

To: Interested Parties  
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Re: Thom Tillis Has Earned Reelection by Getting Things Done  
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**Americans for Prosperity Action <sup>SM</sup> today announces its endorsement of Senator Thom Tillis 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. Below you will see the case for endorsing Sen. Tillis.**

Throughout his career, from speaker of the state House in Raleigh to the U.S. Senate, Thom Tillis has championed the cause of removing obstacles preventing North Carolinians from fulfilling their potential.

That principle underlies his leadership on a range of issues, from criminal justice reform to immigration to veterans' health care to taxes.

Multiple barriers stand in the way of formerly incarcerated North Carolinians having a second chance to rebuild their lives and communities.

Tillis put his career on the line to stand up for them, [promising in 2016](#) that he would forgo a second term if he didn't succeed in pushing changes in the federal criminal justice system through the Senate. "I'm tired of everybody sitting on the sidelines, waving at their parades and never playing the game," Tillis said.

He then played what Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Charles Grassley described as an "[instrumental](#)" role in passage of the First Step Act, the most significant criminal justice reform bill in a generation, which will keep our communities safer, lower the burden on taxpayers and provide a real chance at redemption for those seeking a second chance.

He has applied the same principle to fixing our outdated immigration system. He understands the role played by Dreamers, undocumented immigrants brought to America at a young age, in our country and has worked in a courageous bipartisan fashion to find a [permanent solution](#).

"I believe we can strike the right balance between being compassionate — especially towards children who were brought here through no fault of their own — and also being smart by taking steps needed to prevent future illegal immigration," [he has said](#)."

In North Carolina, we have a significant military presence and [about one in 10](#) residents is a veteran. So for Tillis, who serves on both the Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs committees, few challenges are as important as ensuring that our veterans get the health care they've earned.

He has introduced, cosponsored or supported a host of legislation to expand health care options for veterans, including the [Veterans E-Health and Telemedicine Act](#), the [Veterans First Act](#), the [Veterans Health Care Staffing Improvement Act](#), and the [VA MISSION Act](#).

"For too long, many veterans have been unable to see a doctor and receive care because of both bureaucratic and geographic hurdles," [he wrote](#) last year. "The VA MISSION Act ... dramatically improves the way the VA delivers health care and provides veterans with more choices to receive care when and where it makes sense for them."

Tillis' approach to lowering taxes and eliminating regulatory barriers is providing greater opportunity across the country and here in North Carolina. As Americans enjoy [rising](#) wages and the [lowest](#) unemployment rate in 50 years, North Carolina is helping to lead the way. Over the past two years, *Forbes* ranked our state [number one](#) for business.

Thom Tillis doesn't sit on the sidelines. He gets in the game and puts partisanship aside by working with anyone to get good things done. In 2020, we should vote to keep that going, and that means voting to reelect Thom Tillis.

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