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Raleigh, N.C. – **U.S. Rep. Brad Miller** will spend the day in Person County, Tuesday, March 30th to meet with workers who are retraining and business owners to talk about job loss and problems preventing businesses from operating successfully.

The Employment Security Commission ranks the jobless rate in Person County at 12.7 percent which was up 1.9 percent from its 10.8 percent jobless rate in December 2009.

"Many financial institutions have pulled back from making small business loans as a result of the financial crisis," **Rep. Miller** said. "Small business owners say they have great difficulty accessing credit in order to hire new workers and expand their businesses and preserve jobs."

The Congressman plans the following meetings in Rockingham County:

What: Rep. Miller will meet with Piedmont Community College students and program directors

in the Jobs Now Program, funded through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. He will hear stories about job loss and how workers are retraining.

When: Tuesday, March 30th, 10 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Where: Piedmont Community College, 1715 College Dr., Roxboro

What: Rep. Miller will attend the Piedmont Community College Foundation kick-off luncheon.

When: Tuesday, March 30th, 11:30 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.

Where: Piedmont Community College, 1715 College Dr., Roxboro

What: Rep. Miller will host a Small Business Forum; Assessing Lending Challenges in the 2010 Economy to hear from small business owners.

When: Tuesday, March 30th, 1 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Where: Piedmont Community College, 1715 College Dr., Room E-150, Roxboro

What: Rep. Miller will discuss the Community Reinvestment Act at the Business Development and Entrepreneurship Center with Director Randy Reynolds

When: Tuesday, March 30th, 2:30 P.M. to 3 P.M.

Where: Piedmont Community College, 17 15 College Dr., Room E-150, Roxboro

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