

# Request for Remote Public Input for House Select Committee on COVID-19 Public Comments Report - LINC

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04/11/2020 04:15 PM	Health Care Working Group	Anthony Carroll	I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis.
04/11/2020 04:16 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Anthony Carroll	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/11/2020 04:17 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Anthony Carroll	I support allowing citizens of North Carolina to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives, and making voting more accessible to all voters, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o making voting by mail more accessible;</li> <li>o increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and</li> <li>o ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots.</li> </ul>
04/11/2020 05:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Judith Graham	I strongly support medicaid expansion. It is the only smart and moral choice.
04/11/2020 05:25 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Judith Graham	Covid 19 has been a major life disturbance to all. However, for many, it has been devastating. We MUST support the hardest hit workers and communities. This means sick leave and family leave for all. Plus economic support via all means, including unemployment benefits.
04/11/2020 05:30 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Judith Graham	We don't know what the pandemic status will be in November. However, we do know that our democracy depends on voting. We cannot force people to choose between getting infected and voting. We also must protect poll workers. Thus, we must extend availability of absentee voting by mail. This will require more public education of how to do it as well as providing resources to enable the state to reliably and rapidly count an increased number of absentee ballots.
04/11/2020 07:25 PM	Health Care Working Group	Donna Carroll	I support Medicaid expansion, which would allow over 500,000 North Carolinians to get health coverage.
04/11/2020 07:27 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Donna Carroll	I support protecting all North Carolina workers and communities by <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all; and</li> <li>2) providing economic relief to those most impacted by COVID-19. Thank you.</li> </ol>
04/11/2020 07:28 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Donna Carroll	I support making voting more accessible to all voters by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) making voting by mail more accessible;</li> <li>2) increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and</li> <li>3) ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots.</li> </ol> Thank you.
04/11/2020 07:52 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Robert Dillard	Insuring that all people eligible to vote have ample channels to enable them to cast their ballot is a critical responsibility of all political parties. This includes mail-in ballots, early voting at their polling location, drive-up voting and voting on Election Day at their designated polling location. Restricting or limiting one of the above mentioned voting channels should be viewed suspiciously as politically driven to restrict citizen's access to the ballot box.
04/11/2020 07:57 PM	Health Care Working Group	Robert Dillard	We should not rush back to work and school too early. Lean on the side of waiting too long as that will be measured in weeks while relaxing our COVID-19 transmission guidelines could lead to repercussions measured in months, countless lives lost and

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04/11/2020 09:00 PM	Health Care Working Group	Dr. Susan Gidwitz	Covid-19 demonstrates the need to expand Medicaid. We can not afford to not expand Medicaid. Too many lives depend on early detection and treatment of numerous diseases, not the least of which is Covid-19.
04/11/2020 09:04 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Dr. Susan Gidwitz	Early and extensive economic support of workers affected by the pandemic are proven to save money in the long run. Please appropriate enough money to cover sick leave/family leave, unemployment insurance and other necessities brought on by Covid-19.
04/11/2020 09:10 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Dr. Susan Gidwitz	I am over 65. I do not want to risk my life trying to vote. I don't want anyone else to either. Nor do I want to give up my opportunity to vote. Vote by mail would allow people to vote safely, not endangering the lives of voters or poll workers. Voting is critical in our beloved democracy. Make it possible for everyone who wants to vote to be able to do so without risking their lives.
04/12/2020 11:06 AM	Health Care Working Group	MS Nancy Jacobs	I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis.
04/12/2020 11:07 AM	Economic Support Working Group	ms Nancy Jacobs	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
04/12/2020 11:08 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Nancy Jacobs	I support allowing citizens of North Carolina to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives, and making voting more accessible to all voters, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o making voting by mail more accessible;</li> <li>o increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and</li> <li>o ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots.</li> </ul>
04/12/2020 11:28 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Gayle Ruedi	I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to those who continue to be uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs during the current Covid 19 crisis. This is the absolute minimum we should do for those without the human right of access to healthcare.
04/12/2020 11:32 AM	Economic Support Working Group	Ms. Gayle Ruedi	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses during the current COVID 19 health crisis. This is the minimum required response to help people survive this difficult economic time.
04/12/2020 11:32 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group		Please make elections fair by making it easy to vote by mail, sending absentee ballots postage paid and allowing double the time and places for voting and registration. This is what our country is all about!
04/12/2020 11:37 AM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms Gayle Ruedi	I support allowing citizens of North Carolina to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives, and making voting more accessible to all voters, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o making voting by mail more accessible;</li> <li>o increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and</li> <li>o ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots.</li> </ul> <p>The recent primary election in Wisconsin was a debacle that should not be repeated in remaining primary elections or in the November General Elections. I fail to see how voting</p>

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			by mail introduces any more risk into the validity of election results than being awash in Citizens United - allowed funding for campaigns or than the current variety of state-by-state voting processes that currently allow for numerous vote tampering and irregularities.
04/12/2020 11:38 AM	Health Care Working Group	Ms Rochelle Kullman	It is a crime that people in this country are uninsured. It is inhumane and endangers our society. Support expansion of Medicaid and health coverage for all who live in this country. We treat our dogs better.
04/12/2020 12:52 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Donna Mergliano	I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis.
04/12/2020 01:20 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mr. Mitchell Dwoskin	I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis.
04/12/2020 01:21 PM	Health Care Working Group	Mrs. Melissa Dwoskin	As a registered Nurse I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis.
04/12/2020 01:22 PM	Economic Support Working Group	Mr. Mitchell Dwoskin	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.
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04/12/2020 01:23 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mr. Mitchell Dwoskin	I support allowing citizens of North Carolina to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives, and making voting more accessible to all voters, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o making voting by mail more accessible;</li> <li>o increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and</li> <li>o ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots.</li> </ul>
04/12/2020 01:24 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Melissa Dwoskin	I support allowing citizens of North Carolina to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives, and making voting more accessible to all voters, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o making voting by mail more accessible;</li> <li>o increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and</li> <li>o ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots.</li> </ul>
04/12/2020 02:06 PM	Health Care Working Group	Ms. Irene Wells	<p>· To the Health Care working group: I support Medicaid expansion to provide healthcare coverage to the previously uninsured as well as those who have lost coverage as a result of losing their jobs in the Covid crisis.</p> <p>· If it's within this work group's focus, advocate with the Governor's Administration and with the DMV to put a hold on vehicle registration renewal which requires a vehicle inspection, persons exposing themselves and their vehicles to potential contamination, until such time as it is deemed safe to accomplish that with minimal risk.</p> <p>·</p>
04/12/2020 02:09 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working	Ms. Irene Wells	I support providing paid sick days, family leave, and full unemployment benefits for all impacted workers, including "gig workers", as well as support for vulnerable small businesses.

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04/12/2020 02:14 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Ms. Irene Wells	<p>I support allowing citizens of North Carolina to exercise their right to vote without risking their health or their lives, and making voting more accessible to all voters, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o making voting by mail more accessible;</li> <li>o increasing public promotion of absentee vote-by-mail option; and</li> <li>o ensuring free return mail postage on absentee ballots.</li> </ul> <p>2. Petition the Governor's Office and DMV to suspend renewal of vehicle registrations until such time as it is deemed safe to expose our persons and our vehicles to potential COVID contamination.</p>
04/12/2020 02:20 PM	Continuity of State Operations (Emergency Services, Elections & Public Safety) Working Group	Mrs. Elizabeth Hitt	<p>We need to be making plans now for mail in voting. It will save money, will have a larger number of people voting, and if COVID 19 is still around (probably) we'll be able to have our elections without endangering the lives of the poll workers and the general citizens. I'm going to get my absentee ballot now and I am going encourage everyone I know to do the same because I no longer trust the GOP controlled NCGA to act in the best interests of North Carolinians.</p>