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Announcing the NC Chamber's 2021 Legislative Agenda

Dear Representative Clampitt,

On behalf of our members and the statewide business community, thank you for your service to North Carolina. As you and your colleagues prepare for the session ahead – a session that will be accentuated by the challenges of COVID-19 and by stark divisions within our national discourse – know that our team is committed to working with you to foster an economic climate that encourages continued growth, private-sector job creation, and increased opportunity for all North Carolinians.

At this pivotal time in our history, we at the NC Chamber believe that the people of our state deserve an approach to leadership defined by civility and aimed at finding the commonsense path between political extremes. Our organization and the job creators we represent are ready to play our part in this collective enterprise. That is why I am especially excited this year to share with you the NC Chamber's **2021 legislative agenda**.

The agenda items you will find listed in this document were developed in alignment with the solution-oriented goals laid out in the Chamber's strategic, forward-thinking plan for the state's future: **North Carolina Vision 2030**. This plan focuses on **three key issue areas** identified by NC Chamber members as those most important for North Carolina's continued growth and economic competitiveness: **Education and Talent Supply**, **Competitive Business Climate**, and **Infrastructure and Growth Leadership**. The Chamber uses this list of priorities not only to guide our advocacy efforts at the General Assembly, but also to track the voting records of legislators throughout session. At the end of each session, we publish those records as our annual voting guide, *How They Voted*, so our members will know where legislators stood on the issues that matter to them.

As an employer, I recognize that the success of my organization lies in the willingness of its leadership to put our people first. Employers across this state recognize this same truth. The priorities I share with you today are more than just policies and bills aimed at creating opportunities for a few select people or companies. They are creative solutions developed with input from our members, large and small, across all industries – and they are aimed squarely at driving positive change for job creators, workers, and families throughout North Carolina, so we can continue moving forward as a state.

At the Chamber, we understand the significance of the challenges you and your colleagues will face in the coming session. We are grateful for your willingness to take those challenges head on – and we hope you will call on us whenever our experience and insight can help make a positive difference for North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Gary J. Salamido

President and CEO

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