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NC Attorney General Releases Statement on Voting Integrity

North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein, along with a coalition of 24 other attorneys general, has released a statement highlighting the importance of election integrity.

"It's against the law to vote twice in the election," said Attorney General Josh Stein. "That is true everywhere in the United States. Anyone who intentionally votes twice faces serious legal consequences. So do those who direct others to engage in this illegal conduct. To voters: we want each of you to vote and to know that state Attorneys General are here to ensure your vote is counted, your voice is heard, and our elections have integrity."

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, during a briefing to reporters in Wilmington, N.C., President Trump encouraged people to vote twice in the upcoming election. Voting twice in the same election is a felony in North Carolina and is also against federal law.

In signing this statement, North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein leads a coalition joined by the Attorneys General from California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Washington, D.C., Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

Attorney General Josh Stein made this statement on voting in North Carolina on September 3: Attorney General Josh Stein has released the following statement following the September 2 comments from President Trump encouraging North Carolinians to vote both in person and by mail and regarding an important development in the state's lawsuit against the Postmaster General.

"Yesterday, the president encouraged North Carolinians to vote both in person and by mail, supposedly to test our state's election system. His comments, which are deeply troubling, are just one example of his many attempts to undermine people's faith in the integrity of our elections.

"Let me be clear: Every eligible North Carolinian should vote, but it is against the law to vote or attempt to vote twice. North Carolina's election system is strong. It ensures that every eligible voter can vote easily, safely, securely, and only once, whether they choose to do so by mail or in person during our 17 days of early voting or on Election Day. Whichever method you choose to cast your ballot in our upcoming elections, please know that your vote will count and your voice will be heard.

"As Attorney General, I will do everything in my power to make sure the will of the people is fulfilled in November. That's why I'm currently suing the Postmaster General and the U.S. Postal Service to ensure that election mail is delivered and counted in a timely manner and why I filed a motion in this case early this morning for a preliminary injunction to repair the damage that has already been done to our postal delivery. I'll continue to take whatever actions are necessary to make sure that the outcome of our election is legitimate and that North Carolinians can have full faith in our election results."

North Carolina Launches No-Cost COVID-19 Testing Program for Uninsured North Carolinians

This is a release from Governor Roy Cooper: The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) has launched the NC Medicaid Optional COVID-19 Testing program, which will reimburse Medicaid providers for costs associated with COVID-19 testing of people without insurance.

"North Carolina is making COVID-19 testing more available and affordable, and this program will help," said Governor Cooper. "But the most important way to keep people healthy is to expand Medicaid so 600,000 North Carolinians can get health insurance, which the legislature should do immediately."

"This new program allows community providers to offer cost-free testing to uninsured North Carolinians. It's a good step to decrease barriers to testing. However, to help North Carolinians who don't have health insurance get the full range of care needed for COVID and to access needed preventive care, North Carolina needs to expand Medicaid like most other states have done," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, MD.

Federal funding will be available to cover 100% of costs directly related to COVID-19 testing, including both viral and serological or antibody tests, through the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act. In North Carolina, Medicaid-enrolled providers may file directly with NC Medicaid for reimbursement for testing eligible uninsured individuals. Costs for COVID-19 tests will be covered retroactively up to three months if people were uninsured at the time of the test.

To qualify for the program's testing coverage, people must meet three checks: Live in North Carolina, not be eligible for or enrolled in Medicaid or have other health insurance; hold U.S. citizenship or other legal immigration status as mandated by federal regulations.

The reimbursement program will continue during the duration of the COVID-19 federal declaration of emergency. The NCDHHS website offers resources for individuals and health care providers interested in learning more about or participating in the program.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, North Carolina has worked to remove access and cost barriers to testing while increasing capacity statewide. In addition to coordinating overall testing capacity and supporting providers, NCDHHS has also directly funded community testing sites and events in targeted communities at higher risk of exposure.

NCDHHS recommends testing for anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, as well as for any asymptomatic individual who believe they may have been exposed, especially people from historically marginalized communities. Information about upcoming community testing events can be found on the Community Testing Events page of the NCDHHS COVID-19 website, *covid19.ncdhhs.gov*, and testing sites can be located via Find My Testing Place.

Background on Medicaid Expansion Expanding Medicaid would help 600,000 North Carolinians access affordable health insurance, including veterans, families with children and others. Medicaid expansion would provide coverage for many individuals who have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. North Carolina is one of 12 states that has not expanded Medicaid. Governor Cooper has pushed the legislature to close this coverage gap through a proposal that wouldn't cost the state any extra money. Even Indiana expanded Medicaid when Vice President Mike Pence was governor. Expansion would benefit everyone, as it lowers health care costs for consumers as well as employers who buy health insurance. In fighting the opioid epidemic that continues to ravage our communities, Medicaid expansion would play a critical role, providing coverage for substance abuse services. Medicaid expansion doesn't just benefit individuals; it helps rural hospitals keep their doors open by paying for services that hospitals must provide regardless of insurance status. Hospitals face serious financial pressures in the wake of COVID-19, but these problems are not new. Uncompensated care threatens the sustainability of these critical lifelines. Medicaid expansion would bolster rural hospitals and help address inequities in care around our state.

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CAREER BACKGROUND:

Associate Minister and Youth Pastor, Church of God of Prophecy, Morven

Anson County Schools:

- Anson High School (AHS) "Very Successful" Parent – Community Outreach Coordinator

- Successful Anson Middle School (AMS0 Discovery Center Coordinator and Advisor
- Successful Anson Afterschool Advancement Academy Site Coordinator, AHS and AMS
- Anson High, Anson Middle, and Anson Academy School Improvement Team
- Anson Academy Assistant-to-the Principal
- North Carolina New Teacher Evaluation Tool Staff Trainer
- Relevance and Relationship Program Facilitator, AMS
- Anson Middle School NCAE-Anson Association of Educators President (6 years)
- Twelve years successful classroom Career Technical Business Education Teacher

• NC Employment Security Commission, Wadesboro & Charlotte, NC Supervisor Dislocated Workers and Food Stamp Unit Programs, Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Specialist Supervisor, Interviewer I, Employer Relations Specialist, and Youth Program Coordinator

CURRENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT and LEADERSHIP:

- 2020 U.S. Census Field Supervisor
- Licensed Minister and Youth Pastor Church of God of Prophecy
- Anson County Democratic Party Chair (currently serving)
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month Program Committee Member
- North Carolina Democratic Party State Executive Committee Member
- Democratic National Committee Member
- North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) Anson Local Member
- National Education Association Lifetime Member
- NAACP Lifetime Member

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Ansonia Spotlight is on Roe Boothby

This is a release from the Anson County Arts Council: For our September spotlight, we want to recognize Roe Boothby. Roe has the daunting role of treasurer of the Anson County Arts Council. There is really no way anyone could understand all this job entails unless you have done it. This is a 100% volunteer position, and involves countless hours of work. Despite a very busy family life, Roe is always there when we need her. Budgets, taxes, reports and bills...it all falls on her.



Roe also helps organize and stage the Drake Gallery, is an active board member, and serves the community through other organizations, like the Garden Club. Roe is a Master Gardener, and helps keep the planters in the town of Wadesboro beautiful with seasonal flowers and plants.

Every year Roe is responsible for organizing and executing the Annual Christmas in November Art and Crafts Fair. This is a huge undertaking, and helps bring in funds to the arts council. Christmas in November provides a place for local artists and craftspeople to sell their wares, and many have come to depend on it for their holiday shopping in the fall.

We are so blessed to have someone like Roe, who gives her time so freely. She is truly an unsung hero.

Roe, we love you!!! The spotlight is on YOU!!!

COVID-19 Information

To stay up to date on COVID-19 in North Carolina, visit *ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus* or text COVIDNC to 898211. Call 2-1-1 (or 888-892-1162) for general questions or for help finding human services resources in your community.

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