

# North Carolina Legislator Profile

Rep. Chris Malone: (R-Wake)  
House District 35

**“As a long time conservative Republican, I have always believed that more money in education does not equal results.” -Chris Malone (Civitas, [2012](#))**

***Chris Malone spent most of the last decade as a right-wing politician pushing a hardline agenda to underfund and undermine public schools, while cashing in for personal gain.***

***Malone began his political career on the Wake County School Board where he was described as a “hard-liner” who caused “dysfunction.” Malone repeatedly failed to adequately raise teacher salaries and increase public education funding, he even voted to raise his own salary while on the schoolboard believes legislators should get pay increases.***

***While on the Wake County School Board, Malone prioritized personal affair over his job. The affair between Malone and Debra Goldman lasted from 2009 to 2010 and ended with an alleged burglary. The affair was known to cause tension and have negative impacts on the Wake County School Board while the implementation of a school assignment plan left families in chaos.***

***Malone’s alleged affair is just the first evidence in a long record of objectifying women and dismissing their stories. More recently Malone supported a statement that called women reporting sexual assault and harassment “stupid, weak, and inconsequential.” And he voted for this year’s budget which failed to clear the backlog of rape kits – siding with predators over survivors.***

***Following his trend of prioritizing his own self-interests, Malone repeatedly failed to make health care more affordable and voted to protect gerrymandered districts.***

***Malone is not looking out for his constituents and prioritizes his own interests over North Carolina.***

*Read on to learn more about Malone.*



# Summary

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- While on the Wake County school board, Malone was called a “hard liner” who “served without distinction” and caused “dysfunction” on the school board.
- Despite continually failing to adequately fund education, Malone blamed a lack of funding on Democrats.
- In 2008 Malone voted against pushing for \$8 million more to maintain per-pupil funding in Wake County.

## **Malone repeatedly voted against more education funding and raises for teachers.**

- In 2012 Malone wanted to lay off dozens of teachers to save money.
- After being elected to the legislature, Malone translated his “hard-line” views into voting for the 2015 Republican budget which let education funding fall even further behind.
- In 2016 Malone voted to raise taxes for middle class families and cut funding for public schools.
- Malone voted for the 2017 Republican budget that shortchanged teachers by failing to raise teacher salaries.
- Despite not raising teacher pay, Malone believes legislators should get a pay raise.

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- Malone said diversity, although a “fine thing,” had to be secondary to the goal of education.
- In 2011 Malone and other Republicans skipped a school board meeting where Democrats were hammering out a “new student assignment plan.”
- Malone sponsored a bill that would allow North Carolina to study breaking up large school districts like Wake County, possibly leading to the “resegregation of Wake schools.”

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- Following an alleged burglary at her home, Debra Goldman suspected Chris Malone.
- There were conflicting reports about Goldman and Malone’s relationship.
- Goldman and Malone’s relationship had a negative impact on the Wake County School Board’s ability to conduct business.

## **Malone voted against providing funding that to process over 15,000 rape kits, delaying justice even longer for survivors, and “liked” a tweet that called women “stupid, weak, and inconsequential.”**

- Attorney General Josh Stein requested funds to clear the rape kit backlog.
- Malone denied the request for funding, delaying justice for victims.
- Malone “liked” a tweet that said the #metoo movement is about women being “stupid, weak, and inconsequential.”

## **Malone rejected Democrats attempt to expand Medicaid in North Carolina using a procedural vote.**

- Republicans, including Malone, used a procedural vote to block Medicaid expansion.
- Denying Medicaid expansion led to health care costs rising.

## **As a member of the House Select Committee on Redistricting, Malone voted for maps that failed to correct illegally drawn racial gerrymanders.**

- Malone was on the House Select Committee on Redistricting.
- In 2011 a federal court found that the legislative maps had racial gerrymanders.
- In 2017 Republicans, including Malone, passed maps that failed to correct the illegally drawn districts, a federal court ruled.

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**The News & Observer referred to Malone as a “hard-liner.”** “His actions as a majority and then minority member of the Wake school board show him to be a hard-liner.” (The News & Observer, 10/18/12)

**Malone caused “dysfunction” on the Wake County school board.** “Back in 2009 when Chris Malone, John Tedesco, Deborah Prickett and Debra Goldman were elected as Board members they caused...dysfunction. Immediately after their campaign wins they reversed the decision to bus due to socio-economic diversity without even talking to the existing Board members first.” (Raleigh Examiner, 9/26/12)

**In 2012 Malone said “I have always believed that more money in education does not equal results.”** “As a long time conservative Republican I have always believed that more money in education does not equal results. We all know that has been proven accurate. However with the unique insight of a school board member you know when you are underfunded. We are in the 8400 dollar window and are cutting expenditures left and right so as not to affect the classroom. An audit found Wake County light at the top in the way of administrative positions. We have cut to bone elsewhere so that the 8400 would work for better for our students. This year if the General Assembly doesn’t send more money with less strings attached to the local LEA's we will hurt the classroom again. So 8400 may be about right but not quite.” (Civitas, [2012](#))

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**Malone blamed the lack of education funding in NC on Democrats.** “Now I will be far fairer to Democrats than they will ever be to us. They didn’t create the recession but they were in charge and had to make tough choices. They cut education by 1.3 plus billion. Those cuts are their responsibility, not ours. They cut text books by 99.9% and now complain we are only most of the way out of the pit they left us. They proclaim themselves the true teachers’ friend. Let’s talk about that. They ended the \$1500 bonuses teachers got for EOG scores in their classes. They froze teachers’ pay. They call it the Step Program that benchmarks their pay increases for as long as they were employed. It took Republicans to undo that freeze and reform the Step Program so that it only took 25 years (instead of 32) to get to the 50k mark. They even furloughed teachers, sending them home unpaid. They chose an awful 36 million dollars cut from the budget to do that while spending 25 million on a pier! They chose a piece of wood over teachers’ lively-hood. I bet they could have found another 10 million from somewhere else, but even if wrong that’s still near 2/3 of furloughed teachers still teaching our kids. Look again at the graph folks. Even if we are simply going to chalk those recession cuts to bad but well intentioned choices we have to admit one thing.” (maloneforhouse.com, retrieved [6/15/18](#))

**Malone claimed he will “put the welfare of teachers and your kids needs front and center.”** From the outset Republicans have shown a commitment to Education the other side does not want to make allowances for, let alone respect. You can see those 6 successive budget increases in six years and see the truth. Republicans are dedicated to education. We want the best for your kids and our collective future. My personal promise to you is that I will make certain that in every decision I put the welfare of teachers and your kids needs front and center. (maloneforhouse.com, retrieved [6/15/18](#))

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**Malone said he “didn’t see the point” of asking for \$8 million more to fund education.** ““We were aware commissioners didn’t have the money, and we had previously been told by them not to ask for it,’ Malone said of the vote. ‘So I didn’t see the point.’ The school board does not have the power to increase its budget; it can only request budget increases from county commissioners who, ultimately, decide how much to give the school district to supplement funding from the state.” (Eastern Wake News, 10/16/12)

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**In 2012 Malone wanted to lay off dozens of teachers to save money.** “With some reluctance, Wake County school board members signaled...[in 2012] their willingness to spend most of the district’s savings to avoid laying off teachers and other employees.” Superintendent Tony Tata “proposed using \$28.8 million of the \$33.9 million rainy-day fund to help replace the loss of federal funding. ‘This is untenable,’ said school board member Chris Malone. ‘We can’t continue to use the reserves for recurring expenses.’ But Malone added he’ll vote with ‘resigned acceptance’ to use the savings.” (The Cary News, 3/25/12)

**After being elected to the legislature, Malone translated his “hard-line” views into voting for Republican budgets that failed to adequately raise teacher pay and let education funding fall even further behind, despite believing that legislators should get a pay raise.**

**Malone voted for the 2015 Republican budget that let education funding fall further behind.**

➤ **Note:** Malone voted for H97 and the conference report. (H97, signed by Gov. [9/18/15](#))

**2015 budget failed to provide salary increases for teachers, instead offered a one-time \$750 bonus.** “All state employees, including teachers, will get a one-time \$750 bonus to be paid ‘somewhere around the end of the year,’ according to Senate Budget Chairman Harry Brown, R-Onslow, and a summary document released by negotiators. Speaking on WRAL News, Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger likened it to a ‘Christmas bonus.’” (WRAL, [8/27/15](#))

**When accounting for inflation, education spending has been cut and “North Carolina K-12 system has roughly 10 percent less buying power at its disposal than it did 10 years ago.”** “So, while the state Senate proposes spending \$8.32 billion on public schools next year, and that is more in raw dollar terms than any other year before, constant dollars tell a different tale. Figures produced by the General Assembly’s nonpartisan Fiscal Research Division show that, in constant 2008 dollars, education spending has dropped from \$8.1 billion in the 2007-08 budget year to \$7.3 billion starting July 1 if the Senate budget were enacted. Put another way, North Carolina K-12 system has roughly 10 percent less buying power at its disposal than it did 10 years ago.” (WRAL, [6/24/15](#))

**Per pupil spending decreased from 2014 to 2015 and NC ranked 46<sup>th</sup>.** “The report put the estimate for per pupil expenditures at \$8,620 this year, lower than Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia, and other states in the region.” (News & Observer, [3/18/15](#))

**In 2016 Malone voted to raise taxes for middle class families and cut funding for public schools.**

➤ **Note:** Malone voted for 2016 budget. (H1030, signed [7/14/16](#))

**“Billions of dollars in tax revenue that could have lifted North Carolina’s schools to new heights instead has been diverted into tax cuts that have produced no tangible results.”** “This Election Day should be a day of reckoning for North Carolina’s Republican legislative leaders who have shirked their responsibility and broken a long state tradition of strong support for public schools. Instead of investing in the state’s children, instead of improving education as a way for poor children to escape poverty and all children to achieve goals, the Republican-led General Assembly has chosen to reduce state taxes, mostly to the benefit of the wealthy and big corporations. Billions of dollars in tax revenue that could have lifted North Carolina’s schools to new heights instead has been diverted into tax cuts that have produced no tangible results. Republican lawmakers are acutely aware of their culpability in this choice, but instead of defending it or apologizing for it, they’re denying it. Even worse, they’re claiming credit for increasing spending on public education. This is duplicity joined with sophistry, and it should stir the smoldering anger over the neglect of public schools into outrage.” (News & Observer, Editorial, [8/20/16](#))

**“The wealthy and big corporations are paying less and middle- and low-income earners are paying more” with low-income families and individuals being hit “particularly hard.”** “Growing tax revenue doesn’t mean happy days are here again for most North Carolinians. It means the wealthy and big corporations are paying less and middle- and low-income earners are paying more. Johnson notes, “The regressive sales tax hits low-income families and individuals particularly hard, as they spend a larger share of their income on goods and services subject to the sales tax. Thus, to point to increased revenue as evidence that low- and middle-income North Carolinians are better off is an

inaccurate assessment of reality.” The revenue numbers are not only about a shift in the tax burden. They are also about what’s missing. Had the General Assembly’s tax changes been revenue neutral – as McCrory originally requested – the state would be seeing a much larger revenue increase as the economy recovers.” (News & Observer, Editorial, [1/16/16](#))

**Malone voted for the 2017 budget that shortchanged teachers by failing to raise teacher salaries and prioritized tax cuts over funding public education.**

- *Note: Malone voted for the 2017 Republican budget and voted to override the governor’s veto. (S257, Vetoed [6/27/17](#), Senate Veto Override [6/27/17](#), House Veto Override [6/28/17](#))*

**Many educators, including veterans of 25 years, will only see an increase of \$30 a month, merely a tank of gas.** “The newly unveiled North Carolina state budget does include increases in teacher pay, but they are neither big nor dramatic. Many educators – including veterans who have devoted 25 years or more to our state’s children – will see an increase of \$30 a month. That amounts to little more than a tank of gas, which will hardly be enough to allow teachers to quit their second or third jobs.” (Charlotte Observer, Op-Ed, [6/21/17](#))

**Starting teacher pay remains at \$35,000 under the 2017 Republican budget.** “Under the teacher pay plan, teachers with 17 to 24 years of experience would see some of the biggest raises. Starting teacher pay would remain at \$35,000, but teachers at most experience levels would get a raise.” (News & Observer, [7/1/17](#))

**The 2017 Republican budget continues the trend of cutting taxes rather than raising per pupil spending.** “This budget will cut individual income tax rates to 5.25 percent from 5.499 percent and the corporate rate to 2.5 percent from 3 percent in the second year, costing the state \$900 million annually when fully implemented. This means that the legislature will eventually have cut \$3.5 billion annually in all its tax cuts –money that could have gone for services. North Carolina, for example, ranks 41st nationally in per pupil spending for public education. Here is a question for lawmakers: Which is most likely hindering industrial recruitment and economic development in small-town North Carolina –high taxes or poor schools?” (News & Observer Editorial, [6/24/17](#))

**Gov. Cooper’s proposed budget would have increased education spending by \$755 million.** “Cooper increased education spending in the coming year by \$755 million; the House and Senate weakly approved half that much.” (News & Observer, Editorial, [6/3/17](#))

**Despite not raising teacher pay, Malone believes legislators should get a pay raise and voted for Wake County School Board members to receive a raise.**

**Malone supported a pay raise for legislators.**

**Despite not raising teacher pay, Malone believes legislators should get a pay raise.** “How does anyone expect citizen representation to revitalize and enhance our system of governance? We pay representatives little to nothing while the demand of time put on them to meet their responsibilities inhibits the average individual from being able to serve and make enough money to ensure his/her family’s needs are met. They can’t keep their current jobs. This ensures a select few govern and now we want to get rid of pensions? If we agree we only want a select few to govern then lets get rid of it, but if we want a better cross section of society to be part of the solutions facing this state then lets stop being run by fear of public perception and take charge of the situation. Pay the legislator more and deny pensions, or keep the system as is. Anything less is political posturing.” (Civitas, 2012)

**While on the Wake County School Board, Malone voted for a budget that increased the board’s salaries.**

**The filing fee for Wake County Board of Education increased from \$75 to \$100 between 2009 and 2011.** (Wake County Board of Elections, retrieved 6/28/18)

- **North Carolina requires a filing fee of 1 percent of the annual salary of the position, indicating a salary increase for Wake County Board of Education members.** (North Carolina State Board of Elections and Ethics, retrieved [9/24/18](#))

**Malone voted for the 2010-2011 budget.** “The Board returned back to Item #26, Approval of Board of Education’s Proposed Budget, 2010-2011. After several comments from Board members regarding the budget, the budget adjustments, and board members’ concerns, Keith Sutton made a motion to adopt the proposed Superintendent’s Budget with the adjustments that were presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Malone. The Board voted by Roll Call Vote with Carolyn Morrison voting “yes”, Keith Sutton voting “yes”, Deborah Prickett voting “yes”, Chris Malone voting “yes”, Debra Goldman voting “yes”, Kevin L. Hill voting “no”, John Tedesco voting “no”, and Anne McLaurin voting “no”. The motion passed on a 5 to 3 vote.” (Wake County Board of Elections, [4/20/10](#))

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**Chris Malone dedicated his time on the Wake County school board to replacing diversified schools in which some students are bused out of their neighborhoods "to balance the percentage of low-income students among schools" with neighborhood schools, even though critics said such a change "would lead to resegregation."**

**Malone was adamant busing low-income students to different schools in Wake County "hurt Wake academically."** "Busing students to balance the percentage of low-income students among schools was a major dividing point at a forum...[in 2009] for Wake County school board candidates." Chris Malone "attacked the diversity policy, saying it didn't help students and caused them to be sent to schools far from their homes." He "argued that the diversity policy has actually hurt Wake academically, repeatedly pointing to how the percentage of low-income students graduating from high school is below the state average." (Eastern Wake News, 9/16/09)

**Malone questioned the success of Wake County's nationally recognized diversity policy.** "Chris Malone questioned the success of the diversity policy by pointing to the recent decline in Wake's overall graduation rate and how the district's 54.6 percent graduation rate for low-income students is below the state average. 'I can't imagine why they're so proud to support a policy which is only graduating 54 percent of the group that they claim to be heroes for,' Malone said." (The News & Observer, 9/21/09)

**Malone said, "busing students for economic diversity doesn't work."** "Busing students for economic diversity doesn't work, Malone said, it only hides the system's failures." (The News & Observer, 9/17/09)

**Malone said diversity, although a "fine thing," had to be secondary to the goal of education and dismissed concerns about resegregation, going as far as filing a motion at a school board committee to "eliminate all references to diversity."**

**Malone said diversity, although a "fine thing," "has to be secondary to the primary goal of education."** "Diversity is a fine thing,' said Malone, a former Wake Forest town commissioner. 'We should strive to know more about other cultures and encourage understanding. But that has to be secondary to the primary goal of education.'" (Eastern Wake News, 9/23/09)

**Malone said, "concerns about resegregation are overblown."** "He said "concerns about resegregation are overblown.'" (The News & Observer, 9/21/09)

**In 2010 Malone made a motion at a school board committee to "eliminate all references to diversity."** "In February 2010 he made a motion at a Wake County school board committee meeting to "eliminate all references for diversity while promoting neighborhood schools.'" (The News & Observer, 2/24/10)

**Malone said the diversity policy in Wake County is "flawed."** "The current policy is based on a flawed premise that poor students have less learning potential than those who come from middle-class families, and on an equally-flawed assumption that a positive learning environment is not possible in schools with higher concentrations of F&R students. The numbers don't lie, our assignment policy is failing. While middle-class students are performing reasonably well, less than 54% of ED students are graduating." (IndyWeek, [8/12/09](#))

**Malone was in favor of abandoning busing students in Wake County for diversity purposes in favor of assigning students to schools in their community.** “Chris Malone, in March 2010, was the deciding vote “to pass a resolution calling for abandoning busing for diversity in favor of assigning students to schools in their community. Supporters of the resolution “hailed it as a step toward providing families more stability while critics complained it would lead to resegregation.” This was “the first step toward ending Wake’s nationally recognized policy of trying to limit the percentage of low-income students at individual schools.” (The News & Observer, 3/2/10)

**In 2011 Democrats “won control of the Wake County Board of Education.” Malone and the other Republicans on the board skipped a 2012 Wake County school board meeting where the majority was hammering out “a new student assignment plan.”**

**In 2011 Democrats won a majority of the Wake County school board.** “In 2011 Democrats won control of the Wake County Board of Education.” (Carolina Journal, 11/09/11)

**The Democratic majority worked on a new student assignment plan and all four Republicans on the board missed the meeting.** “The Wake County school board’s Democratic majority forged ahead Saturday [September 29, 2012], working on a new student assignment plan and swearing in an interim replacement for ousted superintendent Tony Tata. The board’s four-member Republican minority was occupied elsewhere. Republican members Deborah Prickett, John Tedesco and Chris Malone cited other commitments when giving advance notice of the absences, a school system spokeswoman said.” (The News & Observer, 9/29/12)

**Malone said there was no coordination between the Republicans skipping the meeting.** “Malone said the absences were not coordinated among GOP members and had nothing to do with Tata’s firing. ‘I was tied up at the hospital on a private matter,’ Malone said. ‘No coordination, I assure you.’” (The News & Observer, 9/29/12)

**Malone sponsored a bill that would allow North Carolina to study breaking up large school districts, like Wake County, possibly leading to the “resegregation of Wake schools.”**

➤ **Note:** Malone voted for H704. (H704 became a law without a signature, [7/31/17](#))

**The General Assembly passed a bill that would allow a study on breaking up school districts.** “North Carolina lawmakers would look at how to split school districts into smaller ones under a bill passed Wednesday by the state House. House Bill 704 would create a joint legislative study committee to look into whether legislation should be introduced to allow for the breakup of previously merged school systems. The committee would also consider how to divide school districts and whether a local referendum or petition would be needed before a district could be split.” (News & Observer, 4/26/17)

**H704 may be the first step toward breaking up the Wake County school district.** “House Bill 704 has the possibility to turn the state’s largest school district, Wake County Public School System, into one that is much smaller. The bill, which was passed last year, gives a committee of lawmakers the ability to look at the “feasibility and advisability of enacting legislation to permit local school administrative units that were merged from separate units to be divided into 17 separate local school administrative units once again.” In other words, a group of partisan lawmakers will decide on how to divide schools and what the division would look like.” (WRAL, 2/14/18)

**Breaking up the Wake County school district could possibly lead to “the resegregation of Wake schools.”** “Monika Johnson-Hostler, chairwoman of the Wake County Board of Education, is among those who can’t think of a good reason to break up the public schools. “I just can’t see where the advantages would be,” she said on Wednesday. But Johnson-Hostler can see disadvantages, including the resegregation of Wake schools. “We know there are financial inequalities across the county,” she

said. "I do think it would easily prompt resegregation." "People don't live in neat little pockets" filled with equal parts poor, middle class and wealthy families, Johnson-Hostler said. "People tend to live where they can afford." Breaking up Wake schools, then, could create affluent school districts in parts of the county and poor ones elsewhere, she said. "That is a fear of mine," she said." (News & Observer, 2/15/18)

**The district-splitting plan would likely exacerbate many problems and increase education inequality in counties.** "Among the more rancorous complaints heard about school districts are student-teacher ratios, the size of the administration, the inequality of the facilities, buses clogging the roads and the taxes required to pay for all of that. Do you think splitting Guilford County three ways would reduce those problems? Three school boards, three front-office staffs, inadequate facilities constructed from smaller tax bases, the potential of three sets of buses crumbling the same roadways. How about the county commissioners' having to set three school budgets while using unequal tax bases? And, in some teaching roles, you would triple the numbers required for district-wide specialists, not to mention custodians and nurses." (Greensboro News & Record, 4/20/18)

**In 2009 Malone was in favor of breaking up Wake County's school system.** "An old idea is gaining new interest in North Carolina's General Assembly. Lawmakers want to look at the feasibility of breaking up the state's largest school districts. It's an idea that was floated almost decade ago in Wake County. In 2009, then Wake County School Board member Chris Malone was in favor of breaking up the county's school system. Now, Malone is a state representative sponsoring a bill that would examine breaking up the state's largest school systems. Malone (R-Wake) said House Bill 704 would only study whether any school district is too large to be effective. Malone said lawmakers are just in the exploratory stage." (WNCN, 4/17/17)

**In 2018 Malone claimed that Wake County is a well-run school system, so it should not be split up, but supports splitting up other large school systems.** "County Commissioner John Burns says he is "inalterably opposed" to splitting the Wake County public schools into smaller school systems. State Rep. Chris Malone says he is too. But Malone, a Wake County Republican, also sponsored the bill creating a joint legislative committee charged with deciding whether to recommend passing legislation to let previously merged school districts break themselves up. That doesn't mean he supports splitting the Wake County Public School System, said Malone, a former Wake school board member. "I would oppose any legislation to split up Wake County," he said by phone Wednesday morning. "It's a well-run school system, and it doesn't need to do that right now." (News & Observer, 2/15/18)

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**Malone said he and Goldman had a “personal and physical” relationship from Fall 2009 to Spring 2010.** “Unlike Goldman, “Malone’s account, according to the report, described a relationship that was ‘personal and physical.’ The [police] report shows that Malone said he and Goldman had become friends during the school board election in 2009 and that the relationship had progressed by October of that year, when they had their first kiss at the Clarion Hotel in downtown Raleigh. According to the police narrative, Malone said he and Goldman ‘never had intercourse,’ but their relationship got physically ‘very heated.’ (The News & Observer, 10/20/12)

**Following an alleged burglary at her home, Debra Goldman suspected Chris Malone.**

**Following a burglary at her home, Wake County school board member Debra Goldman suspected Chris Malone.** “Wake County school board member Debra Goldman named fellow board member Chris Malone as a suspect in June 2010 when she reported a burglary from her Cary home of \$130,000 worth of jewelry, cash and coins, according to a police report.” (The News & Observer, 10/20/12)

**Goldman said at least \$130,000 worth of property was stolen from her home.** “According to the police narrative, Debra Goldman reported that someone had broken into her home on June 12, 2010, and stolen \$100,000 in jewelry and \$20,000 in cash from a ‘ratty pink backpack.’ She also said \$10,000 worth of coins from her collection were stolen from a suitcase.” (The News & Observer, 10/20/12)

**Goldman said Malone had money problems and her home was burglarized after she lost her house key at a school board meeting where she sat beside Malone.** “Goldman also said that Malone had money problems and that her home was burglarized four or five days after she lost her house key. The report says that Goldman told investigators that Malone was sitting next to her at school board meetings on the day when the key was stolen from her brief case. Goldman also said that it was ‘very suspicious’ that only days after her burglary that Malone had bought a new pickup truck and new clothes.” (The News & Observer, 10/20/12)

**Police interviewed Malone and dropped him as a suspect.** “Cary police interviewed Malone and dropped him as a suspect after an investigation, but not before recording conflicting statements from both Goldman and Malone about whether they had a romantic relationship.” (The News & Observer, 10/20/12)

**Goldman’s husband, Steve Goldman, questioned the burglary reports.** “Apparently people in Raleigh and on the school board, that this was all common knowledge that the two of them were dating even though he’s still married and she was quite married at the time,’ he said. Steven Goldman told ABC11 he questions the burglary report, and said his wife never filed an insurance claim. And while he said he did buy her about \$100,000 in jewelry, she still has all of it. ‘She absolutely still has it. I have physically seen it. I saw it after the burglary,’ he said.” (ABC11, 10/22/12)

**In the police interview, Malone said he had money problems but his brother gave him money.** “According to the [police] narrative, Malone admitted to [investigator Thomas] Stewart ‘he has had money problems for quite some time’ but was doing fine at that time. Malone said his brother, Michael,

had given him \$15,000. Michael Malone later met with Stewart and produced bank statements and receipts showing he had given his brother money and paid his bills.” (The News & Observer, 10/20/12)

**There were conflicting reports regarding Goldman and Malone’s relationship.**

**Goldman and Malone, both married, gave conflicting reports about whether or not they were romantically involved.** “The 2010 police notes also detailed an alleged romantic relationship in 2009 and 2010 between Debra Goldman and Malone, raising questions about her past actions on the school board – specifically whether she voted in October 2010 against a version of the Republican-backed student assignment plan because of Malone. Ron Margiotta, who was school board chairman from 2009 until last year, said Thursday that it was possible that a relationship and theft accusations swayed her vote.” (WRAL, 10/26/12)

**While Malone compared the affair to “high school kids dating” and claimed they exchanged “thousands” of emails, Goldman denied the affair.** “I am disappointed that The News & Observer would stoop to a new low in its coverage during an election year. It is obvious that these stories are politically motivated, and the timing is designed to derail my campaign. It only serves to continue the newspaper’s history of attacks on me and my family. I am continuing my campaign for state auditor, and I am saddened that I have to even dignify these reports with a response. This is all I will say regarding this issue, and I consider the matter closed.” (ABC11, 10/22/12)

**Goldman claimed Malone attempted to have a romantic relationship with her, but she was not interested.** “Goldman told police that Malone pursued a relationship with her, but that she rebuffed him, refusing to answer numerous text messages, some sent after midnight. According to the [police] report, Goldman said Malone had attempted to have a romantic relationship with her over several months in late 2009 and early 2010, causing her to tell him ‘to stop contacting her on a personal level.’ In the report, Goldman said Malone ignored her repeated requests that he stop his advances. The situation culminated in a...meeting in which Malone professed his love for her, Goldman told police. ‘Malone told Goldman (sic) even though he knew she was not interested in a relationship with him, he had to tell Goldman he was in love with her,’ according to the report. ‘Goldman again told Malone she was not interested, and told him this behavior needed to stop.’” (The News & Observer, 10/20/12)

**Goldman had a recording of herself telling Malone to leave her alone.** “On a tape presented by Goldman as having been recorded June 23, 2010, at the former Wake school board headquarters on Wake Forest Road, she is heard telling Malone that he is to leave her alone. ‘You are not to physically touch me again in any way,’ she says on the tape, for which she said [School Board Chairman Ron] Margiotta was also present. On the tape, Malone is heard agreeing to her conditions, adding, ‘I thought we had some kind of a friendship.’ In the police narrative, Malone acknowledges that meeting with Goldman but described it as having occurred after the end of their ‘very heated’ relationship.” (The News & Observer, 10/28/12)

**Goldman and Malone’s relationship had a negative impact on the Wake County school board.**

**School Board Chairman Ron Margiotta said it was “common knowledge” that Malone and Goldman had a relationship.** “It seemed to be common knowledge that there was a relationship going on,’ Margiotta said.” (The News & Observer, 10/20/12)

**Their relationship had a negative impact on the Wake County school board.** “After the incident, Margiotta said the working relationship among the Republicans on the board was strained by Goldman’s accusations. ‘It certainly had an impact,’ Margiotta said. ‘I had a responsibility to keep them working together. I can’t tell you how much time was spent dealing with them.’” (The News & Observer, 10/20/12)

**Malone voted against providing funding to process over 15,000 rape kits, delaying justice even longer for survivors and “liked” a tweet that said the #metoo movement is about women being “stupid, weak, and inconsequential.”**

- **NOTE: The legislature later passed a measure to create a tracking system to determine which rape kits would need to be tested.** (WRAL, 6/12/18; H945/S727, signed by Gov. 6/25/18)

**There are over 15,000 untested rape kits in North Carolina according to the 2017 Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Law Enforcement Inventory Report.** (NC Department of Justice, Published 3/1/18)

**AG Josh Stein requested funds to clear the rape kit backlog.**

**In February 2018, Attorney General Josh Stein sought \$2 million from the NC General Assembly to begin testing rape kits.** “In February, Stein announced that a statewide inventory revealed 15,160 untested rape kits. That backlog prompted him to seek \$2 million from lawmakers this year to begin the outsourcing of testing of 2,800 of those kits containing DNA samples and other evidence collected during medical procedures conducted after attacks.” (News & Observer, 5/30/18)

**Gov. Cooper’s budget allocated over \$2 million to the Department of Justice for testing sexual assault kits.** “A spokesman for Cooper responded that the Democratic governor's spending proposal included money for reducing the backlog, unlike lawmakers' budget. "In contrast to the legislature which allocated no funding for this important effort, the Governor directed more than \$2 million to the Department of Justice for testing sexual assault kits, including a way to track progress and determine criteria order for testing kits. Republican legislators are making misleading attacks to distract from the fact that their budget contained no funding for testing sexual assault kits," the spokesman, Ford Porter, said.” (News & Observer, 5/30/18)

**Republicans denied the request for funding, delaying justice for victims. The legislature did not include funding to begin testing the kits so “the backlog will grow, and justice for sexual assault victims will be delayed.”** “In response, Attorney General Josh Stein asked the Legislature for \$2 million to start testing the kits. It would cost \$10.6 million to test all 15,000, but Stein’s request was a start. He also asked the Legislature to create and fund a system to track the untested kits, and to create a committee that would recommend which kits to test first and how to test all kits going forward. In the budget being passed this week, the Legislature included zero. It also didn't fund the tracking system and legislation to create the committee is pending. So the backlog will grow, and justice for sexual assault victims will be delayed. “Every one of us should be focused on trying to bring justice to more people who suffered a heinous crime,” Stein told the Observer editorial board.” (Charlotte Observer Editorial, 5/31/18)

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**Chris Malone**  
@chrismalone3

Tweets  
**1,562**

Following  
**624**

Followers  
**1,896**

Likes  
**2,527**



**Candace Owens** @RealCandaceO · Jun 11

The entire premise of #metoo is that women are stupid, weak & inconsequential.

Too stupid to know what men might want if you come to their hotel room late at night.

Too weak to turn around and tell someone not to touch your ass again.

Too inconsequential to realize this.

2.1K 6.1K 23K

**Democrats attempted to amend H998 to expand Medicaid, arguing that this would also improve rural health, but Malone and House Republicans used a procedural vote to block Medicaid expansion.**

- **Malone voted against an amendment to H998 that would expand Medicaid.** (HB 998, Motion 12, [6/11/18](#))

**Republicans voted to block Medicaid expansion using a procedural vote.** “Rep. Bobbie Richardson, a Moore in a 70-42 vote. The vote was largely along party lines with Rep. Ken Goodman, a Richmond County Democrat, joining all Republicans to block further action on the amendment.” (News & Observer, 6/12/18; H998 A4, motion to appeal ruling of the chair, [6/11/18](#))

**House Speaker Tim Moore ruled the amendment out of order, Democrats attempted to appeal his ruling, but Republicans helped him sustain it, blocking Medicaid expansion.** “Rep. Bobbie Richardson, a Franklin County Democrat, argued that expanding Medicaid would improve health care in rural communities. But Moore ruled the amendment out of order because it would be “appropriating funds out of compliance with our rules,” and after Richardson appealed the ruling, the House sided with Moore in a 70-42 vote. The vote was largely along party lines with Rep. Ken Goodman, a Richmond County Democrat, joining all Republicans to block further action on the amendment.” (News & Observer, 6/12/18; H998 A4, motion to appeal ruling of the chair, [6/11/18](#))

**Under Republicans’ watch, North Carolina has become the third most expensive state for health care in the country North Carolina is the third most expensive state in the country for health care according to a 2017 study.** North Carolina was ranked ahead of Wyoming, New York, Vermont and Alaska (tied) for highest average monthly premium. (Wallethub, 8/7/17)

**North Carolina is ranked 47th in the nation across metrics of cost, accessibility, and outcome.** (Wallethub, 8/7/17)

**Citing the Wallethub study, Blue Cross Blue Shield NC said N.C.’s lawmakers made two crucial decisions that caused health care costs to rise.** “In the last few years, North Carolina’s lawmakers made two crucial decisions that caused healthcare costs to rise. First, the state decided not to expand Medicaid coverage. These folks tend to have more expensive chronic health problems, and the cost of their medical care has caused insurance premiums for ACA customers in our state to rise.” (BCBSNC, 8/21/17)

**The decision not to expand Medicaid meant people who would have been covered had to buy insurance through the marketplace instead, causing everyone’s premiums to rise.** “In the last few years, North Carolina’s lawmakers made two crucial decisions that caused healthcare costs to rise. First, the state decided not to expand Medicaid coverage. So there are a lot of people in North Carolina’s individual insurance market who might have been covered under Medicaid, but instead, have to purchase insurance through the ACA’s federal marketplace. These folks tend to have more expensive chronic health problems, and the cost of their medical care has caused insurance premiums for ACA customers in our state to rise.” (BCBSNC, 8/21/17)

**As a member of the House Select Committee on Redistricting, Malone voted for maps that failed to correct illegally drawn racial gerrymanders.**

**A federal court found that 28 legislative districts were racial gerrymanders.** “The plaintiffs had argued the state's plans packed African-Americans in districts already with a high percentage of black voters, thus diluting their presence in neighboring districts. In August 2016, the US District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina found that that 28 legislative districts ‘are racial gerrymanders in violation of the Equal Protection Clause.’” (CNN, 8/1/17)

**The U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the decision by the lower court that the 2011 maps were unconstitutional.** “Several lawsuits focused on the maps that included 28 districts found unconstitutional after they were used to elect state House and Senate members. A panel of federal judges will review new lines approved by state lawmakers on Aug. 30 for those districts. The judges struck down the 2011 maps more than a year ago in a ruling that was unanimously affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court.” (Charlotte Observer, 9/15/17)

**The 2011 maps packed black voters into certain districts, diluting their voting strength in others.** “The plaintiffs had argued the state's plans packed African-Americans in districts already with a high percentage of black voters, thus diluting their presence in neighboring districts. In August 2016, the US District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina found that that 28 legislative districts ‘are racial gerrymanders in violation of the Equal Protection Clause.’” (CNN, 8/1/17)

**Republican maps passed in 2017 failed to correct illegally drawn districts, a federal court ruled Republicans failed to fully fix illegally drawn election districts.** “A federal court appeared to rebuke North Carolina Republicans on Thursday for failing to fully fix election districts illegally drawn because they weakened the influence of black voters.” (Huffington Post, 10/26/17)

**The court said some redrawn districts were still illegal unconstitutional and appointed a “special master” to further evaluate and draw districts.** “The court issued an order on Thursday saying nine of those districts were likely to still be illegal or unconstitutional. The court also announced it would appoint Nathaniel Persily, a Stanford law professor, as a “special master” to help them further evaluate the districts and, if necessary, redraw them. Republican lawmakers said the new proposed districts could not be unconstitutional based on race because they did not consider it as a factor at all when drawing the new lines. Michael McDonald, a political science professor at the University of Florida who has served as an expert witness in other gerrymandering cases, said Persily’s appointment was a signal the court was suspicious of the GOP’s new plan.” (Huffington Post, 10/26/17)

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