



Chairman Robin Hayes
NC GOP Chairman

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May 28, 2013

Mr. Chairman,

It is regrettable, but necessary, that the Craven County Republican Party Executive Committee writes this Letter of Censure of the North Carolina General Assembly Speaker Thom Tillis. The issues of greatest concern that have prompted this Letter of Censure are included below.

- The Speaker interfered in at least three 2012 Republican Primaries in eastern North Carolina. In North Carolina House District 6, Speaker Tillis gave support to a former Democrat turned New Republican candidate. Mr. Tillis also supported a former Democrat in the Republican Primary in North Carolina Senate District 2. Finally, Mr. Tillis manipulated the Senate District 1 race by encouraging a then current House member to run for Senate but ultimately supported the House member's Democrat-turned-Republican opponent. Unfortunately, Speaker Tillis has stated he will be involved in future Primaries.
- Speaker Tillis weakened many of the provisions in the Voter I.D. bill.
- The Speaker has taken liberal positions on legislation including Interstate Toll HOT Lanes, Ferry Tolls, and the protection of Telecommunication monopolies at the expense of smaller "free market" competitors. These positions are contrary to the economic liberties championed by the Republican Party.
- The Speaker supports HB 983 (Game Fish Bill). This Bill will threaten the tradition of commercial fishing, cause wasteful "bycatch" as fisherman are forced to dispose of these new Game Fish, and harm the associated seafood industry. One of the ironies of this Bill is that we will initially use taxpayer money to subsidize commercial fishermen forced out of business by this Bill. Our state's Republican Party platform reflects a position of less Government regulation on private businesses, and this Bill is contrary to that philosophy.

We, the Craven County Republican Party Executive Committee, hereby censure Speaker Thom Tillis on this 28th day of May 2013.

We invite the Speaker to meet with us to discuss his views and our concerns. Hopefully, we can reach common ground on these and other issues and move towards a more positive working relationship.

Craven County Republican Party Executive Committee Members

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