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Tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations have now removed over a third of annual revenue, totalling \$13 billion annually from our state budget of roughly \$34 billion. Do you support rolling back the tax cuts for the wealthy and corporations that started in 2013? Why or why not?

Yes. We should stop prioritizing tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy when we are underfunding education, infrastructure, healthcare, and other essential services. It is extremely important that we maintain a balanced budget while funding the programs we need to fund to help people, and the only way we can do that is by making sure that the ultra-wealthy and corporations pay their fair share.

Do you support paying state employees a minimum living wage of \$25 per hour, and raising wages for all state employees by at least 20%?

Yes. State employees deserve a living wage and competitive pay.

Due to staff shortages and workplace safety issues, the governor, with support from the legislature, raised all Department of Public Safety staff to a 7-Year Step Plan in 2022. Would you support the same for DHHS workers?

Yes. We need competitive, predictable pay to recruit and retain DHHS workers.

Do you support raising the minimum stipend for UNC System graduate workers to at least \$27,000 for a yearly contract?

Yes. Graduate workers deserve to be paid a living wage for their work.

Currently NC has embedded unprecedented racially gerrymandered maps that disenfranchise African Americans. Election districts are currently stacked to be highly partisan. What will you do to help redraw election maps to not be as partisan, make voting less complicated, and increase transparency to ensure truly free and fair elections?

I support fair maps and greater transparency in our elections. While in the Senate, I signed a discharge petition putting forward legislation to create an independent redistricting commission. Voters should choose their representatives—not the other way around.

Do you support repealing the ban on public sector collective bargaining, GS 95-98? Why or why not?

Yes. Unions work and we need to protect our public employees.

Would you support ending “Pay to Work” in the UNC System by stopping parking fees for university employees and eliminating student fees for graduate workers?

Yes. As a former UNC employee, this was a huge struggle for me as well. Employees should not have to pay their employer simply for the privilege of coming to work.

While there has been some modest progress, state OSHA is still unable to fully fill all inspector positions to enforce workplace safety. Do you support full funding for Occupational Safety and Health Administration? Why or why not?

Yes. Workplace safety laws mean very little if we do not adequately fund the people responsible for enforcing them. This is extremely important to me as an employment attorney. The state must keep its workforce safe.

Do you support establishing an enforceable state OSHA excessive summer heat safety rule that includes paid cooling breaks, PPE, hydration and training for local and state government, as well as agricultural workers? Why or why not?

Yes. No worker should be forced to risk serious illness or death simply because they work outdoors in extreme heat.

Do you support expanding fully covered dental and vision healthcare plans to all state employees, including the UNC system and its graduate workers? Why or why not?

Yes. Dental and vision are healthcare, and I believe it is unfair to cover some but not all healthcare for some but not all employees. Dental and vision costs can pose the same economic challenges and hardships that other types of healthcare can on working families, and I believe it is the responsibility of the state to alleviate those hardships to the extent it can.