

## CCDP Weekly News Digest July 4, 2022

### Take Action!

#### Urge Governor Cooper to Veto SB 101 ("Show Me Your Papers")

A message from Yahel H. Flores, Carolinas State Director, American Business Immigration Coalition:

SB 101 has just passed the North Carolina Senate, and Governor Cooper has 10 days to veto the bill. **Please sign your name [HERE](#) for a letter urging Governor Cooper to veto this bill by July 5.** SB 101 is a "show me your papers" bill that requires local law enforcement to execute the duties of federal law enforcement through forced compliance with ICE detainee requests. This bill would harm our economy, drive up labor shortages, and worsen the out-of-control inflation for every American family. There are more than [800,000](#) immigrants living in North Carolina, contributing [\\$6.4 billion](#) annually in local, state, and federal taxes. Please help us stop SB 101 from harming our businesses by signing your name [HERE](#) by July 5.

June 30, 2022

The Honorable Governor Roy Cooper  
North Carolina State Capitol  
[1 E Edenton Street](#)  
[Raleigh, NC 27601](#)

Dear Governor Cooper,

As North Carolina business leaders, we urge you to oppose proposed Senate Bill 101 which would harm our economy, drive up labor shortage, and worsen the out-of-control inflation for every American family. SB 101 requires local law enforcement to execute the duties of federal law enforcement through forced compliance with ICE detainee requests. We respectfully ask that you veto this bill.

SB 101 would harm North Carolina's immigrant communities by subjecting them to undue fear and harassment, and it would harm businesses who have come to rely on their labor every day. This bill would encourage racial profiling and discrimination against immigrants in North Carolina. It would erode trust between law enforcement and North Carolina's immigrant community, and create unnecessary disruption to the workforce when employers are already facing acute labor shortage.

That is why, in addition to employers, this bill is also opposed by Sheriffs Gary McFadden (Mecklenburg County) and Gerald M. Baker (Wake County), whose counties are home to 20% of all North Carolinians. Sheriffs know that the core duty of local police is community safety, not federal immigration enforcement. Immigrants are more likely to report crimes and come forward as witnesses to crimes when they are not afraid. SB 101 erodes trust between law enforcement and local police which endangers safety for all North Carolinians.

This bill costs as North Carolina faces an unprecedented labor shortage and rising food costs. There are more than [800,000](#) immigrants living in North Carolina, who contribute [\\$6.4 billion](#) annually in local, state, and federal taxes. Immigrant workers compose 53.1% of painters, construction workers, and maintenance workers and [49.7%](#) of agricultural workers in the state of North Carolina. Immigrant business owners provide [151,117](#) jobs to the people of North Carolina and their firms contribute \$24.7 billion in sales to the North Carolina economy. North Carolina's agriculture sector accounts for [17%](#) of the jobs in our state, and of those an estimated 150,000 are migrants, each of whose labor contributes more than [\\$12,000](#) in profits to our economy annually. Destabilizing our farm workforce while it already faces a labor shortage can only result in higher labor costs for our farms and higher food prices for every American family.

Voters agree. In 2019, voters in North Carolina's largest counties elected Sheriffs McFadden and Baker who ended cooperation with ICE to strengthen rights and safety of all residents. Voters' reasoning was moral but it was also economic. The poverty rate is on average [2.3%](#) lower and the unemployment rate is [1.1%](#) lower in immigrant-welcoming cities compared to non-immigrant-welcoming cities.

Upending immigrant lives would not only upend North Carolina's workforce, it would undermine the safety and prosperity of every North Carolina family. We urge you to oppose SB101 and use your platform to unleash the economic potential of every North Carolinian including our Dreamers, farm workers and new Americans.

#### Protect Poll Workers in NC with SB 916

A message from Cheryl Carter and Adrienne Kelly, co-executive directors of Democracy North Carolina:

North Carolina election officials deserve to do their job without fear.

In recent days, the Jan. 6 Select Committee presented new evidence of how former President Trump and his allies planned, promoted, and paid for a criminal conspiracy to overturn an election.

Many testified, including [Wardrea "Shaye" Moss, a former Georgia election worker who was the target of a conspiracy theory](#) spread by Trump and his lawyer Rudy Giuliani. They made violent threats towards her and her family, forcing Moss to hide her identity and leave her job.

#### This is not normal or safe.

Election officials are facing a rise in the threats and intimidation statewide. SB 916, the Safeguard Fair Elections Act, is the nation's first voter intimidation and election subversion bill and would establish many protections for voters, poll workers, and election officials.

If the Safeguard Elections Act is passed, it would:

- Effectively protect election officials and poll workers from harassment and threatening their job security.
- Establish concrete definitions for voter intimidation.
- Implement best practices for post-election audits and prohibit sham ballot reviews conducted by outside entities, ensuring that this never occurs in North Carolina.
- Disqualify public officials who refuse to certify free and fair elections by ensuring that our election officials must certify elections.
- Create clear penalties for those who attempt to intimidate voters.

We can't let this cycle continue. [Tell your lawmaker to support the Safeguard Fair Elections Act TODAY!](#)

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#### News from the North Carolina Democratic Party

##### North Carolina Democratic Party Statement on Supreme Court Taking Up Extreme NC GOP Election Case

*North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) Chair Bobbie Richardson released the following statement on news that the United States Supreme Court is taking up Moore v. Harper, an extreme North Carolina Republican election case that would empower state legislators to determine election results:*

"North Carolina Republicans' election case seeks a radical misinterpretation of our U.S. constitution that would have severe implications on future presidential and congressional elections, including empowering state legislators to overturn election results and subvert the will of North Carolina voters. North Carolina Republicans have imposed their extreme agenda by rigging our state's elections and silencing voters to cling desperately onto power. North Carolina Democrats will never stop fighting to elect leaders who will protect our democracy, and we implore the Supreme Court to reject this case."

##### North Carolina Democratic Party Statement on Historic Confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court

*North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) Chair Bobbie Richardson issued the following statement on Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson being sworn in to the Supreme Court:*

"Justice Jackson is a brilliant legal mind with the utmost character, integrity, and understanding of the law and she is a much-needed addition to our nation's highest court. Today's historic swearing in means the Supreme Court better reflects the diversity of our nation – and it was made possible by everyone in North Carolina and across the country who elected President Biden, and no thanks to Senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis who voted against Justice Jackson's confirmation. As conservative Supreme Court justices proactively impose their views from the bench, Justice Jackson will be a fair arbiter of justice for the American people."

#### IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Budd's Bad Record on Women's Health Care

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade was a result of Republicans' relentless attacks on reproductive rights and has now forced U.S. Senate candidate Congressman Ted Budd's record undermining women's rights to make their own health care decisions into the spotlight.

*A reminder of where he stands:*

- Budd celebrated Friday's decision to take away a women's fundamental right to abortion, calling it a "victory."
- He has supported banning abortion even "in cases where a mother's life could be at risk as well as in cases of rape and incest."
- In 2017, he voted for legislation that would impose a nationwide ban on abortion at 20 weeks of pregnancy.
- He supports legislation that could outlaw abortion and common forms of birth control.
- A 2018 op-ed penned by Budd noted his support for completely defunding Planned Parenthood.

#### North Carolina Local Papers: Republicans Are to Blame for SCOTUS Decision

In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, local papers' coverage highlights both the stakes of the 2022 election and how the decision is a direct result of Republicans' decades-long, unrelenting war on abortion rights.

While abortion is still legal in North Carolina, Governor Cooper's and Democratic candidates are the last line of defense as in-state Republicans work to enact their unpopular, anti-choice MAGA agenda of restricting reproductive rights.

Here's what local papers in North Carolina are saying:

##### Charlotte Observer: [Opinion: Save it, North Carolina Republicans, Banning Abortion Isn't Protecting Lives](#)

Millions of Americans have effectively been rendered second-class citizens — and Republicans in North Carolina are celebrating.

...Republicans insist this is about something righteous — protecting life. It is not, and it never was. It is about controlling people and their bodies. Because one thing is clear: banning abortion does not make anyone safer, and it certainly does not make people freer.

...So, while Republicans gleefully bask in their "victory," the rest of us will be mourning our loss. Because this decision is not a win. As a woman, I've long understood that the Republican politicians who claim to represent me don't really care about me or my rights. I wish they would stop pretending that they do.

##### Charlotte Observer: ['Loudly and clearly.' How Supreme Court's abortion ruling could affect NC Senate race](#)

At a news conference Friday in Raleigh, Democratic nominee Cheri Beasley, the former N.C. Supreme Court chief justice, said the ruling has brought the country to a turning point, one that she hoped would energize Democratic voters.

...Bobbie Richardson, chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party, also framed the November election around abortion rights. "This decision raises the stakes in this year's election in a major way," Richardson said during Beasley's press conference Friday. "It has never been more important to elect leaders who will protect abortion and a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions."

##### News & Observer: [Letters to the Editor: Abortion ruling turns women like me into second-class citizens](#)

...We must stand up to Republicans and the tyranny of the minority. The only recourse we have left is to vote, protest and demand accountability. I fear for our future as a democracy, but I'm not without hope that together we are stronger than the arrogant forces trying to keep us down.

##### WRAL: [Editorial: Now it's voters turn on the status of abortion](#)

Donald Trump would he would, and did, appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices who "will be pro-life." During the 2016 campaign Trump said reversal of Roe v. Wade would happen "automatically in my opinion" because he'd be nominating several justices. Friday that pledge came to fruition. The three judges Trump appointed joined three others.

...It is no exaggeration to say that "Roe is on the ballot." North Carolina voters will elect members of the state legislature, U.S. House of Representatives and a U.S. senator along with key judges on the state Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

#### ICYMI: Congressman Budd Voted Against Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

In the wake of the Uvalde, Texas, school shooting, lawmakers got to work on a bipartisan gun safety bill that begins to address calls for change from families devastated by gun violence. Despite both North Carolina Republican Senators Burr and Tillis' support, Congressman Ted Budd [voted against](#) the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, legislation that will save lives.

Here's exactly what Congressman Budd voted against:

- \$750 million to fund crisis intervention, including red flag laws to keep guns out of the hands of people who are a danger to themselves and to others
- \$300 million to strengthen school security outside of schools, hire additional school resource officers, and train students, school personnel, and law enforcement to identify signs of violence or a mental health crisis
- Closes what's known as the "boyfriend loophole," so if you assault your girlfriend or boyfriend you can't buy or own a gun
- A requirement for young people aged 18-21 to undergo enhanced background checks
- The first federal law that makes gun trafficking and straw purchases distinct federal crimes
- Clarification for who needs to register as a federally licensed gun dealer and run background checks before selling a gun
- Historic funding to address the youth mental health crisis in this country, especially the trauma experienced by survivors of gun violence
- Investments in anti-violence programs to work directly with people who are most likely to commit gun crimes or become victims of gun crimes

#### NCDP Statement on Rep. Murphy Saying 'No one forces anyone to have sex'

*North Carolina Democratic Party Spokesperson Ellie Dougherty released the following statement on Republican Congressman Greg Murphy's (NC-03) tweet, which stated 'No one forces anyone to have sex,' following the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade:*

"Congressman Greg Murphy's comments are disgusting, wrong and shameful, but this is just the latest of the NC GOP's attempts to excuse their extreme anti-choice agenda, including from their own U.S. Senate nominee Congressman Ted Budd, that supports abortion bans with no exceptions for rape or incest. North Carolinians deserve answers. North Carolina Republicans should denounce Murphy's disgraceful comments and let North Carolinians know where they stand on abortion exceptions for rape and incest."

#### ICYMI: Rep. Ross, NCDP Chair, Local Leaders Slam NC GOP's Anti-Choice Agenda

Congresswoman Deborah Ross (NC-02), North Carolina Democratic Party (NCDP) Chair Bobbie Richardson, Jillian Riley, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, NC Director of Public Affairs, Tara Romano, Pro Choice NC, Executive Director and Ann Webb, ACLU of North Carolina, Senior Policy Council held a press conference highlighting how the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade is a direct result of Republicans' decades-long war on reproductive rights.

Mitch McConnell admitted that a national abortion ban is [possible](#). In North Carolina, U.S. Senate candidate and Congressman Ted Budd has made clear that he will vote to ban abortion with no exceptions, not even for rape, incest, or to save the life of the mother. North Carolina's Republican legislative leaders are [pushing to reinstate](#) a 20-week abortion ban

[Click here to watch the full event.](#)

"I serve in the U.S. House, where we have a razor thin majority. And with that majority, we have passed the Women's Health Protection Act that would make Roe v. Wade the law of the land. But we do not have enough U.S. Senators to pass this and make it the law. We have the opportunity to do that here in North Carolina with Cheri Beasley, and the contrast could not be more clear with someone who is completely out of touch with the needs of women and families in this state and this country. Choice is on the ballot in November," said Congresswoman Deborah Ross (NC-02).

"Friday was a devastating day for women and families and the blame lays solely at the foot of the Republican Party. This decision is the direct result of Republicans' unrelenting, decades-long, radical war on health care and the right to choose. Republicans like Congressman Budd and GOP leaders in Raleigh continue to prove how dangerous Republican control would be, and we must hold them accountable. Together, we will ensure that the Republicans' extreme, anti-choice agenda is defeated this fall," said NCDP Chair Bobbie Richardson.

"Abortion is still legal in North Carolina, but our access to abortion is hanging by a thread. This year, reproductive freedom is on the ballot. The future of abortion access not only for North Carolinians but the entire Southeast region is on the line in 2022. That means no politicians, no bans, no judges should block our personal medical decisions. It's not over. We have strength in numbers and power in our united voices," said Jillian Riley, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, NC Director of Public Affairs.

"The majority of people in this state and in this country support legal abortion access, yet elected officials continue to treat this critical and long-standing component of reproductive healthcare as a political football, a so-called 'wedge' issue to trade away in exchange for personal power and wealth. Abortion access is on the entire ballot, from the U.S. Senate seat to state lawmakers to district attorneys to officials on town councils and county commissions. In November, we can and will ensure that reproductive freedom will be protected in our state," said Tara Romano, Pro Choice NC, Executive Director.

"The only reason abortion is legal and accessible in North Carolina today is because we have a Governor who supports access to abortion care, and we have just enough lawmakers in the General Assembly who support abortion access to protect our rights. But those margins are extremely tight. Unless we vote like our rights depend on it in November, everything will change in North Carolina in just a few short months. This is a moment for North Carolinians to send a clear message: we are moving forward, and we reject the idea of a backward-looking South," said Ann Webb, Senior Policy Counsel at ACLU of North Carolina.

#### NC Democrats Call Out NC GOP's Extreme Anti-Choice Agenda

This week, North Carolina Democrats are calling out North Carolina Republicans' plans to escalate attacks on abortion rights after their decades-long war to overturn Roe v. Wade. In the aftermath of the Supreme Court's disastrous decision, top Republicans, including U.S. Senate candidate and Congressman Ted Budd, are making clear that they'll try to go even further and work to restrict reproductive rights and ban abortion in North Carolina.

#### Spectrum News: [NCDP Advocates Slam 'Anti-Choice Agenda'](#)

##### WXII 12: [Democrats launch digital ad claiming Republican plan to ban abortion.](#)

**ABC11: [NC Democrats respond to Roe v Wade decision](#)**  
In front of their headquarters, NC Democratic leaders called for attention to how the recent ruling of the Supreme Court on Roe v. Wade would impact North Carolina in upcoming elections.

Just yesterday top republicans attended their abortion lawsuit to clear.

They were asking Democratic Attorney General Josh Stein to go to court to have the block lifted on the state's 20-week abortion ban

Both sides are eagerly asking for change and encouraging voters to make their voices heard at the ballot box this upcoming voting season.

##### CBS17: [Rep. Ross, NC Dems speak out after Roe v. Wade overturned](#)

**CBS17: [Democratic Congresswoman Deborah Ross and other North Carolina Democrats are reacting to the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade.](#)**  
They spoke at a news conference Wednesday morning and CBS 17 asked Ross if anything is in the works to fight the decision.

The North Carolina Republican Party released a statement after Roe v. Wade was overturned, applauding the decision and calling it unconstitutional and flawed.

CBS 17 reached out for further comment Wednesday but as of writing, we haven't heard back.

##### The Daily Reflector: ['No one forces anyone to have sex': Deleted Murphy tweet sparks backlash](#)

A statement from the North Carolina Democratic Party said Murphy's comments fall in line with the state GOP's view of abortion exceptions for victims of sexual abuse.

"Congressman Greg Murphy's comments are disgusting, wrong and shameful, but this is just the latest of the NC GOP's attempts to excuse their extreme anti-choice agenda, including from their own U.S. Senate nominee Congressman Ted Budd, that supports abortion bans with no exceptions for rape or incest," the statement said.

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#### News from Neighbors on Call

##### Governance

- [The legislative session may end with several high-profile issues left unresolved, including raises for teachers and state employees, Medicaid expansion, and medical marijuana legalization, along with many others.](#)

##### Fair Representation

- Three Democratic senators in the NC Senate filed a bill ([SB 916](#)) that would ["make intimidating or threatening elections workers with the goal of interfering with their official duties a crime punishable with up to five years in prison, a \\$100,000 fine, or both."](#) - Lynn Bonner, NC Policy Watch

##### Voting Rights

- [The US Supreme Court ruled that North Carolina in the NC General Assembly could participate in the defense of North Carolina's voter ID law against a suit brought by the NAACP.](#) Republicans had argued that NC Attorney General Josh Stein would not adequately defend the law in court given his previous opposition to the bill. The justices voted 6-1 to allow Republicans to intervene, with Justice Sonia Sotomayor dissenting.

##### Education Policy

- ["A House bill filed last week would give the state Superintendent of Public Instruction control of the State Board of Education."](#) -Greg Childress, NC Policy Watch
- ["State Senate Democrats are calling on state Republican leaders to use state funds to extend free breakfast and lunch to public school students in the upcoming state budget."](#) -Laura Leslie, WRAL

##### Economic Policy

- ["Supporters of sports gambling failed to advance legislation in the North House Wednesday that would have authorized online sports wagering in the state Carolina."](#) -Clayton Henkel, NC Policy Watch
- ["State House agriculture leaders on Wednesday removed a proposal to permanently legalize hemp from the Senate Farm Bill, raising the stakes in a high-profile political standoff that could make a burgeoning industry illegal overnight."](#) -Laura Leslie, WRAL

##### Health Care Policy

- ["A NC House Republican proposal for Medicaid expansion would require the state's health department to negotiate for a work requirement for enrollees before the question of offering health insurance to low-income adults comes to a vote of the legislature."](#) - Lynn Bonner, NC Policy Watch

##### Women's Rights

- ["A bill moving this week at the state legislature seeks to address a long-running issue for victims of sexual assault by tweaking an existing law against hospitals charging victims for the cost of rape kit evidence collection."](#) - Travis Fain, WRAL

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#### News from the New North Carolina Project

- The Leandro case will be heard by the [NC Supreme Court](#) during the week of August 29.
- The NC State legislature released the new budget for \$27.9 billion dollars.
  - o It will not expand Medicaid
  - o It does not reduce taxes
  - o It will give teachers and state workers a raise of an average of 4.2%
  - o It will give [\\$15 million to the ACC](#) if they keep their headquarters in NC.
  - o \$56 billion will go to "opportunity scholarships" to pay for low-income public school students to pay for private school tuition
  - o Transfer of \$1 billion into a new "State Inflationary Reserve" in anticipation of a recession due to the inflation crisis
  - o \$4.8 billion will be invested into the semiconductor industry through Wolfspeed (formerly Cree) which [hopes to bring 1800 jobs](#) to Chatham County
- [The State House passed their own Medicaid expansion bill](#), but it has delays of expansion for months and does not match up with the Senate's expansion bill. But Phil Berger, Phil Moore and Roy Cooper are finally in agreement to expand Medicaid in NC.
- [Transgender people in NC](#) can finally change their gender markers on their birth certificates!

##### SCOTUS News

The Supreme Court of the United States ended their term this week and dropped more catastrophic rulings. Here's a quick look at what happened this week:

[Biden v. Texas](#) - SCOTUS allows the Biden administration to end the Trump executive order on asylum policy known as "remain in Mexico". However, the ruling also leaves lower courts the ability to decide on border policy.

[EPA v. West Virginia](#) - SCOTUS rules that the EPA does not have the authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions that have been causing climate change.

[Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta](#) - SCOTUS rules that states can prosecute crimes against Native American victims committed on reservations if the defendant is not Native American.

[Kennedy v. Bremerton School District](#) - SCOTUS continues to narrow the separation of church and state ruling that the school district violated the constitutional right to free speech and freedom to exercise religion of a football coach at a public high school.

The court [agreed to take on a case](#) in the next term from North Carolina- Moore v. Harper. The case, [according to the Southern Coalition for Social Justice](#), will advance the legal theory that would allow state legislatures to restrict the freedom to vote and fair elections with impunity. In layman's terms, there would be no check on state legislatures when they gerrymander maps or decide the rules of elections.

Justice Bryer officially retired yesterday, June 30 at 12PM. [Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson](#) was sworn in yesterday, to be the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States.

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#### Selected News and Opinion Stories of Note

[TheAssemblyNC.com](#): [Death Notice](#)

[Associated Press](#): [NC Legislators Want 20-Week Abortion Ban to Be Restored](#)

[Triangle Business Journal](#): [Chipmaker Could Bring 1,800-Job Plant to Be Restored](#)

[Carolina Public Press](#): [Abortion Raises Stakes for NC Legislative, High Court Elections](#)

[NPR](#): [How the Supreme Court Could Radically Reshape Elections for President and Congress](#)

[Carolina Public Press](#): [Sustaining Local Farmers With Creative ARPA Funds Application](#)