

Investments in North Carolina's military, small businesses, affordable housing and cyber security will keep the state competitive and open for business.

Supporting NC Military, Veterans, and Families

Invests \$4 million to support efforts to retain and enhance military bases in NC through the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process and assist construction at the Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station. Restores \$1.5 million for scholarships for children of war veterans and provides \$1.8 million to support core functions in the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Protecting Data Against Cyber Threats and Damage

Provides funds to establish a disaster recovery site to improve the Secretary of State's security from cyber threats as well as protection against data damage due to natural disasters. Also appropriates funds for a backup recovery site to ensure the integrity of the statewide budget (IBIS) system.

Affordable Housing

Invests \$25 million over the biennium to increase the supply of affordable housing across the state through the Housing Trust Fund and the Workforce Housing Loan program. Also appropriates \$4.2 million to increase access to permanent, community-based integrated housing for individuals with disabilities.

Start-Up and Grow

Provides three full-time employees to improve services for entrepreneurs, start-ups, and growing businesses to the Secretary of State. Acknowledges that small business is the backbone of the economy, providing employment and encouraging creative business solutions.

Protecting Personal Information and Taxpayers

Invests nearly \$30 million to develop a more efficient tax collection platform and fully fund efforts to combat identity theft and tax fraud.