

To: Interested Parties
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Re: Rep. Ted Budd Has Followed Through on His Promises
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Americans for Prosperity Action recently announced its endorsement of Representative Ted Budd (NC-13) for reelection. AFP Action is dedicated to supporting candidates based on their active leadership roles on top policy priorities for improving the lives of all Americans.

When he ran for Congress in 2016, Rep. Ted Budd promised to fight for greater freedom and more jobs for the American people. He [argued](#) that government was getting too intrusive, imposing barriers and stifling economic growth, and he wanted to do something about it.

Rep. Budd has kept his word, refusing to yield to partisan pressure or political convenience. Thanks to policies he championed, Americans can keep more of their hard-earned paychecks, businesses are hiring more people and the nation's unemployment rate remains near at a [50-year low](#). Over the past two years, North Carolina has seen some of the [lowest](#) unemployment numbers in almost two decades.

Rep. Budd went to Washington after spending most of his adult life like millions of his fellow Americans: working at and owning a small business. He grew up working on a cattle and commercial chicken farm in Davie County and later opened up a successful gun store.

These experiences [taught](#) him “the importance of creating an environment where people can grow their business and create more jobs.”

In ways large and small, Rep. Budd has worked to reduce taxes at every opportunity. In his first year in Congress, he [supported](#) the historic Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the largest tax overhaul in over three decades, [to](#) “put more money back in the pockets of American families.” He also [cosponsored](#) the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act, because it would end the widow's tax on military survivor benefits, an issue of particular importance in our state.

Recognizing Rep. Budd's principled and unyielding commitment to economic freedom, the National Taxpayers Union [honored](#) him (and only 16 of his colleagues) with the Taxpayers' Friend Award.

Tax cuts are just one part of the story. Rep. Budd knows that government rules made by unelected bureaucrats stifle growth, so he has led on the issue of eliminating regulatory barriers. In his first year, he proposed the [Reset Act of 2017](#), which would have allowed Congress to overturn any regulation through a majority vote in both the House and the Senate.

In addition, Rep. Budd strongly [advocated](#) using the Congressional Review Act to repeal needless federal rules and voted for the [Financial Choice Act](#) and the [Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act](#) to roll back some of the most [onerous](#) provisions of the 2010 Dodd-Frank Act.

Rep. Budd takes the same approach on health care. Instead of pushing for top-down, heavy-handed solutions, he has led effort to develop innovative solutions that lift burdens and expand access to quality, affordable care.

In June 2018, Rep. Budd [introduced](#) a bill to strengthen short-term, limited-duration health plans. In 2019, he [proposed](#) bills that would codify Trump administration's policies allowing small businesses to [band](#) together to purchase affordable plans (giving the consumer freedom to purchase low-cost, short-term plans as needed) and to [contribute](#) to Health Reimbursement accounts for their employees (which increase Americans' health care choices).

It's rare to find a representative who so clearly and consistently does what they promised to do. North Carolina can continue to eliminate barriers and expand economic opportunity by re-electing Rep. Ted Budd.