

# North Carolina (NC-01) 2026

## US House of Representatives

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| <b>ABORTION</b><br>Ban or legal?                                                            | <b>Ban.</b> <a href="#">Is</a> "personally pro-life." "Would vote to <a href="#">preserve life</a> ," but with <a href="#">exceptions</a> , "of course rape, incest, life of the mother." Says the <a href="#">states</a> should decide abortion, not the federal government. <a href="#">Calls</a> North Carolina's ban at 12 weeks "reasonable." | <b>Mostly legal.</b> Says Congress should " <a href="#">codify</a> Roe v. Wade." <a href="#">Opposes</a> "these most extreme measures" that some states have taken against abortion. Voted to <a href="#">bar</a> Pentagon spending on abortion surgeries.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b><br>Should climate change be a top priority?                           | <b>No.</b> "Climate change is a <a href="#">global issue</a> and we cannot solve a global issue by regulating American companies out of business." Wants America to be " <a href="#">energy independent again</a> ." "We <a href="#">need</a> to drill, baby, drill." <a href="#">Said</a> the U.S. must expedite liquefied natural gas permits.   | <b>Mostly yes.</b> <a href="#">Voted</a> to maintain Biden-era <a href="#">clean energy</a> tax credits. <a href="#">Voted</a> to expand <a href="#">development</a> of carbon sequestration. <a href="#">Says</a> the "climate crisis" disproportionately impacts "our poorest families, working class communities, and communities of color." <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">denounce</a> Biden's energy policies.                                   |
| <b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b><br>How to ensure effectiveness and fairness in law enforcement?     | <a href="#">Opposes</a> redirecting funds from police departments to community programs. " <a href="#">Defunding</a> police in any way increases crime." <a href="#">Says</a> that the impact of the spread of fentanyl hasn't been given enough attention.                                                                                        | " <a href="#">Will</a> fight for needed criminal justice reform." Worked to <a href="#">secure</a> funding for rural police departments. Would <a href="#">expand</a> "the Community Oriented Policing Services Program" and ensure "law enforcement agencies have adequate funding."                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>ECONOMY</b><br>Cut or increase government investment in, and regulation of, the economy? | <b>Cut.</b> "A <a href="#">country</a> flourishes best with the least regulation of capitalism. Government doesn't build jobs. You build jobs." <a href="#">Says</a> "reckless spending" is harming the economy. "We need to <a href="#">slash</a> the regulations strangling American innovation."                                                | <b>Increase investment.</b> Eastern NC "has been <a href="#">left behind</a> by years of underinvestment." <a href="#">Supports</a> "expanding high-speed internet in rural areas, improving roads, bridges, and transportation." <a href="#">Introduced</a> a <a href="#">bill</a> to provide grants and loans to rural water systems; such grants will build "stronger local economies."                                                                   |
| <b>EDUCATION</b><br>Use public funding for private and/or for-profit schools?               | <b>Likely yes.</b> <a href="#">Supports</a> voucher programs. <a href="#">Calls</a> for "complete school choice for the poor and middle class to match the school choice already enjoyed by the leftist politicians opposed to school choice for everyone else."                                                                                   | <b>Unclear.</b> <a href="#">Called</a> for "Eastern North Carolinians" to address a court <a href="#">ruling</a> banning transfer of education funds to poorer school districts. "Our <a href="#">students</a> cannot afford for us to fall short."                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>ENVIRONMENT</b><br>Loosen or tighten environmental laws?                                 | <b>Likely loosen.</b> "This green new deal is a <a href="#">scam</a> ..." "a green dream that's never come true." " <a href="#">People</a> can do with their land as they wish." <a href="#">Sees</a> "natural gas and oil" as the most reliable sources of electricity.                                                                           | <b>Mixed.</b> <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">maintain</a> a 20-year protection against mining upstream from the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. <a href="#">Introduced</a> a bill to create new plastic recycling standards. <a href="#">Voted</a> to limit environmental review in order to <a href="#">increase</a> forest thinning in fire-prone areas. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">expedite</a> and expand mining on public lands. |

| ISSUES                                                                          | BUCKHOUT (R)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | DAVIS (D)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>GUN LAWS</b><br>Loosen or tighten gun laws?                                  | <b>Loosen.</b> <a href="#">Favors</a> “very few restrictions” on gun ownership. Any restrictions would <a href="#">include</a> “convicted felons, medically determined violent mental incompetents.” Would “ <a href="#">protect</a> the Second Amendment.” “Will <a href="#">stand</a> strong against the extremists who mock our hunting heritage and would punish law-abiding gun owners with additional red tape.” | <b>Mixed.</b> In 2022 <a href="#">supported</a> “funding school safety, firearm safety programs, trigger locks and an expansion of mental health services.” <a href="#">Opposed</a> an <a href="#">amendment</a> expanding the types of retired service weapons federal law enforcement officers are allowed to purchase. <a href="#">Voted</a> for the final <a href="#">bill</a> that included that amendment. <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">loosen</a> regulation on “less than lethal projectile devices.”  |
| <b>HEALTHCARE</b><br>Increase or decrease government support for healthcare?    | <b>Decrease.</b> <a href="#">Opposes</a> expansion of Affordable Care Act subsidies. “We need <a href="#">competition</a> , transparency and choice, not more federal spending.” <a href="#">Calls</a> for reforms “that make health care more affordable without expanding Washington’s control.”                                                                                                                     | <b>Mostly increase.</b> <a href="#">Voted</a> to extend Affordable Care Act <a href="#">subsidies</a> . <a href="#">Voted</a> to expand funding for <a href="#">prevention</a> of Native American child abuse. <a href="#">Says</a> Congress must work “to make prescription drugs more affordable.” As a state senator, <a href="#">voted</a> to expand Medicaid. <a href="#">Introduced</a> a <a href="#">bill</a> allowing certain drugs to be on the market longer before Medicare could begin negotiating prices. |
| <b>IMMIGRATION</b><br>How to handle immigration?                                | <a href="#">Supports</a> “the Trump administration’s immigration enforcement.” “We have to <a href="#">secure</a> our border.... Our country is being invaded.” “I know what’s coming in down there.... You’ve got folks from all over the <a href="#">Middle East</a> who just hate America.”                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">Supports</a> more border security and a “fair and humane” immigration system. After shooting deaths in Minneapolis, <a href="#">called</a> for “an end to this violence and disorder.” <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">require</a> DHS detention of any undocumented immigrant arrested for theft.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>IRAN WAR</b><br>Support the war in Iran?                                     | <b>Yes.</b> “A <a href="#">regime</a> that funds proxy armies while racing toward a nuclear weapon cannot be allowed to operate without consequences.” Regarding foreign military action, “the <a href="#">president</a> must be able to act quickly to protect Americans.”                                                                                                                                            | <b>Mixed.</b> “A <a href="#">regime</a> that supports terror, destabilizes its neighbors, and aims to destroy other nations can’t be trusted.” <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">require</a> Congressional authorization for U.S. military action in Iran.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>LABOR</b><br>Make it easier or harder for unions to organize workers?        | <b>No position found.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Sponsored</a> a <a href="#">bill</a> to give public employees the right to join together in a union, bargain collectively, and sue to enforce labor rights.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>LGBTQ RIGHTS</b><br>Limit or expand LGBTQ rights?                            | <b>Limit.</b> <a href="#">Calls</a> gender change “a terrible, horrific thing.” <a href="#">Praised</a> North Carolina General Assembly for letting parents know “when somebody wants to try to change a gender on your child.” <a href="#">Says</a> DEI in the military has not “done anybody any good.”                                                                                                              | <b>Limit.</b> <a href="#">Voted</a> to <a href="#">criminalize</a> gender transition treatments for minors, including surgery and supplying hormones, subjecting <a href="#">providers</a> to up to 10 years in prison.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>MINIMUM WAGE</b><br>Raise the federal minimum from \$7.25 per hour?          | <b>No position found.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Likely yes.</b> As a state senator, sponsored a <a href="#">bill</a> requiring the state to <a href="#">study</a> raising the minimum wage to \$15 for noncertified public school employees. Helped <a href="#">negotiate</a> a \$15 minimum wage for such employees in a subsequent state budget.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>TAXES</b><br>Raise or lower taxes on corporations and wealthier individuals? | <b>Lower.</b> Says she <a href="#">supports</a> Trump’s “America First agenda,” including cutting taxes. <a href="#">Wants</a> to “reduce taxes across the board.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Raise.</b> <a href="#">Voted</a> against extending the 2017 Trump tax cuts, which included, among other tax breaks, a break for the very wealthy and the <a href="#">largest</a> one-time cut in the corporate tax rate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>VOTING RULES</b><br>Make voting harder or easier?                            | <b>Harder.</b> “Photo ID should be <a href="#">required</a> for voting.” “My top <a href="#">concern</a> is we are doing everything we can to ensure every legitimate vote is counted and we prevent fake votes.”                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Easier.</b> <a href="#">Twice voted</a> against <a href="#">requiring proof</a> of U.S. citizenship when registering to vote in federal elections. “We must do <a href="#">everything</a> in our power to protect the sacred right to vote.”                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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