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## President's Message

### Robert Bortins

The longer the Democrats have shutdown the Federal government the more we learn about how destructive the Democrat party platform has been for America.



As SNAP benefits lapse we have learned that over 80% of SNAP benefits are going to immigrants. Wild.

We spend about 8 billion a month on SNAP and some simple math would mean that more than 6 Billion is going to individuals who came here “for a better life” and instead have ended up on entitlements. That is not why my Grandparents immigrated here after World War 2, we need drastic entitlement reform at the Federal level.

ACA premium subsidies are reverting back to the rate that were at before the enhanced benefits during Covid. The democrats are freaking out! However they own this debacle because they passed it in the middle of the night with zero GOP support. The ultimate plan with the ACA is to

destroy healthcare so much that a single payer socialist system can be installed. I've been to Europe and Canada and their health systems are terrible.

Hopefully the GOP can repeal the ACA and replace it with a true free market healthcare system that will drive down prices and bring back doctor and patient relationships.

The Democrats are gunning for the longest shutdown in US History, but it is there voters they are hurting, probably in a ploy to motivate them to vote in the upcoming elections. It is despicable.

### 2026 Dues

You can now pay them online at [www.mcrmc.club](http://www.mcrmc.club) or in person or via the mail. We are starting to collect for 2026. We are actively looking at how we can use our funds to “Win Moore” and your participation in the club as a dues paying member goes a long way in our mutual success.

### TPUSA Chapters – Club America

I am happy to report there are some new groups forming locally. We need young people to get involved to save our Republic!

Robert Bortins  
MCRMC President

### Think Tank Meeting

Pinehurst, 211 Central Park Ave, Pinehurst, NC 28374

Come out every Thursday at 11am except the Third Thursday due to the Republican Men's Club Meeting.





## Moore GOP Chairman

### Tom Beddow

VOTE! All conservatives must turnout for key municipal elections or liberals could take seats!



Vote early in Carthage

Weekdays 8:00-5:30

or Saturday, Nov. 1 8:00-3:00.

Or Vote on Election day Nov. 4  
at your regular precinct.

BUT PLEASE VOTE!

## What is CRA

### About the Center for Renewing America

The Center for Renewing America (CRA) was launched in 2021 by Russ Vought, who had served as Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in the first Trump Administration. As OMB Director, Vought saw firsthand how an entrenched federal bureaucracy resisted the agenda of the President. Meanwhile, the conservative movement lacked an organization capable of fighting and winning on key issues.



The Center, now under the leadership of Eric Teetsel, was created to confront the woke and weaponized agenda of the ruling class and replace it with one that puts God, country, and community at the center of the policy debate in Washington. We do this through:

1. Providing research and policy ammunition to lawmakers on a range of issues that put the interests of

Americans first at home and abroad.

2. Leading the charge in national policy battles deemed too perilous by legacy conservative organizations but key to American renewal.

3. Advancing paradigm-shifting policy narratives that properly orient position and interests for conservatives to out-manuever the left and win the most consequential battles of the day.

The priorities of God, country, and community have been vindicated on the national stage, and paradigms are shifting in ways once thought impossible. But victory is not final. The entrenched forces that oppose America's renewal remain, and the battle for the nation's future continues.

CRA will continue to press forward—holding the government accountable to its people, securing the nation's borders, and defending the timeless principles and truths that make America great.

### Listen and Meet Eric at our November Luncheon.





## CRA Policy EXCERPT

### Obamacare Subsidies and Transgender Procedures - [by CRA Staff](#)

Federal funds should not flow to plans covering abortion, nor should they go to insurance policies that fund child mutilation and chemical castration. Insurance coverage of transgender procedures varies by state, and in some cases by insurer. In a review of Obamacare exchange plans, the activist group Out2Enroll claims that, as of 2025, nearly half of silver plans—the plans that determine the size of Obamacare premium subsidies in a given area—offer “affirmative coverage” of transgender treatments, with other insurance plans offering either some or broad exclusions, no coverage, or not making information available.<sup>7</sup> According to the activist group, the 48.9 percent of 2,138 plans examined offering affirmative coverage in 2025 represents a growth in such coverage; only 9.9 percent of 866 plans examined offered such coverage in 2017.<sup>8</sup>

According to the Movement Advancement Project, twenty-four states and the District of Columbia prohibit transgender exclusions in health insurance coverage.<sup>9</sup> These policies, enacted largely in blue states and primarily by administrative fiat, prohibit exclusions of coverage based on sexual orientation and/or “gender identity”—such that, for instance, an insurer that covers mastectomy as a breast cancer treatment must do so as part of so-called “gender-affirming care.”<sup>10</sup>

Of those twenty-four states, a total of five—California, Colorado, New Mexico, Vermont, and Washington state—explicitly include sex-trait modification procedures as an essential health benefit (EHB) in their benchmark health plan.<sup>11</sup> Forty state EHB benchmark plans explicitly exclude sex-trait modification procedures, and the remaining six state benchmark plans are silent on the issue.<sup>12</sup>

Inclusion of a treatment as an essential health benefit is important for several reasons related to federal

funding. First, Obamacare links coverage required by insurers—including annual and lifetime limits on coverage and an annual limit on beneficiary cost sharing—to the essential health benefits.<sup>13</sup> Including transgender procedures in the essential benefits builds the cost of these procedures into premiums, which federal subsidies offset for most exchange enrollees.

Second, including transgender procedures in essential health benefits allows states to shift the costs associated with the new insurance requirements onto the federal government. Obamacare requires states to defray the marginal premium increases associated with additional benefit mandates—a mechanism created to prevent states from adding myriad new coverage requirements, which would raise premium costs and thus federal subsidy spending.<sup>14</sup> But benefit mandates included in the state’s EHB benchmark plan are exempt from this requirement—a loophole that several states have exploited to maximize federal coverage of transgender procedures.<sup>15</sup>

**Read the full article at:**

**<https://americarenewing.com/issues/obamacare-subsidies-and-transgender-procedures/>**

## MCRMC Fall Line Up

### Pat Haggerty – Programs Director

We have the pleasure of hosting these speakers at our new home, the clubhouse at Pinehurst County Club #9

Thursday, November 20, A double header. Stephanie Kreuz of Heritage Action and Eric Teetsel of Renewing America.

Thursday, December 18, As always, our club likes to celebrate Christmas with a Christmas program. This year, we are excited to have the well-known Golf Capital Chorus present a Christmas program in full holiday regalia.

Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – TBD – most likely a GOP candidate forum.

IF you know someone of interest that we should consider please email Pat Haggerty at [pat@pathaggerty.com](mailto:pat@pathaggerty.com)

Mark your calendars so you won’t miss any of these quality programs.





The 2026 speaker schedule is starting to take shape

## Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> GO VOTE IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

There are three candidates competing for two seats in the nonpartisan Pinehurst Village Council election this November. Two happen to be Republicans, namely Lydia Boesch and Jeramy Hooper. The third is Kevin Fitzpatrick, he is registered as an Independent.

This post from Kevin's twitter feed, which has now been taken down, was shared with us by a member.



Kevin Fitzpatrick  
@KevinFitz001



I know President-Elect Biden to be a man of decency, thoughtfulness and integrity. The nation is back in good hands. @JoeBiden



### Help kickout a radical Democrat in California.

Defending our slim Majority means going on the offense. Sam Gallucci is a Tech entrepreneur turned pastor running for Congress. He is known for his work in the Hispanic community which makes up a major part of his district's voters. This is a dark horse race that Sam can win, but he needs our help.

November 7th 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Twin Fields Farm  
1855 N May St. Southern Pines, NC 28387  
Food and Drink will be provided.

Fundraiser for California GOP candidate Sam Gallucci  
<https://samgallucci.com/>

RSVP Details to Blakely Pallock at [blakely@samgallucci.com](mailto:blakely@samgallucci.com)

*You're Invited  
to a fundraiser for*

## SAM GALLUCCI FOR CONGRESS (CA-26)

Friday, November 7, 2025 6:30PM - 8:30PM  
Southern Pines, North Carolina  
*Location revealed upon RSVP\**

**RSVP to Blakely Pallock**  
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### *The Grand Old Party*

*The Republican Party, often called the GOP (short for "Grand Old Party") is one of two major political parties in the United States. Founded in 1854 as a coalition opposing the extension of slavery into Western territories, the Republican Party fought to protect the rights of African Americans after the Civil War. Today's GOP is generally socially conservative, and favors smaller government, less regulation, lower taxes and less federal intervention in the economy.*



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## NC GOP Talking Points

**Matt Mercer – NC GOP Communications**

### THE MAJORITY OF HOUSE DEMOCRATS



#### REFUSED TO CONDEMN CHARLIE KIRK'S ASSASSINATION

- 58 House Democrats voted against a simple resolution honoring the life of Charlie Kirk, another 38

voted “present” and 22 refused to vote at all.

- DEMOCRATS BLOCK REPUBLICAN EFFORTS TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OPEN
- House Republicans voted to advance the seven-week stopgap bill to keep the government open; every Democrat except one voted against it.
- Republicans united to pass a commonsense, CLEAN, government funding extension. This is a funding FREEZE. It is a straightforward, responsible solution.
- President Trump: “Democrats want the Government to shut down. Republicans want the government to OPEN. Democrats love CRIME, Republicans make our Country SAFE — WE HATE CRIME. FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION.”

### PRESIDENT TRUMP SECURES TIKTOK DEAL

President Trump shared on Truth Social that a deal was reached regarding TikTok.

President Trump and President Xi spoke to address trade, fentanyl, the Ukrainian/Russia war and completing the TikTok deal.

President Trump: “The call was a very good one, we will be speaking again by phone, appreciate the TikTok approval, and both look forward to meeting at APEC!”

### THE ECONOMY IS BOOMING UNDER PRESIDENT TRUMP

After falling to an 11-year low during the Biden Administration, new polling shows “Americans’ faith in the economy and direction of the nation is back on track and shooting higher” under President Trump.

The share of Americans who say gas prices are a “major problem” is down by 15% over last year.

The same is true for housing costs (down 11%) and grocery prices (down 8%).

Meanwhile, small business owners are feeling renewed optimism driven by a sharp rise in approval “across the political spectrum” for President Trump’s economic policies

### REMINDER: EVERY SINGLE DEMOCRAT VOTED AGAINST THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

President Trump’s Working Families and Tax Cuts Bill (One, Big, Beautiful Bill) has been signed into law, delivering on the promises President Trump and Republicans made to the American people.

This bill includes the largest tax cuts in American history, resources to permanently secure our border, and policies that put America First.

### From the North Carolina State Board of Elections (as of September 20, 2025):

- Registered Democrats: 2,311,927
- Registered Republicans: 2,300,837





## October Luncheon

### Marion Deerhake - on her book about Jane Pratt

Eric Teetsel was most recently Vice President of Government Relations at The Heritage Foundation.

Teetsel has a long track record of experience in



government at the federal, state, and local levels. He was Chief of Staff to U.S. Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri where he also held the roles of Legislative Director and Special Assistant. Teetsel

previously served as President of the Family Policy Alliance of Kansas, Director of Faith Outreach for the Marco Rubio presidential campaign, and Executive Director of the Manhattan Declaration for life, marriage, and religious freedom, and more.

You can follow him on X at @EricTeetsel.

and Stephanie Kreuz the Director of Sentinel at Heritage Action for America will be sharing as well.

DATE: Thursday, November 20th, 2025

SPEAKER: Eric Teetsel and Stephanie Kreuz

LOCATION: **Pinehurst #9**

1 Royal Troon Dr, Pinehurst, NC 28374

TIME: Check in starts at 11:30PM – program starts at Noon

The charge per reservation is \$35 - PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **MCRMC**)

- no credit cards

Sign-up & Cancel Deadline: 6PM, Friday, November 14th

(You will be asked to pay \$35 per reservation if you are a no-show or if you cancel after the deadline.)

Register at <https://www.mcrmc.club/>

If you are republican candidate running for office and would like us to circulate and events please let us know. We do not endorse in the primary, and we can only share the events that you give us.

*Re-Elect*  
**JUDGE**  
**Beth Tanner**  
**District Court**  
Moore & Hoke Counties

Join friends, neighbors, and colleagues for a:

## Campaign Reception

Supporting:



## Judge Beth Tanner

Hosted by:

Melissa Swarbrick and Wanda Little

**Thursday, November 6th**

**5:30pm - 7:30pm**

The Home of Wanda Little  
111 National Dr, Pinehurst, NC

### Suggested Contribution Amounts

Host: \$3,000	Sponsor: \$1,000	Friend: \$250
Co-Host: \$2,000	Co-Sponsor: \$500	Attendee: \$50



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