

2/28/2012 UPDATE on ferry tax for Beaufort, Hyde, & Pamlico Counties

Ten days to "D Day" on Friday, March 9, 2012

Yes, we won the first skirmish today, but we win the war and abolish the ferry tax.

THANK YOU, Governor Beverly Perdue, who declared a moratorium on the "ferry tax". For us, it is great news. There is an internal argument raging about whether she can legally accomplish this good deed by Executive Order. Whatever the result, Gov. Perdue has bought us needed time to lobby the NC General Assembly to abolish the ferry tax. Please thank her in your own words. Call, write a brief message, or email Governor Perdue: 116 West Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27603; (800) 662-7952 or (919) 733-2391; governor.office@nc.gov.

YES, we are going to Raleigh on Friday, March 9, 2012. Our rumblings have reached the Legislature. Our supporters are ready to help. Senator Bill Rabon has agreed to meet with us in a large room, ready to hear our speakers and give us a forum to express our grievances. Senator Rabon is a co-chair of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Transportation. He is ALSO a co-chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and he may hold the hearing as an Appropriations meeting after the Transportation meeting. The exact time on 3/9/12 and the exact room location will be announced.

Call or email Senator Bill Rabon to thank him in advance for his support. He needs to hear from you. Sen. Rabon's legislative office telephone is (919) 733-5963; bill.rabon@ncleg.net.

On 3/9/12, we must demonstrate by our numbers the commitment to NO FERRY TAX. Bring your friends and neighbors!

Write, email, and call the NC Speaker of the House Thom Tillis and President Pro Tem Phil Berger. We are requesting meetings with them discuss the economic necessity to protect citizens of Beaufort, Hyde, and Pamlico County. Our message is simple: NO FERRY TAX!

We must bombard them with contacts to let them know the serious and urgent nature of our complaints. These leaders keep count of how many telephone calls and emails they receive on any important issue. They must hear from as many citizens as possible. Please include your name, physical address, and a simple message: NO FERRY TAX.

NC Speaker of the House Thom Tillis, (919) 733-3451; thom.tillis@ncleg.net

NC Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger, (919) 733-5708; phil.berger@ncleg.net

Address: 16 W. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

On all emails, please use the subject line: NO FERRY TAX

TRANSPORTATION FOR 3/9/12: We are working the logistics of bus transportation from Beaufort, Hyde, and Pamlico Counties. We are working on obtaining some transportation for people from each county. Thank you to everyone who is taking initiative, planning your own transportation, and getting ready to travel to Raleigh. Thank you! We hope you will keep us in the loop. Email the "Transportation Coordinator" in your county to advise how many people are coming with you. We must plan where to park, provide information to the Capitol Police, obtain a parade

permit, and other matters. We will provide each person with an official event sticker/name badge. We plan to provide your "Bus Leader" or Vehicle Driver with a Capitol Area map, agenda, and contact information. To do this, we must know who you are and have an email address with which to contact you. Please advise your county's Transportation Coordinator:

Beaufort County: Lisa White, (252) 946-0079; lisa.white@co.beaufort.nc.us

Hyde County: Megan S. Shaw (252) 926-4373; mshaw@hydecountync.gov

Pamlico County: Jayne Robb, (252) 745-3081; jayne.robb@pamlicocounty.org

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