

Category	Goal	How Does This Impact All 100 Counties
Agriculture	Seek legislation to provide increased recurring state funding in keeping with comparable sales for farmland preservation initiatives and additional flexibility to counties related to farmland preservation.	NC is the state in the nation with the fastest loss of farmland. Protecting working lands supports our farmers, strengthens local economies, protects our food supply, and preserves the character of our communities for future generations.
Environment	Seek legislation to increase state funding for disaster mitigation and preparedness, especially for climate-related disasters.	Most NC counties are un- or underprepared for climate change and we need a coordinated effort and adequate funding to build resilient communities. We have started to see a rise in flood damage (ie Chantal, Helene).
Environment	Seek legislation to increase clean water funds to protect drinking water while preserving our rivers, streams, lakes, and watersheds and hold companies that have manufactured emerging and other contaminants such as coal ash, PFOA, PFOS and other PFAS chemicals financially liable for cleanup and mitigation efforts.	Clean water and flood protection matter in every county. Investing in prevention protects public health, saves taxpayer dollars, and helps avoid costly damage after major storms.
General Government	Repeal NCGS 106(D) prohibiting downzoning and/or seek clarifying language that allows counties to implement zoning that meets the needs and conditions of their specific locale.	NC counties are unique, and their needs are distinct so the solutions available to local policymakers should be equally unique and specific.
General Government	Oppose legislation that further strips the authority of local governments	
Health and Human Services	Seek legislation to remove cost-share penalty for counties for SNAP errors.	The penalty unfairly penalizes counties for errors that are not willful or malicious and will cost NC counties millions in lost tax revenue.
Health and Human Services	Increase recurring state funding for mental health services and regional behavioral health facilities.	Too many people in crisis end up in our emergency rooms or jails because they can't get the help they need. Better access to mental health services means better outcomes for families and less strain on law enforcement, EMS, hospitals, and county social services.
Health and Human Services	Provide supplemental funding to advance affordable, high-quality learning opportunities that support an expansion of the early childhood workforce.	Counties can unlock hidden labor supply. Parents—especially mothers—can rejoin the local workforce, helping small businesses, manufacturing plants, and healthcare facilities fill critical job openings.
Public Education	return to allocating the initial 35% of lottery profits to public education	additional revenue for schools

Public Education	Restore funding that was diverted from NC's traditional public schools into the voucher system.	NC's public schools meet the education needs of the vast majority of students and are one of the state's largest employers. Adequate funding is essential to meet our educational mandate, and the diversion of funds has undermined decades of progress.
Tax and Finance	Seek legislation that gives counties flexibility for generating revenue for operations	Given the interest of the majority of the GA in limiting property taxes, we need to advocate for alternative avenues for counties to generate revenue. additional revenue for county operations,