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Raleigh, September 22, 2011 – Rep. Faison will speak to the Wake County Democrats, Monday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Goodwin House at 220 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, about the need for jobs and solutions to rising unemployment in the state.

“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.

At the first Raleigh event for NC Forward, a statewide 19-stop bus tour to highlight the State's rising unemployment numbers, now 10.4 percent, Rep. Bill Faison pointed to the most recent report and the Employment Security Commission and said, “Twenty percent (20 percent) of States have unemployment of 6.1 percent or less, including Virginia, Vermont, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming and Hawaii. Only seven states have unemployment at the same rate or worse than North Carolina, including South Carolina, Michigan, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Nevada and California, all hovering in the 10-13 percent range.”

Faison went on to say, “Cutting our unemployment to 6.1 percent would add 193,708 new jobs in our State.”

Rep. Bill Faison and 35 of his House Colleagues held a House Democrats’ Business Caucus Meeting to hear the stories of employees who lost their jobs on Sept. 13. The 35 House Democrats 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 (29,707) 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.

Rep. Faison, together with Representatives Alma Adams, Kelly Alexander, Larry Bell, Alice Bordsen, Marcus Brandon, William Brisson, Angela Bryant, Becky Carney, Beverly Earle, Jean Farmer-Butterfield, Elmer Floyd, Rosa Gill, Charles Graham, Phillip Haire, Larry Hall, Susi Hamilton, Pricey Harrison, Dewey Hill, Maggie Jeffus, Patsy Keever, Marvin Lucas, Frank McGuirt, Marian McLawhorn, Henry Michaux, Jr., Annie Mobley, Rodney Moore, Earline Parmon, Garland Pierce, Ray Rapp, Joe Tolson, William Wainwright, Edith Warren, W. A. (Winkie) Wilkins, Larry Womble, Michael H. Wray called on the NC GOP Leadership in the House to answer the challenge of working families by enacting a JOBS plan immediately.

The NC House Black Caucus endorsed the plan at their Caucus Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 13.

“Unemployment hits hardest in the minority communities and among our youth,” said Senator Floyd McKissick, Chairman of the Legislative Black Caucus.

“Working families in both rural and urban areas are facing the same struggle to find and keep jobs,” said former Speaker Pro Tem and Legislative Black Caucus leader Rep. William Wainwright. Both Senator McKissick and Rep. Wainwright agree, “We need to come to Raleigh and enact a real JOBS Bill to put people back to work.

The full House Caucus has not yet had the opportunity to vote on the plan as an official position or discuss it in detail. Senate and House Democrats are traveling across the State in a NC Forward Bus Tour this week talking about jobs, the economy and the effects of the State Budget.

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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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