



## NCRGEA *Government Relations* Update

### **NCRGEA Governmental Relations Update #21-30 September 20, 2021**

We are on the road again! And if you are in western North Carolina, we are on the road and likely coming to a town close to you!

We are one week into our fall season of district meetings. Last week we saw our retiree family in Blowing Rock, Statesville, and Hickory. We are in Concord today and Gastonia tomorrow. Next week we spend two days in Charlotte before ending our western tour in Cherokee and Asheville.

What are we seeing, hearing, and learning while on the road? Retirees are motivated and engaged. Our Open enrollment for supplemental insurance – dental, vision, legal and ID shield are available and provide more comprehensive coverage than our competitors. Mostly, we are ready for lawmakers not just to hear, but to act and provide relief for retirees with an additional pension bonus or adjustment.

Where do we stand as legislators continue negotiating the final \$26 billion biennium budget? We are still fighting for you! While the state Senate neglected to do its job and provide an adjustment in its version of the budget, the House budget still offers relief for retirees. If you are advocating for us, please keep doing so. Your voice continues to matter!

If you are not able to attend our western district meetings this fall, we would like to share with you a clip from our recent meeting in Blowing Rock. State Treasurer Dale Folwell shares insights with our retiree family about the strength of our state's pension system and the importance of choosing the best Medicare product for you. Please click <https://youtu.be/fOEVUJWKncl> to watch the Treasurer Folwell's remarks.

And if you want to learn more about our advocacy efforts and how you can empower yourself to advocate on retiree matters, please visit <http://www.ncrgea.com> and check out our government affairs page. As always, we thank you for being a part of our retiree family. Stay tuned.

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