



We asked, they answered:

## How would your policies benefit UNC consumers?

### Pennsylvania State Senate, 22<sup>nd</sup> District

**John Blake (D):** "I have always been an advocate for advancing budgetary policies that are beneficial to our senior citizens and persons with disabilities. I have also worked to advance affordable housing in our communities working with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA). I am always working to advocate for state and federal funding that can be impactful in our communities and particularly for redevelopment and community revitalization projects. Lastly, I have always supported and will continue to support legislation that respects diversity and differences in our communities. I strongly believe that diversity in our community, in our Commonwealth and throughout our country is essential to strengthening the fabric of our communities."

**Frank Scavo (R):** "My policy will always be Pennsylvania's first. I see the struggles that single-parent homes have. From not being able to work traditional schedules to having to leave work because there is no one to watch the children, we can all do a better job in helping those parents become employed and increase their earning power. My ideas would be to eliminate government waste and fraud, and be able to subsidize housing and daycare for those in single-parent homes. As a school board member I would also look at early drop offs and after school programs so it's easier for the working parent to be focused on their job and employment instead of worrying about the kids. Once in Harrisburg, I would visit and observe the situations first-hand in the offices that provide assistance."

### Pennsylvania House of Representatives, 112<sup>th</sup> District

**Ernest Lemoncelli (R):** "The quality of early learning programs should be reviewed on an annual basis. I would support a mechanism to automatically review or increase this threshold for care subsidies. I would also encourage employers to help subsidize or provide child care at their facilities. In housing, I'll help our residents by removing school property tax from Pennsylvania properties and replace it with a more fair system that still funds our schools properly while protecting our property rights. This can be accomplished through a small increase in sales tax or income tax, or both. Our seniors cannot afford these increasing taxes on their fixed income. Medicare and Medicaid must be properly funded to support our seniors and low income households, while we work to contain costs and encourage low cost insurance alternatives."

**Kyle Mullins (D):** "Providing access to basic, quality-of-life services and opportunities should be a priority and core function of government. I will fight for on-time state budgets and demand-driven increases in child care program funding. Pennsylvania should be doing a better job of providing access to affordable housing, along with updating older houses. Our statewide Housing Trust Fund should be fully funded—an effort I pledge to champion once in the PA House of Representatives. I was proud to witness our state expand Medicaid coverage to over 700,000 individuals as part of the Affordable Care Act; we must ensure the PA Department of Human Services is adequately resourced to administer these and other health care programs. At the local level, we need to ensure our non-profit community and health care providers have the resources and coordination to meet the demands at its doorstep."

# Vote on November 6!