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North Carolina State AFL-CIO Calls on Burr to Retract Out of Touch Comments about Unemployed

For over 450,000 unemployed North Carolinians, the emergency is as real as ever

Raleigh, NC – Today, North Carolina State AFL-CIO President James Andrews released the following statement in response to Sen. Richard Burr's recent comments that unemployment is "no longer an emergency." Burr made the comments in an interview yesterday with Politico:

"Working families across North Carolina deserve a leader who understands what they're going through in this tough economy. If Senator Burr really thinks unemployment is 'no longer an emergency,' he should ask the thousands of hardworking North Carolinians who have lost their jobs and are actively looking for work if they think this is not an emergency situation for their families. Burr should immediately apologize for his hurtful and out of touch remarks and pledge to support future extensions of jobless aid as needed."

The full article in which the comments appeared is available here:
<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0710/40051.html>