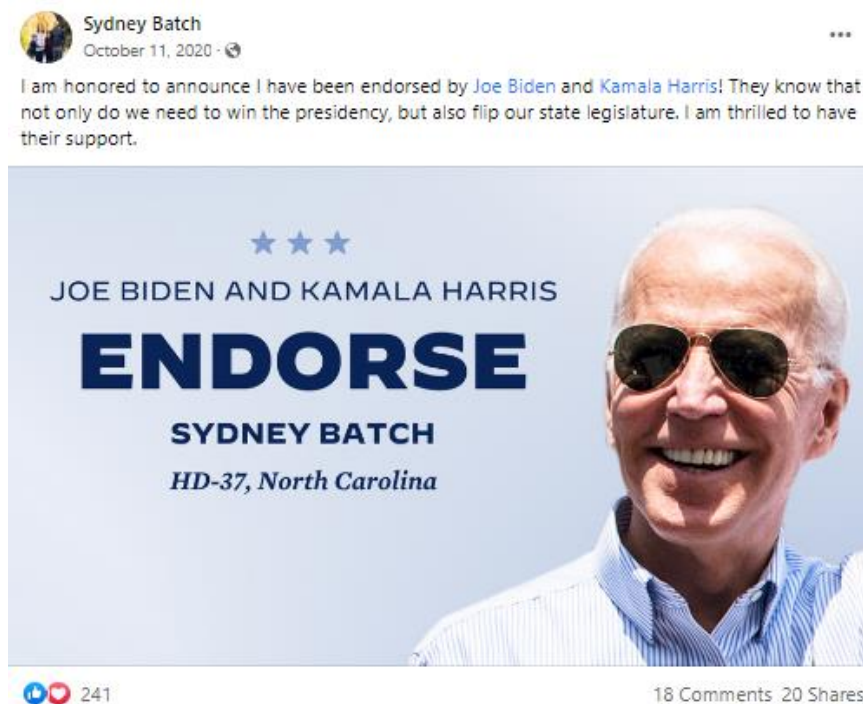
ACU: “This Bill Strengthens Election Integrity By Establishing A Deadline That All Absentee Ballots Must Be Received By 7:30pm On The Night Of Election Day.” “This bill strengthens election integrity by establishing a deadline that all absentee ballots must be received by 7:30pm on the night of election day. Under previous law, ballots could be received up to three days after the election and still be counted, providing an avenue for vote fraud. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and supported this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Strengthen Election Integrity And Ensure That All Legal Ballots Are Counted, And That No Illegal Ballot Is Counted, Which Disenfranchises Eligible Voters, And Supported This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2021)

Notable Democrat Affiliations

Joe Biden

In October 2020, Batch Posted On Facebook Stating Her Campaign Had Been Endorsed By Joe Biden And Kamala Harris. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 10/11/20)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 10/11/20)

Kamala Harris

In October 2020, Batch Posted A Photo On Facebook Picturing Her Posing With Kamala Harris. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 10/7/20)



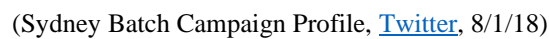
(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 10/7/20)

Barack Obama

In 2020, Batch Was Endorsed For Reelection By Obama. “In the House, Obama endorsed several incumbent Democrats facing potentially competitive challenges from Republicans this year: Rep. Sydney Batch of Holly Springs, who's facing Republican Erin Pare and Libertarian Liam Leaver. Rep. Terence Everitt of Wake Forest, who's facing Republican Fred Von Canon and Libertarian Michael Nelson. Rep. Christy Clark of Charlotte, who has a rematch with Republican John Bradford whom she unseated in 2018. Rep. Brandon Lofton of Charlotte, who's facing Don Pomeroy. He also endorsed Kimberly Hardy of Fayetteville, who defeated Rep. Elmer Floyd in the Democratic primary and is now facing Republican Diane Wheatley.” (*The News & Observer*, 8/3/20)

In August 2018, Batch Was Among The Democrats To Be Endorsed By Barack Obama. “Earlier today, President Obama announced his first wave of endorsements for the 2018 midterm election, including six North Carolina House and Senate candidates: * Wiley Nickel (SD 16) * Ron Wesson (HD 1) * Terence Everitt (HD 35) * Julie von Haefen (HD 36) * Sydney Batch (HD 37) * Rachel Hunt (HD 103) In announcing the endorsement, President Obama said "I'm confident that, together, they'll strengthen this country we love by restoring opportunity, repairing our alliances and standing in the world, and upholding our fundamental commitment to

Batch's 2018 Campaign Was Endorsed Barack Obama. (Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Twitter](#), 8/1/18)



In June 2020, Pete Buttigieg Urged His Supporters To Help With Batch's Reelection Effort Resulting In An Influx Of Contributions To Her Campaign. "In the 2018 "Blue Wave" election, Democrats flipped several GOP-held seats in suburban areas and erased Republicans' veto-proof supermajority. Now, Republicans hold 65 of 120 N.C. House seats and 29 of 50 Senate seats. So if Democrats want to take back the majority this year, they'll need to emerge from 2020 with five more Senate seats and six more House seats. And they've gotten national attention in their attempts to do so. For example, Democratic Rep. Sydney Batch's district in southwestern Wake County is among Republicans' best shots to take back a seat they lost in 2018. So former Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg waded into that race in June, encouraging his supporters across the country to help her out. With her national attention, Batch raised \$230,000 in the most recent quarter from mid-February through June. The only member of the House of Representatives who raised more money was Republican Speaker of the House Tim

Moore. Batch will be facing Republican challenger Erin Paré, whose \$87,000 last quarter trailed Batch but was still a strong showing.” (*The News & Observer*, 7/20/20)

In July 2020, Batch Posted On Facebook Promoting A Fundraiser Meet And Greet She Was Hosting With Pete Buttigieg. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/9/20)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 7/9/20)

Roy Cooper

In January 2021, Batch Was Appointed To The North Carolina State Senate Despite Having Lost Her 2020 Reelection Campaign. “Sydney Batch, who previously represented Wake County in the state House, is North Carolina’s newest state senator. And Knightdale Mayor James Roberson is the newest member of the state House. A group of Wake County Democratic Party members unanimously nominated Batch to fill a vacancy in Senate District 17 on Saturday morning. On Sunday afternoon, Democrats nominated Roberson to replace former

Rep. Darren Jackson in House District 39 in eastern Wake, Jackson announced in a tweet Sunday. And Gov. Roy Cooper appointed the pair Monday ahead of the legislative session that starts Wednesday, making their positions official. Jackson previously served as the House minority leader but was appointed by Cooper to North Carolina's Court of Appeals. Roberson, senior dean of Instructional Support at Wake Technical Community College and chief campus officer of the Western Wake Campus, was elected to the Knightdale Town Council in 2007. He served two terms before he was elected as mayor in 2015 and 2019. His term was set to expire in 2023, according to the town's website. Former state Sen. Sam Searcy announced in late December he planned to resign from his Senate seat representing southern and western Wake County, saying he was pursuing another opportunity. He has not yet announced what he'll do next, but said he will still be serving North Carolinians. On his way out, Searcy endorsed former Rep. Batch, who lost her reelection bid in November. Batch has largely been seen as a rising star in the Democratic Party.” (*The News & Observer*, 1/9/21)

In April 2022, Batch Posted A Photo On Facebook Of Her Posting With Governor Roy Cooper. (Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 4/15/22)



(Batch Profile, [Facebook](#), 4/15/22)

Amy Klobuchar

Batch Participated In A Voting Rights Panel With U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar.

“Klobuchar and three other panelists discussed efforts led by North Carolina's Republican-led

General Assembly that they said were motivated by a desire to suppress the African American and youth vote for partisan purposes. Klobuchar said, for example, she has tried in vain to get legislation through the U.S. Senate that would end the practice of purging voter rolls of people who have gone several elections without voting. "Just because you haven't voted for a few elections, you don't lose your right to vote," she said. Others on the panel with Klobuchar included N.C. Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls, Raleigh-area state Rep. Sydney Batch, and Derick Smith, an activist who teaches at N.C. A&T. Earls said she was on the panel because of her many years of prior experience as a civil rights lawyer and she avoided commenting on issues that might be coming before the state's high court." ("Klobuchar Talks Voting Rights, Election Security," *News & Record*, 2/28/20)

In February 2020, Batch Appeared At An Event With Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar.
(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/10/20)



(Sydney Batch Campaign Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/10/22)

Democracy For America

In May 2018, Batch Was Among The Candidates Endorsed By The Progressive Organization Democracy For America. "As primary election results begin filtering in tonight, Democracy for America (DFA) will be closely monitoring the success of it's 10 endorsed state-level candidates in Indiana, North Carolina, and Ohio. DFA state and municipal-level endorsed candidates running in today's primary elections include: * Anna Murray (IN Senate - District 46) * Sherry Shipley (IN Senate - District 22) * Amie Neiling (IN House - District 32) * Natasha Marcus (NC Senate - District 41) * Mujtaba Mohammed (NC Senate - District 38) * Allison Dhale (NC House - District 11) * Julie von Haefen (NC House - District 36) * Sydney Batch (NC House - District 37) * Christy Clark (NC House - District 98) * Yvonka Hall (OH House - District 12)." (Press Release, "During May 8 Primaries, DFA Closely Following 10 State-Level Candidates In IN, NC, OH," Democracy For America, 5/8/18)

Human Rights Campaign

In 2020, Batch Was Endorsed For Reelection By The Pro-LGBTQ Group Human Rights Campaign. “Today, the Human Rights Campaign announced the endorsement of champions of equality running for the North Carolina State Legislature. Today, 29 states, including North Carolina, lack comprehensive protections for LGBTQ people. North Carolina, the home of HB2, has been ground zero for the fight to end discrimination against transgender people and ensure equal protections for all LGBTQ Americans. Thanks to the hard work of the Human Rights Campaign, Equality North Carolina and local LGBTQ rights advocates, we ousted Gov. Pat McCrory. Today's endorsements mark the next step of our efforts, to limit the power of our opponents and elect as many pro-equality allies as possible to ensure all LGBTQ North Carolinians have the protections they deserve. "North Carolina continues to be a key state for defending and advancing LGBTQ protections and we need local leaders to continue the fight," said HRC Associate Regional Campaigns Director Meloda Gutierrez. "There is a lot more work to do to ensure that 319,000 LGBTQ North Carolinians have the protections from discrimination all humans deserve. We are excited to endorse 26 champions of LGBTQ equality who have led the fight in their own communities and on the state level to advance equality and defend against attempts to roll back LGBTQ rights. Between now and November, we are laser focused on mobilizing the more than 1.5 million Equality Voters throughout the state to ensure these and other pro-equality candidates up and down the ballot are elected.” (Human Rights Campaign, 8/13/20)

- **NOTE:** *Batch was mentioned later in the release as an endorsed candidate.*

EMILY's List

In May 2018, Batch Was Among The Candidates To Be Endorsed By The Progressive, Pro-Choice Organization EMILYs List. “Under Republican leadership, public education and voting rights have come under attack in North Carolina. The Republican state legislature is more concerned with pushing their agenda than protecting the people they were elected to represent and it's time to hold them accountable. These nineteen women have stepped in to give North Carolina voters the voice they deserve. Electing pro-choice Democratic women to state offices is an important step in building up the pipeline in this critical swing state with a history of illegal gerrymandering. EMILY's List is proud to endorse these impressive women leaders who have what it takes to fight for change for North Carolina's women and working families." EMILYs List endorsed the following slate of challengers and incumbents: Cynthia Ball (HD-49) Sydney Batch (HD-37) Jean Farmer Butterfield (HD-24).” (“Emily's List Endorses Nineteen Women Leaders For North Carolina's State Legislature,” Emily’s List, 5/10/18)

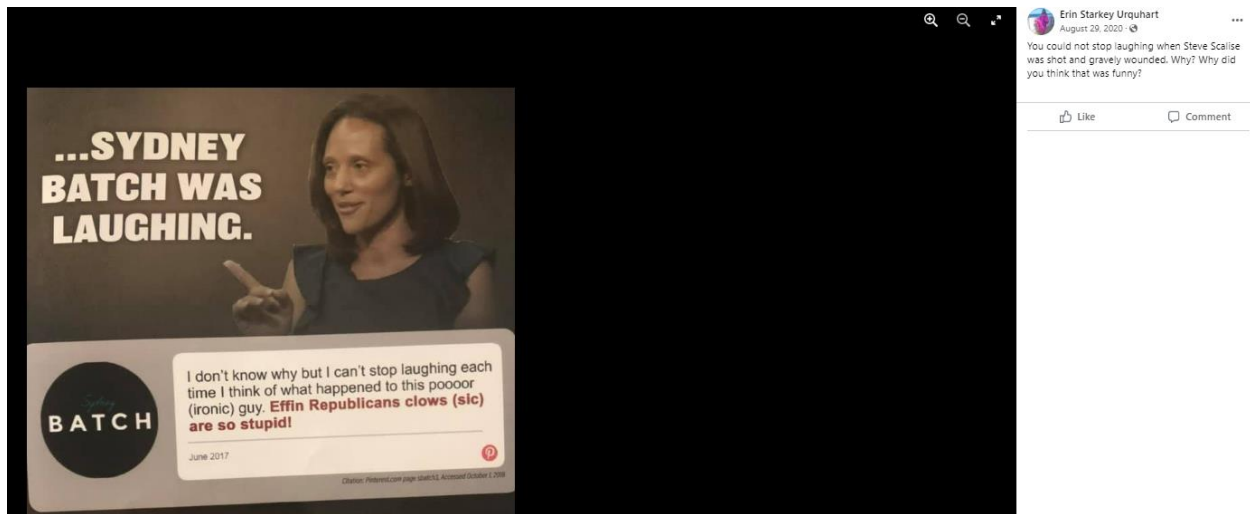
- **Batch Was Again Endorsed By Emily’s List In November 2019 For Her 2020 Campaign.** “Pro-choice Democratic women have been on the front line demanding change and championing progressive policies that put women and families first. From the North Carolina GOPs use of shameful tactics to undermine the democratic process during the budget fight to their failed attempts to enact dangerous, anti-choice legislation that would keep women from making their own health care decisions, we've seen how out of touch Republicans are with their constituents and how critical progressive women's voices have been in the fight to move North Carolina forward. It is crucial that we send these six

women back to Raleigh in 2020 and EMILYs List is proud to stand with them in their bids for re-election. EMILYs List endorsed the following slate of candidates Representative Jean Farmer-Butterfield (HD-24) Representative Julie von Haefen (HD-36) Representative Sydney Batch (HD-37) Representative Christy Clark (HD-98) Representative Rachel Hunt (HD-103) Senator Natasha Marcus (SD-41).” (Press Release, “Emily’s List Endorses Six Women Leaders For Re-Election To The North Carolina General Assembly,” Emily’s List, 11/13/19)

Partisanship

Steve Scalise Shooting

In August 2020, Erin Urquhart Commented On Bath’s Facebook With A Screenshot Of Her Pinterest Account Appearing To State She “Can’t Stop Laughing” Each Time She Thinks About What Happening To “Pooooor (Ironic)” Steve Scalise. (Erin Urquhart Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/29/20)



(Erin Urquhart Profile, [Facebook](#), 8/29/20)

Campaign Notes

2020

Batch Lost Her 2020 Reelection Campaign Despite Donors Pouring \$1 Million Into Her Coffers. ‘For Democrats to win a majority in North Carolina’s General Assembly, they needed one of the party’s rising stars to hang on to her seat. So donors across the country poured more than \$1 million into Rep. Sydney Batch’s campaign for House District 37 -- a purple, suburban district in southwestern Wake County -- signaling her seat was key to taking back control of the legislature and the power to draw congressional and state legislative districts that would last for the next decade. “We put everything we had into defending Rep. Batch,” said Rep. Graig Meyer, a Democrat who served as a campaign chair for the House Democratic Caucus. “We knew that if we weren’t going to be able to hold District 37 ... There was no way we were going to get to a majority in this election.” In the end, money didn’t translate to votes for Batch and most other

Democrats vying for legislative seats. Despite outraising Republican Erin Paré by nearly five times, Batch lost by more than 3 percentage points on election night, despite the 4-point advantage the North Carolina Free Enterprise Foundation estimated Democrats had in the district. The outcome of Batch's race is representative of the struggles Democratic candidates for the state legislature had across the state this year. The millions of dollars they raised weren't enough to overcome a number of factors Democrats didn't foresee. Among them: Unexpectedly high turnout among Trump voters.” (*News & Observer*, 11/12/20)

2018

Batch Campaigned For Election To North Carolina House In 2018. “HD 37 Sydney Batch, child welfare advocate running on the "common values that bind us," like leaving North Carolina a better place for the next generation. sydneybatch.com.” (Press Release, “Blue Monday: NCDP Welcomes Nine New Diverse Candidates, Promises To Break The Majority,” North Carolina Democratic Party, 12/11/17)

- **Batch Had Reportedly Been Dismayed With Polarization Of Politics And Was Recruited To Run For Office By The LEAD NC Organization.** ‘Over the years, Batch said she grew frustrated with the polarization of politics. She said a good government is full of compromise and negotiation, and that's been lacking in North Carolina. When LEAD NC, an organization whose mission is to cultivate a bipartisan leadership model, asked in August 2017 if she'd be interested in running for office, Batch couldn't resist. Now, she's representing North Carolina's 37th District in the State House of Representatives. But her campaign wasn't an easy one. Because Batch was committed to working full time and spending time with her family, she worked on her campaign at night.” (“CHHS Graduate And Three-Time Tar Heel Hopes To Advocate For Positive Change In NC House,” *Daily Tar Heel*, 2/6/19)

Batch Raised Over \$1 Million For He 2018 Campaign With More Than \$595,000 Coming From The NC Democratic Party. “In Wake County, Sydney Batch raised more than \$1 million, with more than \$595,000 of her total coming from the Democratic Party. Her opponent, Republican incumbent John Adcock, raised about \$237,000, with about \$80,000 coming from the state GOP. Seven-term incumbent Nelson Dollar of Cary, the chief budget writer in the House, raised more than \$500,000, with \$57,400 coming from his state party. Democrat Julie von Haefen raised about \$800,000, with nearly \$538,000 coming from state Democrats.” (“Democrats' Money Strategy Helped A Gun-Control Advocate Flip A Deep-Red NC District,” *The News & Observer*, 11/9/18)

Batch Ultimately Won Her 2018 Campaign Against Republican John Adcock. “State Democratic Party Chairman Wayne Goodwin said candidates and parties should be clear when a health issue incapacitates a candidate or an office holder. "Transparency is always the best policy," he said, but he acknowledged that health issues are delicate. He said, "You try to strike a balance where the public's interest is met, but privacy interests are protected." A recent Wake County case illustrated that balance. Sydney Batch, the Democratic candidate in state House District 37, in August announced she was taking a break from her campaign after being diagnosed with early, non-invasive breast cancer, but she remained in the race and won on Nov. 6.” (“A North Carolina Politician Is Ill. What Should Voters Know?,” *The News & Observer*, 11/23/18)

Misleading Campaign Ads

In October 2018, Batch Came Under Scrutiny For An Ad Attacking North Carolina

Positions On Healthcare. “Democrats in North Carolina are campaigning on the idea that the GOP-controlled legislature should do more to improve health care in North Carolina. A recent video ad by Sydney Batch, a Democrat running for NC House District 37 in southern Wake County, tries to build off that idea. She's running against Republican John Adcock, who was appointed to the seat in September. "John Adcock wants to join politicians who took thousands from insurance companies and support letting them deny health care coverage," a narrator in the ad says. "Their plan would get rid of coverage altogether for thousands of families and raise premiums on the rest of us." The claims are vague, leaving PolitiFact to wonder which plan by legislative Republicans would eliminate coverage for North Carolina families.” (“A Wake County Candidate's Ad Falsely Links Her Republican Rival To A Health Care Bill,” *The News & Observer*, 10/23/16)

- **PolitiFact Rated Batch’s Ad “False” For Misleadingly Portraying A Republican Bill To Provide An Alternative To Obamacare, Which Was Actually Not Supported By Her Republican Opponent.** “Batch's commercial suggests a plan supported by John Adcock and legislative Republicans "would get rid of coverage altogether for thousands of families and raise premiums on the rest of us." Her campaign manager cited a bill that would have provided an alternative option to the Affordable Care Act. While that bill could ultimately destabilize the ACA marketplace, causing premiums to rise, it doesn't directly eliminate coverage. It didn't have enough support to pass and Adcock says he opposes it. We rate this claim False. This story was produced by the North Carolina Fact-Checking Project, a partnership of McClatchy Carolinas, the Duke University Reporters' Lab and PolitiFact. The NC Local News Lab Fund and the International Center for Journalists provide support for the project, which shares fact-checks with newsrooms statewide.” (“A Wake County Candidate's Ad Falsely Links Her Republican Rival To A Health Care Bill,” *The News & Observer*, 10/23/18)

A May 2018 Campaign Newsletter Released By Batch Overstated North Carolina Republican Actions On The State Budget, Noting That Republicans Had Used The “Nuclear Option” To Pass The North Carolina State Budget When They Had Not.

‘Democrats are mad that Republicans plan to change state government spending without their direct input. Republicans, who hold a supermajority in the North Carolina Legislature, are mostly negotiating budget changes amongst themselves and intend to block any proposed amendments to their bill. But, if voters were to read one Democrat's newsletter, they'd get an entirely different picture of the situation. A May 23 newsletter distributed by Sydney Batch, a Democratic candidate for NC House, overstates what has happened so far. "Yesterday afternoon the Republicans in the General Assembly used the nuclear option to pass North Carolina's over \$20 billion budget," the newsletter said. It adds: "For the first time in (the) history of our great state, they are not allowing any debate or input on our budget.” (“On The GOP's Budget, This Democrat Got It Wrong,” *News & Observer*, 5/25/18)

- **“The Problem With Batch's Statements Is That They Aren't Accurate.”** “The problem with Batch's statements is that they aren't accurate. As we write this fact-check, legislative Republicans have yet to vote on or even reveal their full budget plans. And her

statement about the lack of debate is also misleading.” (“On The GOP's Budget, This Democrat Got It Wrong,” *News & Observer*, 5/25/18)

- **Batch Acknowledged The Error And Claimed Her Mistake Was An “Inadvertent Typo” Before Retracting Her Statement And Issuing An Apology.** ““I meant to type, 'Yesterday afternoon the Republicans in the General Assembly decided that they are going to use the nuclear option to pass North Carolina's over \$20 billion budget,'" Batch wrote in an email (Whether or not the process Republicans are using can be referred to as "the nuclear option" is another debate altogether.) "I will retract and edit the statement with the email list shortly. Thanks for bringing it to my attention," Batch wrote. And retract the statement, she did. On May 24, Batch distributed a newsletter apologizing for her mistake.” (“On The GOP's Budget, This Democrat Got It Wrong,” *News & Observer*, 5/25/18)
- **Politifact Rated Her Claim As “False.”** “Batch said, "Yesterday afternoon the Republicans in the General Assembly used the nuclear option to pass North Carolina's over \$20 billion budget." In fact, the budget hasn't been approved yet. It hasn't even been put up for a vote. Batch apologized for the mistake and retracted her statement in a new email - which PolitiFact applauds. But that doesn't protect her first statement from our Truth-O-Meter. We rate her claim False.” (“On The GOP's Budget, This Democrat Got It Wrong,” *News & Observer*, 5/25/18)

PERSONAL

Overview

“Batch Is A Certified Child Welfare Specialist And Runs A Law Firm Focused On Family Law Issues With Her Husband, J. Patrick Williams.” “In Wake County, lawyer Sydney Batch announced her candidacy for House District 37, which represents southwestern Wake County. Batch is a certified child welfare specialist and runs a law firm focused on family law issues with her husband, J. Patrick Williams. That seat is held by Republican Rep. Linda Williams, a former Holly Springs town councilwoman who joined the legislature last year after the retirement of Rep. Paul "Skip" Stam, also a Republican. The district covers parts of Apex, Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina and Garner.” (“NC Democrats Announce New Candidates, And They're Almost All Women,” *The News & Observer*, 12/11/17)

- **Batch: “Is A Graduate Of UNC-Chapel Hill, With Both A Master's Degree In Social Work And A Law Degree.”** “We wrote about Sydney here[2] on January 2nd, when she was among the first wave of new Democrats announcing their plans to run in 2018. She is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, with both a master's degree in social work and a law degree.” (“Path Opens A Little Wider For Sydney Batch In House District 37,” *Watauga Watch*, 2/21/18)

“She And Her Husband J. Patrick Williams Opened Their Own Law Firm In 2005. She Has Wide And Intense Experience In Child Welfare Advocacy And Family Law.” (“Path Opens A Little Wider For Sydney Batch In House District 37,” *Watauga Watch*, 2/21/18)

Personal Health

Batch Was Diagnosed With Breast Cancer During Her 2018 Campaign. “In response to an announcement that EMILYs List-endorsed candidate Sydney Batch (NC-HD37) has been

diagnosed with breast cancer, Julie McClain Downey, senior director of campaign communications at EMILYs List, released the following statement: Sydneys strength and enduring devotion to the families of North Carolina during this difficult time is nothing short of remarkable. EMILYs List is proud to be standing with such an incredible woman and candidate who has shown that she will not stop fighting to make life better for those around her. We continue to stand with Sydney and her family and wish her all the best in her recovery. Sydney is a family law attorney and child welfare advocate, who with her husband Patrick, runs a private practice. Patrick and Sydney live in Wake County with their two sons.” (Press Release, “Emily’s List Statement On Sydney Batch’s Breast Cancer Diagnosis,” Emily’s List, 8/27/18)

- Batch Suspended Her Campaign For Several Weeks In Order To Undergo Treatment For Breast Cancer In August 2018.** “A Democrat running for a competitive seat in the North Carolina legislature says she is taking a break from her campaign to fight breast cancer. Local attorney Sydney Batch made the announcement on Facebook on Monday morning. She said her campaign will continue, but she won’t personally be on the campaign trail for the House District 37 seat for “several weeks.” Batch said she was recently diagnosed with “early, non-invasive breast cancer.” The district, which covers southern Wake County, is currently held by a retiring Republican. John Adcock, a former candidate for Wake County commissioner, is Batch’s Republican opponent. “While it’s a diagnosis no woman wants to receive, I consider myself fortunate,” Batch said in a video on Facebook, adding that she has health insurance. “But I know there are many women that are not as fortunate as myself. I will be able to take time off work and the campaign trail to recover, but many women will not be able to do so because they have to work or simply won’t receive treatment because they don’t have access to health insurance,” she said. “While I will be out for several weeks from work and from campaigning, I look forward to returning in October.”” (“After Breast Cancer Diagnosis, NC Democrat Takes Break From Campaign In Competitive House Race,” *The News & Observer*, 8/27/18)

Career And Education

Batch Earned Her Bachelor’s, Master’s, And JD Degree From UNC Chapel Hill. “Politics was never part of the plan. Neither was breast cancer. But, both came into Sydney Batch’s life in the past year. When Batch was first approached about running for office several years ago, she thought of her two young sons, then 18 months old and 3 years old, and turned down the opportunity. Batch, a Chapel Hill native, graduated from Chapel Hill High School in 1997 before earning three degrees from UNC by 2006 — a bachelor’s, a J.D. and a master’s in social work.” (“CHHS Graduate And Three-Time Tar Heel Hopes To Advocate For Positive Change In NC House,” *Daily Tar Heel*, 2/6/19)

“Batch Practices Family Law, Dealing Primarily With Issues Such As Custody Issues, Divorce And Child Advocacy.” “Since her time as an undergrad, Batch has had a passion for advocacy. When she graduated with her degrees in social work and law, she and her husband, J. Patrick Williams, started a law firm. Batch practices family law, dealing primarily with issues such as custody issues, divorce and child advocacy. “People come to me at the worst time in their lives,” Batch said. “And I hope they leave me in a better place.”” (“CHHS Graduate And Three-Time Tar Heel Hopes To Advocate For Positive Change In NC House,” *Daily Tar Heel*, 2/6/19)

High School

As A High Senior In 1996, Batch Served On A Strategic Planning Task Force For The Chapel Hill School District. “The group's recently published report, "A Vision for Education in the 21st Century," outlines the school district's most immediate priorities, including strengths, weaknesses and potential threats. While school leaders won't have easy solutions for every problem, they're getting clues as to where they can at least begin to turn things around. While the report recognizes high academic expectations to be chief among its priorities, others, such as the profile of the ideal student, also are considered crucial. Sydney Batch, 17, a senior at Chapel Hill High and member of the task force, said the notion of the "ideal student" should be open to varying interpretations. "There's a different way each student thinks. They're all at different levels," Batch said.” (“Chapel Hill-Carrboro Looks To Future,” *News And Observer*, 12/2/96)

As A High School Student, Batch Called For Consistency In Terms Of How Chapel Hill High School Treated Repeat Student Drug Offenders. “Students tired of watching classmates abuse drugs told city school board members Friday they need to revamp drug-prevention programs and treat offenders consistently. “A lot of time and effort is being wasted on the education programs we have,” said Joe Bookman, a 15-year-old sophomore at East Chapel Hill High School. “The films and the way people teach are so cheesy. Kids aren't going to take it seriously at all.” Chapel Hill High School senior Sydney Batch, 17, urged the school system to stop punishing some students and not others for breaking the same rules. “If there is no consistency, you can't alleviate the problem or expect it to change,” she said.” (“Students Give Drug Programs Failing Grade; Board's Lesson: Treat Offenders Consistently,” *Chapel Hill Herald*, 2/8/97)

- **Batch Claimed She Found It Hard To Demonstrate Compassion To Her Peers Engaging In Drugs When They Refused To Listen.** “School board member Harvey Goldstein asked the three students -- who took the afternoon off from school to participate in the discussion -- if organized peer-intervention efforts would be more effective. Seventeen-year-old Dave Cowan, a Chapel Hill High junior, said most students just don't care. It's hard to show compassion when your peers refuse to listen, Batch said. “I care, but now I'm at the point where I'm so frustrated, I just say, ‘If you do it, don't do it around me.’” Another drawback, Cowan said, is that students make up their minds about whether to use drugs before they get to high school. The district doesn't need to pour more money into drug-prevention efforts; it just needs to spend it in different ways, he said.” (“Students Give Drug Programs Failing Grade; Board's Lesson: Treat Offenders Consistently,” *Chapel Hill Herald*, 2/8/97)

Batch Was A Track And Field Athlete In High School. “Their youth showed; Chapel Hill faces beamed and mouths screamed after the team accepted its trophy. Morey, a senior, won the 1,600 and 800 meters and was part of the winning 3,200 relay team. Capel and Whittington helped out on the relays, as did McElveen, who finished second in the 200 and 400 meters. Sydney Batch won the triple jump, and Callie Gudeman won the 3,200.” (“Tigers, Hornets Take PAC-6 Titles,” *The Herald Sun*, 5/15/97)