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Raleigh, November 17, 2011 – On Friday, November 18th, Rep. Bill Faison will hold a House Democrats’ Business Caucus Meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Room 1228 of the Legislative Building at 16 West Jones Street.

Immediately following the meeting (anticipated for 3:00 p.m.) the Members of the NC House will hold a press conference in the Press Room, adjacent to the meeting room.

In September, the 36 House Democrats put forth a JOBS Plan for NC with three key components: Cut the Penny Sales Tax by 30 percent and put seven tenths of a cent sales tax in the Budget, Enact a Smart Tax Policy, and promote private sector job growth. The plan restores almost 35,000 jobs including teachers, teachers’ aides among others. It also restores more than four times as many Private Sector Jobs, and cuts unemployment below 6 percent putting almost 200,000 back to work.

At this meeting, the Members will hear from two teachers fired as a result of the 2011-2012 State Budget, two middle class folks who lost their jobs in the recession and have not been able to find a job in three years, and a NCSU student concerned about increasing tuition and future employment opportunities.

On Sept. 8, Sept. 13, and Nov. 7 Rep. Bill Faison called on the Republicans to dedicate special Sessions to creating jobs for North Carolinians, not wasting money on Constitutional Amendments and veto challenges.

Faison said, “We can amend the State Budget to rehire teachers and teachers’ aides, bring back both public and private sector jobs, implement a smart tax policy that stimulates small businesses to hire, and use our resources to promote business development.”

“The U.S. economy is teetering on a double dip recession. Some economists say it is unavoidably headed for a second dip. The economic crisis in Europe is about to thrust the European Union into double dip recession and the fear is the U.S. will soon follow. North Carolina is at 10 percent unemployment using traditional measures. Some economist say it is perhaps 25 percent higher if you include people who have taken part time work or given up trying to find work. The September Employment Security Commission (ESC) data shows unemployment at 10 percent and 55,083 new Regular Unemployment Insurance Claims filed in meaning at least this many people recently lost their jobs. It now takes longer than any time in the last 60 years to find work and on the average a new job will pay 17.5 percent less”, said Representative Faison.

“Every elected official in NC should focus on helping working families when they need it most,” said Rep. Faison. “I am working to regain control of the House so we can enact a practical common sense JOBS plan that will work. The House Democrats and I are focused on the JOB at hand, helping people. We can fix this.”

70 percent of the House Democrats have signed onto the JOBS Plan as well as the Legislative Black Caucus, and numerous other groups around the State.

For links to the plan and related information, go to www.BillFaison.com

Representative Faison represents NC House District 50, Northern Orange and Caswell Counties, and was first elected to the Legislature in 2005. Bill is a staunch supporter and advocate for jobs, education and health care. As a Single Dad, Bill knows how important it is to make good decisions now for results in the future. With three children in college and one in high school, Bill is focused on acting now to secure the future for all of our children.

As a legislator since 2005, he has championed rural high-speed internet access and in his role as Chairman of the House Democrats' Business Caucus, he has taken on the issue of rising unemployment in NC and is calling for a JOBS plan for the State, with a challenge to the GOP Leadership.

For information on the JOBS plan, supported by 35 of his colleagues in the NC House, go to www.BillFaison.com

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