



Public Policy Priorities

January 20, 2015

Economic Self Sufficiency

- **Raise the minimum wage**– *Support legislation bringing the minimum wage in line with the current economy.*
- **Close the gender pay gap** - *Promote legislation supporting equal pay policies and practices*

Education

- **Increase support for quality, locally governed public education** – *Support legislation restoring recent funding cuts to public education in North Carolina; develop teacher salary schedules which reward professional development and longevity.*
- **Promote educational opportunities for girls and women** – *Support funding for Title IX and STEM programs*

Health Care

- **Expand Medicaid** – *Support action to accept new federal Medicaid funds to expand insurance coverage to low-income North Carolinians.*

These priorities were proposed by the AAUW NC Public Policy Committee and endorsed by the AAUW NC Branch Presidents on January 15, 2015.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a national organization that advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

There are more than 1500 AAUW members and supporters in North Carolina. NC has 18 AAUW branches, including a state-wide virtual branch. Twenty-one higher education institutions in NC are AAUW partners.