

# HEALTHCARE



## Our Frames

### Freedom to Thrive

Too many working people are held back today by health problems they can't afford to treat. We need to make healthcare more affordable and accessible, so that more North Carolinians can start to build wealth, achieve their American Dream, and be free to thrive.

### Equality

Everyone deserves access to healthcare, regardless if you live in an urban or rural area, if you are Black, white, or Brown, or if you are rich or poor.

### For the Future

We all benefit when more people can lead healthier lives. By ensuring that North Carolinians can get access to preventive care, prescription drugs, nearby hospitals, mental health services, maternal care, and more, we ensure a brighter, more prosperous future for all.

lives. They want to tear down the barriers that prevent too many North Carolinians from accessing care so that we can all thrive in a brighter, healthier North Carolina.

After a decade in power, Republican legislators have failed to accomplish much beyond making healthcare more expensive for everyone and failing to expand Medicaid, which would allow more rural folks the access to the hospitals and care they need. They have lined their pockets with donations from insurance companies and special interest lobbyists, all while reducing patient protections and quality of care. They continue to add more restrictions on reproductive healthcare under the guise of being pro-life, while doing nothing to help improve the racial disparities in maternal health outcomes. Their actions have brought our state backwards.

## The Narrative

No one should be denied care for an illness or chronic condition because of where they live, what they look like, or how much money they have. And yet, every day millions of North Carolinians make painful decisions between going to a doctor's appointment or taking an extra shift at work, filling their prescription or putting food on the table, and getting treated or paying their bills.

Democrats want to make healthcare more affordable and accessible, so average families can spend less time worrying about where and when they can get care, and more time working towards the American Dream and enjoying their