

An Email From Jeff Hauser

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After a short hiatus to attend to my newborn, I'm back, albeit sleep deprived. Thanks to Dylan Housman for holding down the fort. The Democrats held their second round of debates and candidates didn't hold back this time. Still, it was the usual support of kicking 200 million people off of their private health insurance (endorsed by the NC Democrat Party and their spokesperson Liz Doherty refused to answer why they support it), decriminalization of the border, and complaining that one of the most robust economies in recent memory is really terrible. Long story short, it was another free round of advertisements for Republicans running in 2020.

WHAT HAPPENED

STORIES FROM THE NATION

Let's start with the debate. In the first round, Sen. Kamala Harris ripped into former VP Joe Biden. Crazy Uncle Joe was ready this time around, but the biggest zinger didn't come from Harris. Instead, Harris was absolutely torched by Assad sympathizer Rep. Tulsi Gabbard for her awful criminal justice record as California's attorney general. [National Review](#)

Per usual, ultra-far-left megadonor George Soros is gearing up for 2020, pouring in millions of dollars into a new PAC. Keep an eye out for the usual bevy of false attack ads. Did I mention Soros also maxed out to Roy Cooper? [Washington Examiner](#)

Sen. Susan Collins is the Republican Senator from Maine, up for re-election this year. In case you forgot, [she gave an impassioned speech](#) in support of now-Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation hearing. Her opponent in 2020 is

already having fun skirting campaign finance laws. [The Washington Free Beacon](#)

Despite the ridiculous rhetoric you've heard and undoubtedly will continue to hear regarding the 2017 tax cuts, more and more people are seeing increases in wages and earnings since the legislation went into effect. Check out this report from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. [The Wall Street Journal](#)

STORIES FROM NC

This is a chilling story. In Wake County, there has been quite a bit of controversy over the MVP math program adopted by some schools. A parent criticized the program, so now the company is suing him. [WRAL](#)

Cooper continues to stand in the way of progress, choosing to hold teacher and state employee raises, education funding, and rape kit backlog funding hostage over one item on his liberal wish list to impress his campaign donors. Republicans passed a stopgap funding measure to not disrupt federal funding from coming into the state. [Carolina Journal](#)

With a vacancy in the House for District 113, local leaders have selected the replacement: Republican and Polk County Commissioner Jake Johnson. When he takes office, Johnson will be the youngest legislator in the NCGA. Congrats! [Hendersonville Lightning](#)

The North Carolina State Board of Elections met this week to discuss paper ballots vs. voting machines given concerns over election security (looking at you, Durham County). They decided one thing, [then their Chairman abruptly resigned](#), and now might be reversing course. The only guy with oversight of this Board in disarray? You guessed it: Roy Cooper. [WRAL](#)

TRACKING YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

CONGRESS

Not a lot happening on the House side this week with the exception of one thing: anti-Semite Rep. Ilhan Omar introduced a resolution in support of the Hamas-backed BDS movement, aimed at boycotting Israel. Joining her was fellow anti-Semite Rep. Rashida Tlaib and a few other Democrats. The House took up a resolution condemning the BDS movement and [passed it overwhelmingly](#). On the Senate side, it's more of the same: [Mitch McConnell keeps confirming judges](#), 13 (!) in two days. That makes 144 judges confirmed since President Trump took office. This was mentioned a while back, but the anticipated [paid family leave legislation from Sen. Cassidy](#) has been introduced. Senator Burr sits on the Senate HELP Committee and the Committee passed a bill meant to address [surprise health care billing and move cheaper generic drugs to market faster](#), and should be scheduled for a floor vote soon. This is the last week of any federal action for a while as both chambers head out for the 6-week August recess.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Recently, there were a couple stories regarding a South Carolina college student who was murdered after getting into a car she thought was her Uber. In response, NCGA Republicans sprang into action to help protect riders using ride share apps (Lyft, Uber) and [the legislation was sent to the Governor this week](#). Governor Cooper continues to showcase his disdain for school choice by [vetoing expanded access to charter schools](#). As mentioned, there still is a budget impasse because Cooper is sticking to his Medicaid expansion ultimatum, [leaving progress in limbo](#) in exchange for campaign donations. In the meantime, legislators [passed a measure to keep federal dollars flowing into NC](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Want to be a part of the massive grassroots army to help keep NC red in 2020? Sign up for future Trump Victory program trainings here: [Trump Victory Leadership Initiative](#)

[Third And Ninth District General Election Dates:](#)

Absentee ballot voting has begun! Download your absentee ballot request form [here](#).

Early voting begins – August 21

Early voting ends – September 6

Election Day – September 10

There are a multitude of events for Dr. Greg Murphy! Go to his Facebook page [here](#) and check out one of the events!

On August 10th, come knock some doors with Chairman Michael Whatley and Vice Chair Miriam Chu in support of Sen. Dan Bishop! The day of action details are here: [Dan Bishop Day of Action](#)

On August 10th, the Watauga County GOP is holding an event featuring Diamond & Silk, Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, State Senator Deanna Ballard, and several other special guests! Details are here: [An Evening With Diamond & Silk](#)

The Orange County GOP is going old school and throwing an ice cream social! Head to the OCGOP HQ at 125 Boone Square St. in Hillsborough on August 11th from 1-3pm.

On August 15th, the Cabarrus County Republican Women are holding an event to benefit our judicial candidates! [Cabarrus Republican Women Judicial Rally](#)

On August 20th, the Durham County GOP will hold a meet-and-greet for the two candidates vying to unseat Pelosi liberal

Rep. GK Butterfield. Events starts at 7pm at their HQ.

The Union County GOP will be holding a picnic to benefit the judges running for SCNC and the Court of Appeals in 2020 on August 24th. Want to attend? Check it out: [Union County GOP Judges Picnic](#)

From September 6-8, there will be an entire weekend of action in support of Dan Bishop! Check out the event page for more info. [2019 Weekend of Action](#)

The Surry County Republican Party will be having their annual Drawdown on September 7th. Learn more [here](#).

For future planning purposes, the Chatham County GOP is hosting a candidate forum for 2019 municipal and 2020 candidates on September 10th. Want to attend? [Click here for details](#).

The Clay County GOP is holding their fall picnic and rally on on September 28. Things get rolling at 2pm at the Clay County Rec Park Pavilion at 47 Clay Recreation Park Road in Hayesville. Feel free to bring a covered dish and come on out!

Have a good weekend!

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