

# COMPACT

## FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

### A NEW SOUTH CAROLINA NEW SOLUTIONS FOR OLD PROBLEMS

The House Democratic Caucus's Compact for South Carolina is our legislative commitment to address the major issues affecting citizens of our state.

#### **Drastically Increase Job Creation and Economic Development**

South Carolina's working class, middle class, and small businesses have been neglected over the past 10-15 years. Republican leaders have failed to take meaningful and out-of-the-box thinking to solve the jobs problem we have in South Carolina. House Democrats believe now is the time to focus on South Carolina workers and small businesses first.

#### **Improve All Public Education Levels (K-12 and Higher Education)**

House Democrats have firmly stood by the idea that there is a direct link between job creation and public schools (Pre-K, K-12 and Higher Education). Over the past 20 years Republican leadership has repeatedly failed to implement the reform necessary to ensure that all South Carolina students receive the fair and equitable education that will be the foundation for South Carolina's posterity.

#### **Provide Healthcare Options for All (Convenience and Cost)**

South Carolina's healthcare challenges remain one of the top issues impacting thousands of individuals and families across the State. These challenges include lack of providing available coverage for thousands of citizens, convenience and accessibility in rural communities, and high cost for coverage faced by many South Carolinians daily.

#### **Strengthen Families and Communities**

House Democrats believe strong families build a healthy future for the State. State leaders must take an active role in supporting the family structure with the understanding that in the world in which we live today, there are different types of balanced, secured family structures.

#### **Make Government More Effective and Eliminate Unnecessary Bureaucracy**

House Democrats believe that over the past twenty years under Republican leadership we have failed to reduce government, and make it work more efficiently and effectively for South Carolinians.

#### **Protect Our Environment and Natural Resources**

We all are fortunate to live in a state with an abundance of natural beauty and resources. It is important that lawmakers take actions that protect our natural resources and environmental infrastructure.

