

Representative Bill Faison announces gubernatorial bid – January 28, 2012

The future of our children and our State depends on a healthy economy, quality education for everyone and good jobs. For the past five months, I have traveled our State talking to folks about the issues that matter. I have debated Pat McCrory and the Republicans about jobs and education, and pressed the GOP Leadership for positive legislative action.

Since September, I have promoted a JOBS Plan supported by 70 percent of the NC House Democrats. This common sense solution will immediately put over 36,000 people back to work, including teachers, teachers' aides, and employees essential to services we rely on in both the public and private sectors. Moreover, our plan focuses on a smart tax policy that encourages the 155,000 small businesses in our State to hire and promotes entrepreneurial job creation.

Hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians have been out of work since last summer. We are in an economic crisis. Working together, using good common sense and practical solutions, WE CAN FIX THIS.

I am the only elected official who has been actively out and about the State focusing on the issues that matter to everyone; jobs, education, the economy and energy. I have exposed the GOP Leadership in the General Assembly for wasting our tax dollars on the divisive social issues of a few in their party, rather than dealing with the economic issues affecting all of us.

Today, my kids and I announce that I am a candidate for Governor of our great State. I am here to provide the leadership you need to put our economy back on track, put folks back to work, and secure our kids education and future. We are excited to continue talking with folks all across our State about both the problems we face, and the best solutions that do the most good for the most folks. And when the talking is done, I want to get busy solving the problems. WE CAN FIX THIS.

Our State and our people need leadership. We need solutions that are practical and make good common sense, and then we need action to solve the problems that affect all of us. For months folks have been asking me to run for Governor. I have weighed and considered the needs of people across our State, the needs of my kids, the needs of your kids, the need for jobs, and the future of education in our State. Today I am answering the call to run for Governor with a resounding "YES". I am in the race to win the Governor's office for the people of our State. I am looking forward to working with you to achieve the best results that secures your economic future and that of your kids.

Representative Faison 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, 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, and a policy agenda for education and energy, go to www.BillFaison.com

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