

# Deborah “Deb” Butler

## *Background Report*

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## Summary of Findings

Deborah Armfield “Deb” Butler is a 61-year-old, third term legislator in the North Carolina House. An attorney and real estate investor, Butler is well-known in New Hanover County, where she owns several small properties that provide rental income.

Butler is currently single after her wife, Maria Antoinetta Parr “Anni”, died at age 52 in December 2018. In what was described as an unexpected death, Anni continues to appear in Butler’s biographies online. She left behind a modest estate, which listed Butler and Anni’s father as beneficiaries. Anni handled grants for a local engineering firm in Wilmington.

According to records in New Hanover County, Butler had a significant number of real estate transactions – at least 449. A cursory review of the records did not show anything of significance beyond being named as the trustee in two foreclosure filings. In October 2014, the City of Wilmington placed a lien over \$300 on one of Butler’s properties for their work in clearing the premises of debris, weeds, and other nuisance items. She was also the plaintiff in dozens of eviction proceedings against renters. These filings show that many of the individuals facing foreclosure in these cases are black and likely impoverished. Many of these properties were put into the names of LLCs operated by Butler in recent years.

Butler was also the subject of at least nine traffic citations. While a few were dismissed, she pled down the speeding tickets to improper equipment – speedometer – in most cases, which resulted in fines and court costs. On a couple occasions, Butler was sued by tenants or tenants of companies for which she served as registered agent. She failed to appear in court, and judgments were made against her. Butler is listed as a registered agent in at least 21 businesses in North Carolina.

Butler decided to run for North Carolina State Senate in 2012. The well-funded race ended with Butler losing by 8 points and 8,000 votes. After losing the race, Butler and her treasurer permitted her committee to fall behind. At its worst, the committee faced \$1,500 in penalties. After she was appointed to North Carolina House, when her predecessor accepted an appointment by Governor Roy Cooper, Butler agreed to pay \$1,000 and make filings to bring her committee into compliance. Following her early 2017 appointment, she easily won reelection in 2018 and 2020. Since 2012, she itemized more than \$461,000 from individuals and businesses. Much of this, more than \$80,000 from Democratic candidates and committees.

As a contributor to others, Butler’s personal contributions in North Carolina totaled more than \$362,000, including \$350,000 given and loaned to her own campaign committees. She gave just \$455 to federal candidates and committees, including small dollar amounts to Joe Biden for President and MoveOn.org.

# Background and Biography

## Identifying Information

Name: Deborah “Deb” Armfield Butler

DOB: April 28, 1961

Address: 401 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401

Family: Wife: Maria Antonietta “Anni” Parra – died on December 28, 2018 at age 52

## Biography

The following information was taken from Butler’s campaign website:

**A native of North Carolina, Representative Butler's roots run deep in the Old North State. Growing up in NC is such a source of pride for Deb. She remembers thinking how progressive North Carolina was as a southern state back then.**

**Our roads, our public education system, and our community college and university systems served as models nationwide and were the envy of other states. She looks forward to continuing her service to the citizens of NC as we work together to guarantee a stellar public education for all of our children, to build state of the art infrastructure, and to cultivate a culture that welcomes new businesses to NC. There is still much work to do to rebuild our national reputation, but she is eager and optimistic about the future of NC and wants to continue to be a part of it!**

Because her campaign website does not elaborate on her personal life, the following information was taken from Wikipedia.

**Butler identifies as lesbian. She is one of four openly LGBT officeholders currently serving in the North Carolina state legislature, alongside caucus colleagues Marcia Morey, Allison Dahle and Cecil Brockman.**

**Butler works as a lawyer in Wilmington, North Carolina. She married Anni Parra in 2015.**

## Voter Registration

Butler registered to vote in New Hanover County on December 15, 1994 (ID: 000000131938). She affiliated with the Democratic party. She skipped several primary election in the 1990s and all elections during 2006.

<b>Election</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Party Affiliation (if applicable)</b>
11/3/1998 General	In-Person	
5/2/2000 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/7/2000 General	In-Person	
10/9/2001 Municipal	In-Person	
11/6/2001 Municipal	In-Person	
11/5/2002 General	In-Person	
10/7/2003 Municipal	In-Person	
11/4/2003 Municipal	In-Person	
7/20/2004 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
8/17/2004 Second Primary	In-Person	Democratic
9/14/2004 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/2/2004 General	In-Person	
10/11/2005 Municipal	In-Person	
10/9/2007 Municipal	In-Person	
5/6/2008 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/4/2008 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
5/4/2010 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
6/22/2010 Second Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/2/2010 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/8/2011 Municipal	In-Person	
5/8/2012 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
7/17/2012 Second Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/6/2012 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/5/2013 Municipal	In-Person	
5/6/2014 Primary	In-Person	Democratic
11/4/2014 General	In-Person	
11/3/2015 Municipal	In-Person	
3/15/2016 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
6/7/2016 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/8/2016 General	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/7/2017 Municipal	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
5/8/2018 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	
11/5/2019 Municipal	One-Stop Early Voting	
3/3/2020 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic
11/3/2020 General	Absentee by Mail	
11/2/2021 Municipal	One-Stop Early Voting	
5/17/2022 Primary	One-Stop Early Voting	Democratic

**Professional License**

Butler holds at least two professional licenses with the State of North Carolina.

- Licensed attorney in NC since 2/28/1992 (ID: 18632).
- Licensed real estate broker in NC since 2/1/1996 (ID: 156658).

# Legal and Financial Records

## Statements of Economic Interest

Butler filed multiple Statements of Economic Interest with the North Carolina Ethics Commission dating back to calendar year 2016.

### *Employer and Occupation*

- 2016, 2018 to 2020 - Attorney, The Butler Firm PLLC
- 2017 - Legislator

### *Family*

- Maria “Anni” Parra – Spouse
  - 2016 to 2018 – Grant Administrator at Talbert and Bright (Engineering Firm)

Parra died in December 2018 after a short, unexpected illness at age 52. Her interests no longer appear in Butler’s forms after that date.

### *Real Estate*

Butler lists 100% ownership in property in Wilmington, New Hanover County, NC in 2016 and 2017. By 2018, she included a separate table showing her real estate holdings:

- 100% interest – 401 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, NC (New Hanover)
- 100% interest – 221 Dobbs Street, Wilmington, NC (New Hanover)
- 100% interest – 1105 S. Front Street, Wilmington, NC (New Hanover)
- 100% interest – 1408 Ann Street, Wilmington, NC (New Hanover)
- 100% interest – 212 Nancy Street, Lake Waccamaw, NC (Columbus)
- 100% interest – 1927 Hudson Drive, Wilmington, NC (New Hanover)
- 100% interest – 2722 S. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, NC (New Hanover)
- 100% interest – 803 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, NC (New Hanover)
- 100% interest – Crabapple Lane, 2 lots, Lake Waccamaw, NC (Columbus)
- 100% interest – Alligator Lake, 1 lot, Burgaw, NC (Pender)
- 100% interest – 202 Meares Street, Wilmington, NC (New Hanover)
- 50% interest – 619 N. Shore Drive, Surf City, NC (Pender)

In 2021, Butler returned to just listing 100% interest in property in Wilmington, New Hanover County.



### ***Financial Interests***

In 2018, Butler listed holdings exceeding \$10,000 in four stocks. The interests appear in subsequent filings until 2021, when they no longer appear. In 2021, she disclosed interest in Rivian Automotive.

- HBAN – Huntington Bancshares Incorporated
- HST – Host Hotels and Resorts Inc.
- MINDX – Matthews India Fund Investor Class
- OAKGX – Oakmark Global Fund Investor Class

### ***Interests in Non-publicly Owned Companies***

In 2018, Butler disclosed her interest in The Butler Firm and a second company called 28401 Holdings LLC. She is a managing member in the later business. In 2021, she listed Pickleview Partners LLC as an additional holding.

### ***Liabilities***

- Butler
  - 2016 to 2020 – Chase Mortgage
  - 2016 to 2020 – BBT Mortgage
  - 2016 – Bank of America Credit Card
- Maria
  - 2016 to 2017 – Investment Mortgage
  - 2016 to 2017 – Student Loan
  - 2017 – Capital One Credit Card

### ***Income Sources***

- Butler
  - 2016 to 2021 – Salary, The Butler Firm
  - 2016 to 2017 – Passive Income, Rental Houses
  - 2017 – Capital Gains, Sale of Real Estate
  - 2021 – Salary, North Carolina General Assembly
  - 2021 – Rental Income, 28401 Holdings LLC
  - 2021 – Interest, Municipal Bonds
  - 2021 – Interest, Financial Institutions/Savings
- Maria
  - 2016 to 2018 – Salary, Talbert Bright

### ***Legal Work***

Butler disclosed her legal work as focused on real property and corporate law.

## **Property Records**

Butler owned at least ten parcels in the greater Wilmington area during the past thirty years. Several of these parcels were transferred to a holding company during the past two years.

### ***401 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, NC 28401***

(APN: R05405-030-001-000)

- Purchased in November 1997
- 3,272 square foot, 4-bed, 4-bath duplex on 0.13 acres valued at \$427,600 in 2020

### ***619 N Topsail Drive, Surf City, NC 28445 (Pender County)***

(APN: 4245-11-7696-0000)

- Purchased by Peggy Canady and Deborah Butler on May 23, 2016 for \$188,000
- 972 square foot, 2-bed, 2-bath cottage on 0.14 acres valued at \$206,611 in 2020

### ***Riverview Drive, Pender County, NC (Pender County)***

(APN: 3340-88-9692 -0000)

- Purchased on
- Vacant land valued at \$12,927

### ***306 Crabapple Ln, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450 (Columbus County)***

(APN: 0020333)

- Purchased on August 25, 2006 for \$115,000
- Previously owned with Sonya Jean Byerly
- 0.67 acres valued at \$6,900 in 2020
- Sold to 28401 Holdings LLC for \$135,000 on August 31, 2016

### ***4082 Waccamaw Shores Road, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450***

(APN: 0019709)

- Valued at \$55,800

### ***221 Dobbs Street, Wilmington, NC 28412***

(APN: R06505-010-024-000)

- Purchased by Deborah Butler and Peggy Canady, both single, on September 20, 1995
- Secured a \$72,000 loan through PNC Bank
- Transferred to 28401 Holdings LLC on December 22, 2020

***1105 S Front Street, Wilmington, NC 28401***

(APN: R05413-017-002-000)

- Purchased by Butler in June 1996 and transferred to 28401 Holdings LLC
- Sold to Michael E. Bledsoe Sr. on May 21, 2021

***1408 Ann Street, Wilmington, NC 28401***

(APN: R05406-026-020-000)

- Purchased by Butler in October 2003
- Transferred to 28401 Holdings LLC on December 24, 2020

***1927 Hudson Drive, Wilmington, NC 28403***

(APN: R05407-026-011-000)

- Purchased by Butler in August 2001
- Transferred to 28401 Holdings LLC on December 29, 2020

***2722 S 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. C, Wilmington, NC 28412***

(APN: R06019-003-010-007)

- Purchased on September 15, 2004
- Transferred to 28401 Holdings LLC on December 29, 2020

**Recorded Documents – New Hanover County**

Butler is the subject of 449 records in New Hanover County. While most are traditional deeds, mortgages, releases, and similar documents, she was listed as the trustee in at least two foreclosure proceedings resulting from someone else's non-payment. We did not itemize all documents, as there were hundreds, and it would not have provided us with any additional information about Butler that could be a vulnerability.

**Recorded Documents – Pender County**

The following documents were recorded in Pender County and list Butler as a party:

- Peggy Canady and Deborah Butler previously owned a Surf City, NC parcel as “tenants in common”, but on January 29, 2019, they filed a quit claim deed announcing themselves as “both unmarried as Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship.”

## **Legal Records**

### ***Traffic Filings***

- Drive/Allow MV No Registration (case no. 02CR015468)
  - Filed on July 24, 2002 in New Hanover County
  - Dismissed without leave by DA
- Speeding, 88 mph in a 70mph zone (case no. 05CR001261)
  - Filed on March 13, 2005 in Pender County
  - Responsible for lesser, Improper Equipment - Speedometer
- Speeding, 68mph in a 50mph zone (case no. 05CR021766)
  - Filed on November 30, 2005 in New Hanover County
  - Responsible for lesser, Improper Equipment – Speedometer
- Speeding, 73mph in a 50mph zone (case no. 06CR703624)
  - Filed on October 5, 2006 in New Hanover County
  - Responsible for lesser, Improper Equipment – Speedometer
- Expired Registration Card/Tag (case no. 09CR009791)
  - Filed on July 16, 2009 in New Hanover County
  - Dismissed without leave by DA
- No Registration Card (case no. 09CR010121)
  - Filed on August 9, 2009 in New Hanover County
  - Dismissed without leave by DA
- Expired Registration Card/Tag and Expired Inspection (case no. 09CR010122)
  - Filed on August 9, 2009 in New Hanover County
  - Dismissed without leave by DA
- Expired Registration, Expired Inspection (case no. 10CR703927)
  - Filed on July 25, 2010 in Brunswick County
  - Dismissed without leave by DA
- Expired Registration Card/Tag and Expired Inspection (case no. 12CR000802)
  - Filed on August 27, 2012 in Pender County
  - Dismissed without leave by DA

### ***Civil Filings***

- Shannon C. Shepard v. Deborah Butler (case no. 21CVM907)
  - Filed on June 10, 2021 in New Hanover County
  - Voluntarily dismissed on July 2, 2021

Shepard filed complaint against Butler for damage caused by a tree that fell onto her home and fence causing almost \$5,000 in damages. The suit was dismissed just a few weeks later.

**Destruction of property. A tree located on the defendant's rental property fell on our fence, causing total destructing of one fence and damaging another. Damage was also caused to the corner roof of the house as well as total destruction of our pergola. The defendant was made aware of the condition of the tree prior to the tree falling and made no attempts to resolve the matter beforehand.**

In 2006, Butler was named as a defendant with Port City Properties and Huberta Sasser by Barry Lantz because his earnest deposit, \$2,565 was not returned as part of a real estate transaction. After Butler and Port City Properties failed to appear in court, Lantz received a judgment against them, plus \$95 in court costs and \$8.43 in interest. The amount was paid in full a few weeks later.

- Barry Lantz v. Deborah Butler, Port City Properties, and Huberta Sasser (case no. 06CV02740)
  - Filed on July 7, 2006 in New Hanover County
  - Sasser dismissed as a defendant and no one else appeared in court – judgement against Butler and Port City Properties totaling \$2,668.43 on July 27, 2006
  - Satisfied in full on August 19, 2006

In October 2012, Butler was sued by John and Theresa Haynie, although the reason for the small claims suit was unclear. She failed to appear in court and was found responsible for the \$434 claim on December 4, 2012.

- John and Theresa Haynie v. Deborah A. Butler (case no. 12CVM3535)
  - Filed on October 12, 2012 in New Hanover County
  - Judgment totaling \$434 on December 4, 2012
  - Paid in full on December 28, 2012

### ***Liens/Judgments***

In October 2014, Butler was the subject of a lien by New Hanover County for cleaning of a parcel. The lien, totaling \$386 plus interest, indicates that the City of Wilmington incurred costs for “*removal of noxious weeds, trash, refuse and other offensive materials...*” for property at 1401 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington.

### ***Butler as Plaintiff (Evictions)***

Butler was listed as the plaintiff in dozens of evictions and attempted evictions in New Hanover County over the past 25 years. Because of the volume of these cases, we did not review all of them in their entirety.

<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Defendant</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
97CVM131	Daryl Moore	Possession
98CVM6263	Calvin Creech	Money Owed
00CVM78	Wilbur Waddell	Money Owed/Summary Ejection

02CVM2152	Cynthia Jenkins	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
02CVM3392	Sherry Wallace	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
02CVM3558	Sherry Wallace	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
02CVM3830	Carrie Hooper	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
03CVM957	Ruby Lawrence	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
03CVM2099	Darren Davenport	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
04CVM3742	Chinita Murphy	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
06CVM668	Sherry Wallace	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
06CVM1643	Brenda Murphy	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
06CVM3931	Chaquetta Floyd	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
07CVM563	Chaquetta Floyd	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
07CVM1819	Natalie Sampson	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
07CVM5255	Tequila James	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
07CVM5585	Tanya Wright	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
08CVM3857	Ruby Stoglin	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
09CVM2724	Tequila James	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
09CVM5602	Oftene Mabry	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
10CVM3279	Brian Self	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
10CVM3622	Tanya Boulware	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
11CVM1950	Rachel Backels	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
11CVM4450	Marcel Tyler	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
12CVM447	Keyana Thomas	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
12CVM2524	Scott Collins	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
13CVM2140	Keyana Thomas	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
14CVM1213	Judith Hansley	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
17CVM321	Tequila James	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
19CVM337	Tequila James	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
19CVM2622	Lavonda Melvin	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
19CVM3243	Lavonda Melvin	Money Owed/Summary Ejection
19CVM3244	Isha Reed	Money Owed/Summary Ejection

***Butler as Plaintiff (as Agent)***

In 2007, Butler aided a company she represented in securing an eviction against a tenant.

- Shawcorp LLC c/o Deborah Butler, Agent v. Natalie Simpson (case no. 07CVM1819)
  - Filed in April 2007 in New Hanover County
  - Judgment totaling \$1,664.77 plus \$97.50 in court costs

***Probate***

Butler served as the administratrix of the estate of her deceased wife, Anni, in 2019. The matter seemed straightforward with Annie having about \$13,000 in tangible assets (vehicle, bank account, etc.) plus \$127,000 in a parcel. Butler and Anni's father, a resident of El Paso, TX, were listed as the two interested parties in the estate.

**Corporate Filings**

Butler is an officer in at least two businesses in North Carolina, as disclosed on her financial disclosure.

<b>Legal Name</b>	<b>Filing No.</b>	<b>Incorporation Date</b>	<b>Officers</b>	<b>Status</b>
Pickleview Partners LLC	NC – 2161557	3/31/2021	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active
28401 Holdings LLC	NC – 1502962	3/7/2016	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active

Butler is listed as a registered agent for more than twenty additional businesses registered in North Carolina.

<b>Legal Name</b>	<b>Filing No.</b>	<b>Incorporation Date</b>	<b>Officers</b>	<b>Status</b>
Worktruck Leasing LLC	NC – 1404905	10/6/2014	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2015
Port City Hospitality Group	NC – 1594904	5/12/2017	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2019
Chika Holdings LLC	NC – 1656815	1/24/2018	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active
Goose50LLC	NC – 1262945	6/5/2012	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active
RZS LLC	NC – 2263774	9/7/2021	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active
Olde Cape Fear Brewing Company	NC – 0335292	12/14/1993	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Revenue Suspension
WB Islander Escape LLC	NC – 1859753	6/25/2019	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active
Twinkles LLC	NC – 1262949	6/5/2012	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2014
LZ & D Properties LLC	NC – 2258119	8/26/2021	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active
CDM Potential LLC	NC – 1436629	3/31/2015	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2017
KMK Realty LLC	NC – 1262944	6/5/2012	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2014

RMLI LLC	NC – 1388977	7/8/2014	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active
ERS Development LLC	NC – 1632073	10/19/2017	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2019
Noble Quest LTD	NC – 0360700	1/26/1995	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 1995
Sleepier Hollow LLC	NC – 1262951	6/5/2012	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2014
53 Emerald Properties LLC	NC – 1385598	6/18/2014	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2016
WER Real Estate of NC LLC	NC – 1230518	11/16/2011	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active
Options Inc. of Wilmington	NC – 0345019	5/18/1994	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2011
RML2 LLC	NC – 1420656	1/8/2015	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Active
Colonial Heights Development LLC	NC – 1597975	5/25/2017	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved – 2020
HappyTime Rentals LLC	NC – 1220071	9/6/2011	Deborah Butler – Registered Agent	Dissolved - 2015



## Political Activities

### Campaign Finance

Butler established a campaign finance committee, Elect Deb Butler (ID: STA-A13TZ9-C-02), formerly known as Deb Butler for Senate (ID: STA-A13TZ9-C-01), with the North Carolina State Board of Elections on March 5, 2012.

Time Period	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand
2/28/2012 – 2/28/2012	\$2,257.00	\$207.00	\$2,050.00
1/1/2012 – 4/21/2012	\$83,993.30	\$5,417.10	\$77,576.20
4/22/2012 – 6/30/2012	\$72,480.19	\$66,124.49	\$83,931.90
7/1/2012 – 10/20/2012	\$66,836.33	\$110,347.25	\$430,420.98
10/21/2012 – 12/31/2012	\$20,224.38	\$58,244.94	\$2,400.42
1/1/2013 – 6/30/2013	\$109.25	\$0	\$2,852.24
7/1/2013 – 12/31/2013	\$0	\$0	\$2,852.24
1/1/2014 – 6/30/2014	\$0	\$0	\$2,852.24
7/1/2014 – 10/31/2014	\$0	\$2,852.24	\$0

After being noticed for non-compliance multiple times until early 2017, Butler paid the penalty assessments against her and made her committee current after being appointed to succeed Representative Susi Hamilton, who received an appointment by Governor Cooper.

Time Period	Contributions	Expenditures	Cash on Hand
2/10/2017 – 2/20/2017	\$1,039.97	\$125.60	\$914.37
1/1/2017 – 6/30/2017	\$13,226.27	\$1,861.68	\$12,278.96
7/1/2017 – 12/31/2017	\$42,836.46	\$11,155.85	\$43,951.55
1/1/2018 – 4/21/2018	\$34,423.45	\$40,221.43	\$38,153.57
4/22/2018 – 6/30/2018	\$8,682.00	\$7,887.93	\$38,947.64
7/1/2018 – 10/20/2018	\$19,644.55	\$41,808.82	\$16,783.37
10/21/2018 – 12/31/2018	\$4,826.60	\$12,069.52	\$9,540.45
1/1/2019 – 6/30/2019	\$7,081.14	\$7,914.12	\$8,707.47
7/1/2019 – 12/31/2019	\$89,511.33	\$24,538.05	\$73,680.75
1/1/2020 – 2/15/2020	\$10,025.41	\$3,943.17	\$79,800.43
2/16/2020 – 6/30/2020	\$16,698.00	\$3,238.00	\$93,260.43
7/1/2020 – 10/17/2020	\$67,473.14	\$141,714.93	\$19,018.64
10/18/2020 – 12/31/2020	\$12,590.68	\$12,348.92	\$18,932.59
1/1/2021 – 6/30/2021	\$936.50	\$2,498.71	\$17,370.38
7/1/2021 – 12/31/2021	\$2,931.00	\$13,366.90	\$6,934.48
1/1/2022 – 4/30/2022	\$111,192.24	\$6,300.52	\$111,826.20

***Contributions by Industry***

Butler itemized more than \$461,500 in contributions, from which she received more than \$80,000 from Democratic candidates and committees and more than \$110,000 from people who described themselves as homemakers, not employed, or retired.

<b>Industry</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pro-Abortion	\$6,600.00
Artist	\$15,375.00
Athletics	\$360.00
Beverage	\$1,000.00
Clergy	\$250.00
Communications	\$1,025.00
Construction and Development	\$7,069.80
Cosmetology	\$1,325.00
Democratic Candidates and Committees	\$80,886.55
Education	\$19,907.74
Engineer	\$3,850.00
Entertainment	\$1,026.31
Environmental	\$3,008.88
Family Members	\$815.12
Finance	\$10,335.00
First Responders	\$630.00
Gaming	\$1,000.00
LGBTQI Issues	\$5,940.00
Government Employees	\$1,750.00
Homemaker or Not Employed	\$60,210.00
Horticulture	\$100.00
Insurance	\$8,850.00
Legal	\$40,219.30
Marketing	\$600.00
Media	\$1,859.25
Medical	\$44,697.07
Military	\$50.00
Miscellaneous	\$34,937.10
Non-Profit	\$11,790.00
Oil Companies	\$1,750.00
Pharmaceutical Companies	\$750.00
Real Estate	\$22,616.72
Restaurant	\$277.13

Retail	\$13,081.87
Retired	\$51,224.58
Small Business Owners	\$950.00
Science and Technology	\$7,570.00
Transportation	\$350.00
Travel	\$2,821.24
Union	\$1,050.00
Utilities	\$2,850.00
Writing/ Publishing/ Editing	\$3,905.12

A complete list of all contributions to Butler is included in a separate excel document.

### **Failed to File/Penalties Assessed**

Following her loss in the State Senate race in 2012, Butler filed sporadically through 2014, but she failed to terminate her Senate committee until a filing in February 2017. The North Carolina State Board of Elections sent notifications, reminders, and terminated her committee's status by mid-2015.

- Non-Compliance Letter – 3/24/2015
- Penalty Assessment Letter – 3/24/2015 (\$500 penalty)
  - Correspondence Returned as Undeliverable – 4/20/2015
- Notice of Termination of Active Status – 6/24/2015
  - Correspondence Returned as Undeliverable – 6/24/2015
- Penalty Assessment Letter – 10/9/2015 (\$1500 penalty)
- Non-Compliance Letter – 10/9/2015
  - Correspondence Returned as Undeliverable – 12/31/2015
- Penalty Assessment Letter – 10/31/2016 (\$1,000 penalty)
- Non-Compliance Letter – 10/31/2016
  - Correspondence Returned as Undeliverable – 11/7/2016
- Certification to Close Committee – 2/6/2017
- Paid Penalty to Close Committee (\$1,000) – 2/6/2017

### ***Audits***

On three occasions since 2018, Butler's committee was audited. None of the audited items resulted in fines or penalties.

- October 19, 2018 – No issues
- July 12, 2019
  - Minor issue regarding date of contribution – no action required
  - Some minor calculation errors (not requiring report amendments)

- February 26, 2021
  - Mathematical Error requiring amended report
  - One joint contribution requiring correction
  - Required amended statement of organization to reflect change in treasurer

## **Elections**

### ***2012 General Election***

After running unopposed in the Democratic Primary for Senate District 9 in 2012, Butler was defeated by more than 8,000 votes in November 2012.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Thom Goolsby (R)	52,955	54.16%
Deb Butler (D)	44,817	45.84%

### ***2018 General Election***

After running unopposed in the Democratic Primary for House District 18, Butler, an incumbent by appointment, defeated a Republican and Libertarian challenger by very comfortable margins.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Deb Butler (D)	17,812	62.43%
Louis Harmati (R)	9,835	34.47%
Joseph D. Sharp (Lib)	885	3.1%

### ***2020 General Election***

After running unopposed in the Democratic Primary for House District 18 in 2020, Butler comfortably defeated her general election opponent, although by a closer margin than in 2020.

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Deb Butler (D)	25,829	59.84%
Warren Kennedy (R)	17,336	40.16%

## **Contributions to Others**

During the past five years, Butler gave \$455 to federal candidates and committees, according to the Federal Elections Commission.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
North Carolina Democratic Party – Federal Committee via ActBlue	9/20/2021	\$35.00
Biden for President via ActBlue	10/14/2020	\$5.00
Biden for President via ActBlue	10/20/2020	\$25.00

Biden for President via ActBlue	10/19/2020	\$25.00
Biden for President via ActBlue	9/29/2020	\$50.00
Biden for President via ActBlue	9/28/2020	\$20.00
Hank Gilbert for Congress via ActBlue	9/13/2020	\$10.00
Biden Victory Fund via ActBlue	9/12/2020	\$25.00
Biden for President via ActBlue	9/1/2020	\$20.00
Biden for President via ActBlue	8/19/2020	\$25.00
Doug Jones for US Senate via ActBlue	2/6/2020	\$12.50
McGrath for US Senate via ActBlue	7/9/2019	\$25.00
DSCC via ActBlue	2/6/2020	\$12.50
O'Connor for Congress via ActBlue	8/5/2018	\$5.00
DSCC via ActBlue	12/6/2017	\$10.00
MoveOn.org	11/2/2016	\$50.00
North Carolina Democratic Party – Federal via ActBlue	7/17/2020	\$50.00
Democratic Executive Committee of Florida via ActBlue	7/17/2020	\$50.00

### *State Contributions*

In North Carolina, Butler's contributions total more than \$362,000. Most of this, more than \$350,000 was given to her own committee for State Senate and State House.

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Committee To Elect Leslie Cohen	3/1/18	\$150.00
Committee To Elect Harper Peterson	6/29/18	\$200.00
Committee To Elect Harper Peterson	8/2/18	\$100.00
Elect Adam Ericson	1/7/20	\$100.00
Albert D Kirby, Jr. Campaign Committee	8/25/20	\$150.00
Committee To Elect Jessica Holmes	9/17/20	\$100.00
Holley For Nc	9/20/20	\$200.00
Committee To Elect Harper Peterson	10/24/20	\$250.00
Elect Deb Butler	4/21/18	\$35.00
Elect Deb Butler	7/24/18	\$245.00
Elect Deb Butler	8/21/18	\$75.00
Elect Deb Butler	9/28/18	\$30.00
Elect Deb Butler	10/5/18	\$69.55
Elect Deb Butler	3/22/19	\$255.00
Elect Deb Butler	4/10/19	\$150.00
Elect Deb Butler	4/11/19	\$390.00
Keep Judge Chris Brook	10/28/19	\$75.00
Elect Deb Butler	1/8/20	\$50.00
Brian Farkas For Nc House	1/23/20	\$1,000.00
Elect Deb Butler	4/29/22	\$50,000.00

Elect Deb Butler	12/29/17	\$25,000.00
Elect Deb Butler	4/29/22	\$50,000.00
New Hanover Dec	6/8/19	\$125.00
Elect Deb Butler		\$0.00
Josh Stein For Attorney General	10/20/16	\$250.00
Elect Rob Zapple	3/25/18	\$100.00
Elect Deb Butler	2/1/17	\$25.00
Elect Deb Butler	2/10/17	\$49.00
Elect Deb Butler	2/12/17	\$65.97
Elect Deb Butler	10/30/17	\$128.39
Elect Deb Butler	12/29/17	\$25,000.00
Planned Parenthood Action Pac Nc	8/22/18	\$100.00
Nc Realtors Pac	12/2/15	\$25.00
Nc Realtors Pac	10/28/16	\$21.00
New Hanover Dec	8/31/11	\$75.00
Deb Butler For Senate	2/28/12	\$207.00
Deb Butler For Senate	3/6/12	\$25.00
Nc Dec - State	3/20/12	\$250.00
New Hanover Dec	8/1/12	\$100.00
New Hanover Dec	12/19/12	\$15.00
Nc Dec - State	12/15/17	\$500.00
Nc Dec - State	12/31/17	\$500.00
Nc Dec - State	7/6/18	\$1,000.00
Craven Dec	3/13/20	\$500.00
Deb Butler For Senate	4/21/12	\$50,000.00
Deb Butler For Senate	6/30/12	\$50,000.00
Deb Butler For Senate	4/21/12	\$50,000.00
Deb Butler For Senate	6/30/12	\$50,000.00
Barnett For City Council	10/3/17	\$100.00
Committee To Elect Gary K. Shipman For Nc House	3/20/18	\$150.00
Committee To Elect Marcia Morgan	10/15/19	\$375.00
Committee To Elect Marcia Morgan	7/23/20	\$100.00
Lillians List Of Nc	7/13/11	\$150.00
New Hanover Dec	8/31/17	\$650.00
Committee To Elect Marcia Morgan	2/21/18	\$200.00
New Hanover Dec	3/4/18	\$40.00
New Hanover Dec	3/12/18	\$40.00
New Hanover Dec	3/13/18	\$20.00
Committee To Elect Marcia Morgan	5/14/18	\$50.00

New Hanover Dec	7/1/18	\$150.00
New Hanover Dec	7/6/18	\$250.00
New Hanover Dec	9/1/18	\$40.00
New Hanover Dec	9/5/18	\$80.00
Committee To Elect Marcia Morgan	10/30/18	\$200.00
Barbara S Yates-Lockamy For Nc Senate	10/31/18	\$250.00
New Hanover Dec	11/27/18	\$100.00
New Hanover Dec	12/11/18	\$70.00
Haynes For Council	8/26/19	\$50.00
Elect Deb Butler	10/13/19	\$200.00
Elect Deb Butler	1/8/20	\$25.00
Committee To Elect Christy Clark	2/6/20	\$1,000.00
Committee To Elect Raymond Smith	2/7/20	\$500.00
Turn Nc Blue	2/26/20	\$150.00
Nc Dw	9/19/20	\$125.00

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