ASK THE CANDIDATES 2022:
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT

What will you do to help end criminal justice debt in North Carolina?

**FOR COURT ACTORS**—What is your plan to ensure that your jurisdiction follows the new Ability To Pay Rule? Have you established a consistent standard for how or when fines are imposed, such as a sliding scale for assessment based on an individual's ability to pay?

**FOR LOCAL DECISION-MAKERS**—How do you plan to stop fines and fees from preventing community members from obtaining jobs, housing, or other opportunities?

FACTS YOU CAN USE:

In North Carolina, court costs have skyrocketed. The General Court of Justice fee has increased 260 percent (for district court) and 243 percent (for superior court) since 1995. Court-imposed fees have increased 400 percent over the past twenty years.

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North Carolina’s lawmakers can take action to ensure that community members are not trapped in an endless cycle of debt to the court system.

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