



# From the Desk of **Representative**

*Erin Paré*

**District 37**

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Thank you for reading my newsletter for legislative updates and District 37 news.

This week was a big week in the House. The House voted to override six additional vetoes by the Governor on common sense measures. The House also passed a bill to strengthen election integrity.

It continues to be my absolute honor and pleasure to serve the people of District 37 in the North Carolina House.

*-Representative Erin Paré*



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**Historic Veto Overrides**



# OVERRIDE

- ✓ **EXPAND ACCESS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS**
- ✓ **PREVENT MEN IN WOMEN'S SPORTS**
- ✓ **PROHIBIT SEX-CHANGES FOR MINORS**
- ✓ **AFFIRM PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION**
- ✓ **STOP COSTLY HOME BUILDING RULES**



Representative Paré joined her House colleagues in voting to override six more of Gov. Roy Cooper's vetoes. This included legislation to expand charter schools, prohibit men from competing in women's sports, ban gender transition surgeries for minors, block costly new home-building energy mandates, and affirm parental rights over their child's education.

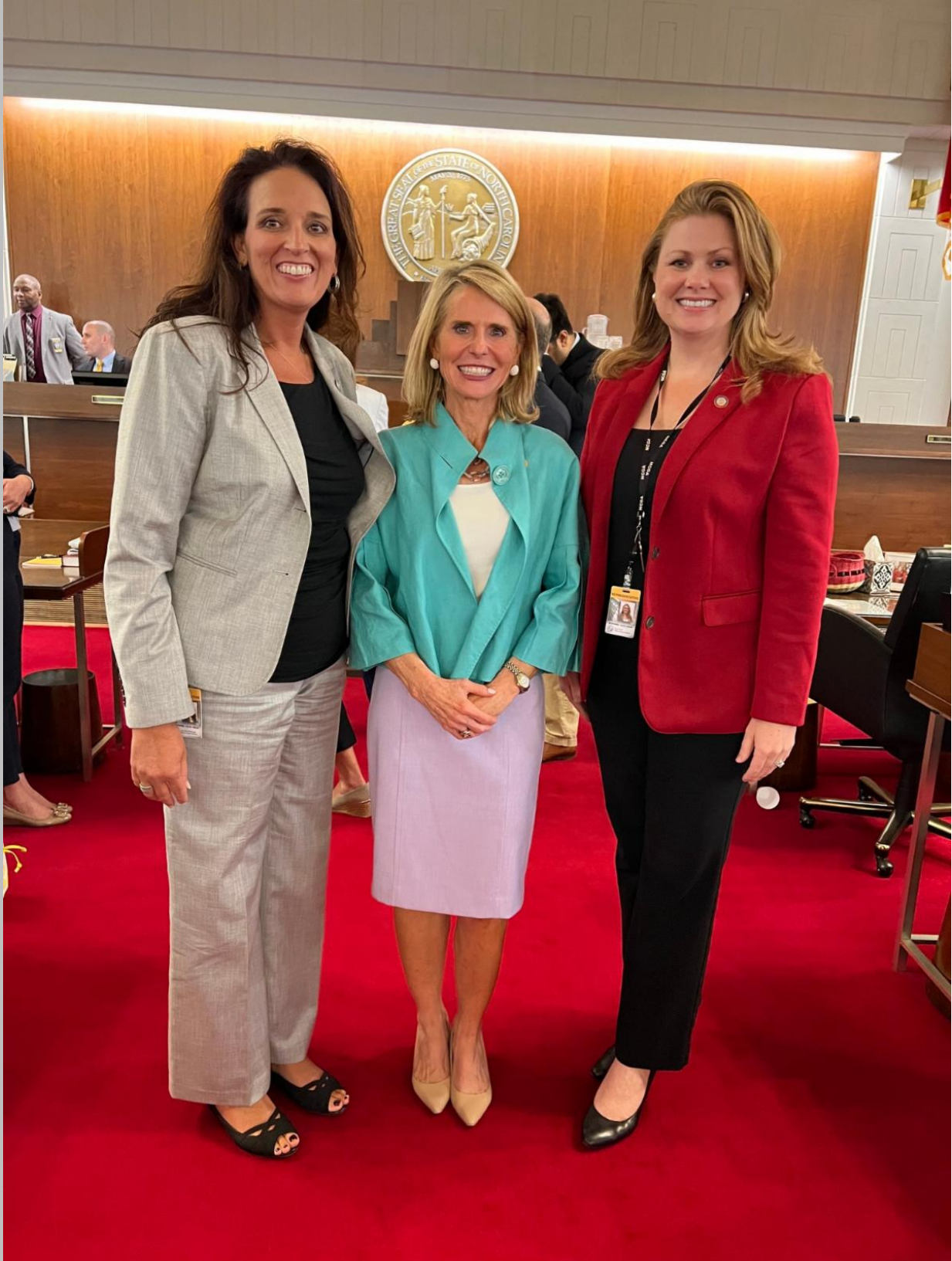
#### List of Veto Overrides

- Prevent biological men from competing in women's sports (HB 574)
- Prohibit gender transition surgeries and puberty blockers for minors (HB 808)
- Expand access and streamline approval of charter schools (HB 219, 618)
- Affirm parental rights over child's education, well-being, privacy, and safety (SB 49)
- Block costly new home building energy regulations (HB 488)

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## HB 574 Fairness in Women's Sports Act





Representative Paré was proud to stand alongside these two great women legislators, Rep. Jennifer Balkcom and Rep. Kristin Baker, who are fellow primary sponsors of HB 574 which protects women's sports in North Carolina. Rep. Paré stated, "I'm a legislator, but more importantly, I am a parent. My two teenagers are both competitive athletes - a daughter and a son. This issue is important to me, as it is for parents and athletes all over the state."

HB 574 "Fairness In Women's Sports Act" is common-sense, compassionate, principled, and data-driven legislation. The bill passed the NC House and Senate in June and was vetoed by the Governor. This week, the General Assembly successfully voted to override the Governor's veto.

"The veto override is a victory for women, women's sports, fairness, safety, and common sense. Regardless of how a person identifies, this bill will ensure fairness and integrity in high school and college athletics, and provide every person the ability to compete on an even playing field accordingly to their biological sex."

Rep. Paré thanks UNC Basketball Coach Sylvia Hatchell and athletes Riley Gaines and Payton McNabb for their advocacy and involvement on this issue at the General Assembly, and for their courage in speaking out on behalf of female athletes all over our great state and country.

## SB 747 Elections Law Changes

# Election Integrity

## SB 747

- ✓ Establishes Election Day as the deadline for accepting absentee ballots
- ✓ Strengthens the rights of poll observers
- ✓ Prohibits election officials from accepting private donations (Zuck Bucks)
- ✓ Launches pilot program for select counties to use signature verification software for absentee ballots
- ✓ Creates process for removal of ineligible voters on registration rolls
- ✓ Closes same-day registration loophole



This is great news for election integrity. The House approved common-sense reforms to make our election process more secure.

Representative Paré remarked, "This bill makes much-needed and meaningful improvements to election security and integrity in North Carolina. Safe and secure elections are top priorities for the people of North Carolina, and I was

proud to vote yes on this bill."

## House Resolution 896 Urge Congress/Expand Economic Ties With India



Representative Paré was very honored to speak on behalf of her colleagues Wednesday in support of House Resolution 896 which recognizes the 77th Independence Day of India and urges the United States Congress to continue expanding economic and security ties between the United States and India.





# Weekly Recap



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- ✓ Add accountability to unelected government boards/commissions (SB 512)
- ✓ Commemorate the 77th Independence Day of India (HR 896)
- ✓ Enhance penalties for performing adult entertainment in presence of a minor (SB 579)
- ✓ Strengthen election integrity & voter confidence in North Carolina (SB 747)
- ✓ Protect consumers from unfair real estate contracts (HB 422)



## News Clips

[NC Legislature overrides 6 governor vetoes, putting measures into law—WSOC](#)

[North Carolina Republicans Finalize Passage of an Elections Bill That Could Withstand a Veto – US News & World Report](#)

[NC-based Samaritan's Purse deploys resources to Hawaii—Carolina Journal](#)

[Insurance settlement means average North Carolina auto rates going up by 4.5% annually – Spectrum News](#)

[Help wanted: Thousands needed to build electric vehicles in NC. How to get trained. – msn.com \(reprint from N & O\)](#)

[North Carolina Ends Fiscal Year With \\$33.5 Billion in Revenue; \\$3 Billion Above Budget – Office of State Budget and Management](#)

[North Carolina state budget won't become law until September, House leader](#)

[says](#) – Spectrum News

[Thousands of Marines, sailors deploy to Middle East to deter Iran from seizing ships](#) – ABC 11

[NC hurricane victims continue to wait for housing years later](#)– Carolina Journal

[Budget office: Lawmakers' cuts saved taxpayers \\$805M in last fiscal year](#)– The Center Square

[NCDOT launches apprenticeships, training programs to help fill vacancies](#)– The Transylvania Times

[North Carolina schools to implement threat assessment teams](#)– WCNC

[Reports: Enrollment down 10% over last 15 years in traditional public schools](#)– The Center Square

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