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Raleigh, November 7, 2011 – On Mon., Nov. 7th, Chairman Bill Faison and his House Colleagues held a House Democrats’ Business Caucus Meeting to hear from two CEOs of small businesses in eastern NC and participants in the Occupy Raleigh movement.

Speaking at the meeting on behalf of small businesses, Lee Schwartz, CEO of Rocky Mount based East Carolina Home Care, and Jimmy Shepard, CEO of TranscoWash Systems of Farmville, told the Caucus that positive government action in support of jobs and the economy is desperately needed. These small business leaders called on the Legislature to work in a cooperative bipartisan fashion to help all North Carolinians, which was endorsed and supported by the Democratic Members attending the meeting.

Three participants in the Occupy Raleigh movement spoke. Stacie Borrello, Kurt Zehnder, Joseph Huberman told the Caucus that their organization is focused on jobs, the economy and the need for fundamental changes.

Faison and 36 House Democrats and the Legislative Black Caucus support a JOBS Plan for NC with three key components: Cut the Penny Sales Tax by 30 percent and put it in the Budget restoring both State (6,455) and Private Sector (27,707) Jobs, Enact a Smart Tax Policy, and cut unemployment below 6 percent putting nearly 200,000 back to work.

“We can create jobs and cut unemployment by providing tax relief to businesses that employ less than 20 people,” continued Faison.

On Sept. 8, Sept. 13, and again today, Rep. Bill Faison called on the Republicans to dedicate a special Session to creating jobs for North Carolinians, not wasting money on Constitutional Amendments. Faison said, “We can amend the State Budget to 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.”

Rep. Faison said, “The Republicans have raised over \$100 million in new fees/taxes, and yet will not even consider a seven tenths of a cent sales tax to put almost 35,000 people back to work, including teachers and teachers’ aids. This tiny little fraction of a penny tax that everyone pays (seven cents on a ten dollar purchase) does so much to help so many.”

Reps. Alice Bordsen, Garland Pierce, Rodney Moore, Elmer Floyd, Patsy Keever and Marian McLawhorn called on the Republican Majority to focus on the pressing issue of jobs and the

economy rather than a radical social agenda. Eastern and southeastern North Carolina are some of the areas hardest hit by unemployment and the declining economy. The Representatives stressed that jobs and economy are the number one issue.

Rep. William Brisson called on the NC GOP Leadership to work together with the House Democrats to help solve the jobs problem and to answer the challenge of working families, jobs and the economy.

“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.”

“I am a Single Dad with three children in college and one in high school. I am working hard to be sure folks with jobs keep them, folks without jobs get them, and our kids have a future,” said Faison.

For links to the plan and related information, go to [www.BillFaison.com](http://www.BillFaison.com)

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*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](http://www.BillFaison.com)*

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