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As Protesters Prepare To Return, Citizens Speak To Policy Changes Helping North Carolina Rise From Joblessness, Recession & Corruption

Citizens Say New Policies Working, Helping Drop Unemployment Rate 39% Since 2011 GOP Budget, 29% Since First Monday Protest

(Raleigh) As protesters prepare to return to Raleigh next week, Carolina Rising, a cutting edge citizen engagement organization, released a [new web video](#) today in which citizens credit new economic and government reform policies as having dramatically reduced unemployment and improved economic conditions in North Carolina.

“In June 2011, when the republican legislature began tax relief and reform by reducing income and sales tax rates, the unemployment rate was at 10.4%. We are now at 6.3 % and seeing one of the fastest drops in unemployment in the nation,” said Carolina Rising President Dallas Woodhouse.

“With continued tax relief and reform, unemployment insurance reform, and regulatory reform signed into law by Governor McCrory last year, there has been a dramatic 29% reduction in unemployment since the first Monday protest in April of 2013.” (8.9% to 6.3%) and an overall 39% reduction in the unemployment rate since June of 2011 when tax reform began.”

[As noted by reports from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and respected journalists, this comes with the labor force growing in North Carolina, not shrinking.](#)

In the [video](#), Neil Oakley of Southern Pines speaks about how tax relief and reform is getting North Carolina working again.

“Carolina is rising because a new tax relief and reform plan is making North Carolina competitive for jobs again,” said Oakley.

Some citizens speak of the unemployment insurance reform that is not only dramatically cutting North Carolina’s debt to the federal government but also helping lower the unemployment rate, while other

individuals speak to the success of the medical malpractice, and education reforms that have been implemented.

“While we know the Monday protesters and their complaints will garner significant attention, the voices of other people across North Carolina are worth listening to as well,” said Woodhouse.

“Since the protesters left Raleigh, the policies they complain about have started working and people are benefiting. This [video](#) lets people speak to that.”

The [video](#) is available at CarolinaRising.org and is being promoted through social media and Carolina Rising’s various digital platforms.

[Watch Video](#)

North Carolina Unemployment Rate History:

January 2011: 10.4% - GOP takes over NC House and NC Senate

June 2011: 10.4% - GOP overrides Gov. Perdue Budget veto. Lowers sales tax, income tax, raises teacher pay 1.2%

April 2013: 8.9 % - First Monday Protest

July 2013: 8.9% - Gov. Pat McCrory signs tax relief and reform

March 2014: 6.3%

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The Mission of Carolina Rising is to champion sound public policy that secures a rising and thriving North Carolina.

An innovative citizen engagement organization, Carolina Rising supports free market, education and government reform policies that will guarantee a better North Carolina for future generations. Organized as a 501 C-4, Carolina Rising seeks to aggressively promote sound public policies and individual freedoms and seeks to educate citizens by comparing & contrasting competing visions for the Tar Heel State.

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