



# Representative Ric Killian

North Carolina  
General Assembly

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July 1, 2009

## Budget Update

The 2009 – 2010 state budget will be the most significant legislation this year. Now, with the Senate and House having passed their respective versions of the budget, it lies in the hands of those designated as budget committee conferees. This year, the task of blending both versions of the budget so that the Governor will sign it is especially challenging. Unfortunately, the Democratic leaders of the General Assembly cannot agree and consequently have adopted a resolution to continue the operation of state government until an agreement is reached and a new budget is adopted.

The debate is not about decreasing services, but rather about how to raise revenue to continue the expansion of state government. Actual state expenditures this fiscal year are estimated to be \$20.3B, while projected revenue (including federal stimulus funds) are estimated to be \$19.2B, leaving a \$1.1B gap. This is significantly less than the \$4.5B commonly referred to in attempts by interest groups to raise taxes. The House, Senate, and Governor each have different amounts of revenue they would like to raise and cannot agree on whom to tax, and how much. The pro-

posals include increasing income taxes, sales taxes, gas taxes, adding taxes on services and increasing existing fees.

The Democratic leadership of the General Assembly refuses to say no to the special interest groups and continues to assume the taxpayer is willing and able to pay more taxes. **As an advocate for my constituents, the taxpayers, I will continue to oppose tax increases.** Alternatively, I support a budget process that includes all members of the General Assembly, a zero-based approach where every line is justified, and a budget that meets the "needs" of the citizens not the "wants" of the special interest groups.

I encourage all citizens to engage in the ongoing debate on the role of government by becoming knowledgeable on the issues and advocating solutions to problems facing our society in a thoughtful and respectful manner.

Below is a link to the House passed budget of June 13:

Bill Text - [Senate Bill 202, 6th Edition Engrossed, as passed by North Carolina House of Representatives June 13, 2009 \(39 amendments engrossed\)](#)



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## NC General Assembly Major Legislation Summary

### HOUSE

HB 2—Smoking Ban — Law

HB 9— No Texting while Driving—Law

HB 88—Healthy Youth Act

Passed House; In Senate

HB 120—Public Municipal Campaigns

Passed House; In Senate

HB148— Public Congestion/  
Intermodal

Passed House; In Senate

### SENATE

SB 287—State Health Plan—Law

SB 526—School Violence Protection

## Constituent Contact Summary

### Through June 26, 2009:

Office Visits — 33

Letters — 267

Telephone Calls — 183

E-Mails — 1712