

## Influential REPORTS...



## The NC Budget & Tax Center receives no funding from the state or federal government.

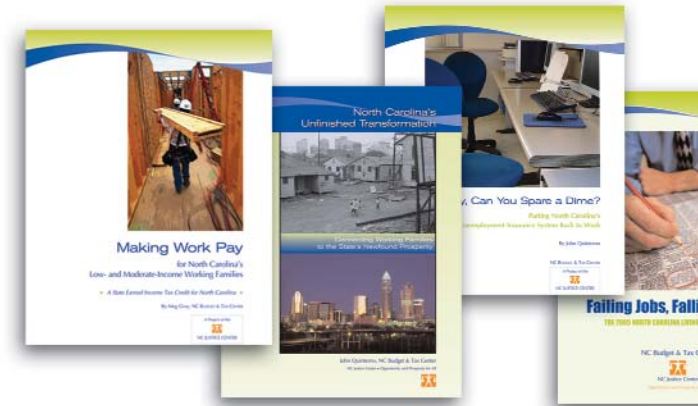
The BTC's work is funded through national and state foundations, including the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, and the Stoneman Family Foundation.

The BTC also relies on individual donations. **You can support the important research and analysis of the Budget & Tax Center** by making a contribution online at [www.ncjustice.org](http://www.ncjustice.org), by mail or by phone.

The BTC is a member of the State Fiscal Analysis Initiative, a collaboration that brings together nonpartisan, independent, nonprofit organizations in 29 states that share a commitment to rigorous policy analysis and responsible fiscal policies, with a particular focus on the needs of low- and moderate-income families. Learn more at [www.statefiscal.org](http://www.statefiscal.org).

### NC JUSTICE CENTER

224 S. Dawson Street ■ P.O. Box 28068  
Raleigh, NC 27611  
919/856-2570 voice ■ 919/856-2175 fax  
[www.ncjustice.org](http://www.ncjustice.org) ■ [info@ncjustice.org](mailto:info@ncjustice.org)



## Expert TESTIMONY...



## NC Budget & Tax Center



A Project of the NC Justice Center

## Community EDUCATION...

**The North Carolina Budget & Tax Center** is the state's leading source for information on how fiscal and economic policies shape the opportunities available to working families. Because of its long-standing reputation for credible analysis and well-researched proposals, a wide range of service and advocacy organizations turn to the BTC for leadership in setting the progressive policy agenda in North Carolina.

The BTC's work focuses on

## THREE PRIMARY AREAS:



**1 BUDGET PRIORITIES** - During every state legislative session, the BTC analyzes key spending proposals to determine how they would affect low- and moderate-income families in North Carolina. The BTC's data are routinely cited in the media and on the floor of the NC General Assembly as legislators debate spending on education, training, housing, health care, and other priorities.

■ **"Many members of the General Assembly rely on the BTC to provide us with the information we need to be effective advocates for our constituents."**

SEN. MARTIN NESBITT  
OF ASHEVILLE

**2 TAX POLICY** - The BTC does the rigorous number-crunching necessary to determine if North Carolina's revenue system is fair to working families and adequate to meet the needs of this growing state. Most recently, the staff has led initiatives to provide tax reductions for low-income families and to close corporate loopholes.

■ **"The BTC's analyses clearly explain the impact of tax changes on North Carolina's citizens. Their work is trustworthy and objective, and their information is essential for advocates who are working to achieve fairness in our state's budget and tax policy."**

DIANA D. HATCH, AARP NC STATE PRESIDENT



**3 ECONOMIC POLICY** - BTC staff examine a variety of state policies regarding economic development, workforce development, and employment opportunities. In addition to explaining the positives and negatives of current policy, the BTC examines how potential policy changes would impact the state's economy and working families.

■ **"The BTC's reports on the impact a minimum-wage hike would have on people throughout North Carolina were critical to getting the increase passed."**

JAMES ANDREWS,  
PRESIDENT, NC STATE AFL-CIO



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Educating community organizations and helping them engage in the policy-making process are central components of the BTC's work. Staff members frequently make presentations and facilitate community conversations on fiscal and economic issues.

To request a presentation, contact the NC Justice Center at (919) 856-2570 and ask to speak to the BTC's Outreach Coordinator. Also, keep an eye out for BTC events, including its annual "road shows," held each November and December in partnership with local United Way offices around the state.

## PUBLICATIONS

The BTC regularly publishes reports on state fiscal, tax and economic issues. These publications are featured in the NC Justice Center's weekly e-newsletter. To sign up for the e-newsletter or for the BTC's mailing list, send an e-mail to [info@ncjustice.org](mailto:info@ncjustice.org).

Past publications are available free of charge by calling (919) 856-2570. Publications and more information about budget and tax issues in North Carolina are available at [www.ncbtc.org](http://www.ncbtc.org).