

House Budget Takes Us "Back in Time," Says Costumed Demonstration

Making the point with a horse and buggy, period costumes and street theater, group says cuts-only approach will set North Carolina back decades

WHAT: Budget demonstration featuring period costumes, horse & buggy

WHEN: 11:30 a.m., Tuesday May 3

WHERE: Jones St., in front of NC General Assembly

RALEIGH (May 3, 2011) – Slashing funds for education, health care and job creation will send North Carolina back in time to a far less prosperous era, a Tuesday demonstration in front of the NC General Assembly will say.

A group calling themselves the Back In Tyme Budget Players will arrive in a horse and buggy, dress in period costumes, and speak from a soapbox to send the message that the House budget will push North Carolina backward.

Reminiscent of the health care debate's Billionaires For Wealth Care performance group, the demonstration will feature speeches, anachronistic props, and ironic commentary on the budget.

Though delivered in a humorous fashion, the demonstration's message is deadly serious: North Carolina can't afford to go back to a time with fewer teachers, firefighters and mental health workers.

With joblessness already near 10 percent in the state, a budget that fires tens of thousands of workers who educate our children and keep our communities safe is the wrong approach for North Carolina.

The Back In Tyme Budget Players were organized by Together NC. Together NC is a collection of more than 115 non-profit organizations, service providers, and professional associations who have come together to promote wise choices for shared prosperity for all North Carolinians. For more information, visit <http://www.togethernc.org/>

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