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I want to share with you my vision of where we can take not just the North Carolina House Republican caucus – but North Carolina as a state.

For many years our role was to explain to the citizens of North Carolina how the wrong-headed and corrosive decisions of Big Government liberals were eroding the livelihoods and hope of North Carolinians. North Carolina was placed in real jeopardy by the long unchecked decisions to place government and those who “knew best” in charge of our progress and prosperity. For too long the legislative majority ignored the basic truth that individuals are best positioned and motivated to build lives and take risks for the benefit of themselves and their families. Our role, in the minority, was to point out the dangers of liberal legislation at every turn, to sound the alarm no matter whether it grew tiresome to those who didn’t want to hear it, and who didn’t recognize the danger of their actions.

Then came 2010. We arrived in the majority of both chambers for the first time in over 100 years and immediately undertook the herculean task of steering the ship away from the rocks. We passed a sound budget and began enacting sensible conservative reforms to restore balance between government and the hard-working citizens of North Carolina. There was no time to waste. We began to put the house back in order.

In 2012 we gained a supermajority in both chambers and a Governor who saw, for all our intra-party differences, our great State in fundamentally the same way.

- We made progress in disentangling our State from the cumbersome and job-killing regulations on business.
- We took important steps toward reforming the tax code, including enacting much-needed income tax relief for North Carolina families.
- We gave parents more choice in the way they pursue the dream of providing a better educational experience for their children.
- We began fixing and reforming Medicaid to improve the delivery of health care to our citizens.
- We gave our teachers one of the largest pay raises in our state’s history.
- We passed significant legislation to instill confidence and integrity in the elections process.
- We gave the people the chance to decide on the definition of marriage through a Constitutional Amendment.
- We placed the interests of hard working taxpayers above the various special interests groups.

Even with those accomplishments, it is time we move toward a different phase in our leadership of North

Carolina. To govern in the future, I believe we must use and grow our collective wisdom and participation. That means we must use the vast resources of the membership of our caucus to solve problems. We must encourage fruitful debate and respect opposing viewpoints and each other. Regardless of the outcome, we stand as one caucus.

I am announcing my intention to run for Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives. I hope you will take some time to review my goals for our caucus and our state. I look forward to speaking with you personally soon.

Sincerely,

State Representative Tim Moore