

## **Candidate Responses:**

**How will you bring jobs to Pender County?**

### **Debbi Fintak**

State Government's role is to create a level playing field so that all citizens have the access and opportunity to obtain gainful employment and to support businesses so that they can grow and create jobs. To have that happen in our county we must improve in a variety of areas including education, infrastructure, and incentives.

This current economy depends on motivated and innovative individuals. People who have knowledge and skills that are fostered by investments in the public libraries, schools and universities. More resources with programs in technology, research and vocational training. Broadband needs to be easily accessible throughout the county. These programs and resources should be prioritized and funded, Then we can provide a workforce desirable to businesses.

At the same time, we must invest in infrastructure which will make the county attractive for people to work and businesses to thrive., We need to invest in improving roads, and reducing traffic so as to connect individuals to the resources they need. Building more affordable housing would also make our community a better place to work and live. Incentives can bring businesses to the area or bring them back as in the film industry.