



People, Policy, and Power



A LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING FOR NORTH CAROLINA

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Housekeeping Tips and Reminders

- This event is being recorded
- Q&A opportunity following the the 30-minute presentation.
Please put all questions in the chat.
- For IT concerns, please message AshLeigh Pienkosz or email ashleigh@ncjustice.org



Legislative Update



Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project (IRRP) Update



Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project (IRRP)

- **HB10 and Future State Legislation**
- **Deportations, Raids, Emergency Preparedness**
- **Asylum and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) Changes**
- **Educational, Health, and Other Benefits**



Housing, Consumer, & Energy Project Update



Housing, Consumer Protection, Energy

2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

- **Hurricane Helene: push for adequate funds to assist homeowners and renters**
- **Oppose predatory lending and business practices that increase poverty:**
 - “Earned Wage Access”
 - Debt Settlement

Hurricane Relief for Western NC Habitats



Support our
neighbors affected
by Hurricane Helene.



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2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

- **Affirmative Opportunities for Homeowners and Renters**
 - Increase protections against HOA foreclosures
 - Impose regulations on Residential wholesalers/ “We Buy Houses”
 - Address use of eviction records by screening companies



Health Advocacy Project Update



Health Advocacy Project

2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES:

- **Overview of Healthcare in NC**
 - Upcoming Report – Trapped in a Health Care Maze
- **Medicaid Protection Work (Federal/State)**
- **Medical Debt Protections (State)**
- **SAVE Act (State)**
- **Opportunities to Take Action**



Fair Chance Criminal Justice



Fair Chance Criminal Justice



- The Fair Chance Criminal Justice Project partners with impacted people, congregations, concerned community members, advocacy organizations, and decision-makers.
- Its objective is to change local and state policies and practices to make the criminal justice system more fair, from arrest to reentry.

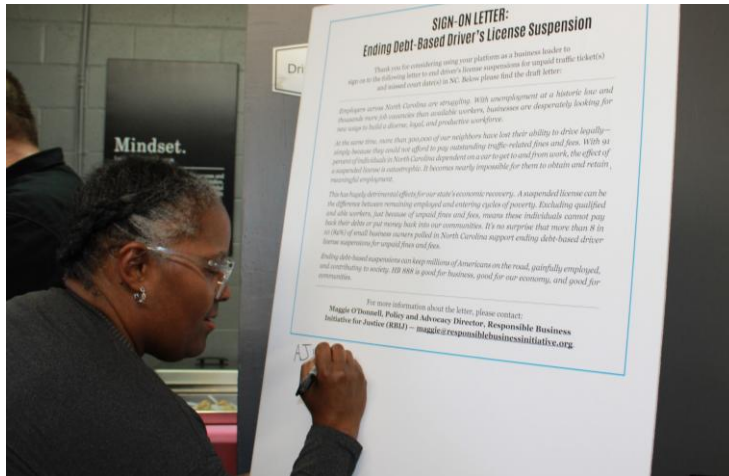
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Driving Opportunities

- End debt-based drivers license suspensions in NC:
 - *Getting drivers back on the road, safely*
 - *Keeping people connected to family, community, and work opportunities*
 - *Strengthening local economies*

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Looking for Ways to Support?

- Learn more about the impacts of debt-based driver's license suspensions in your local community
- Support local efforts to improve access to transportation
- *Join our statewide campaign!*

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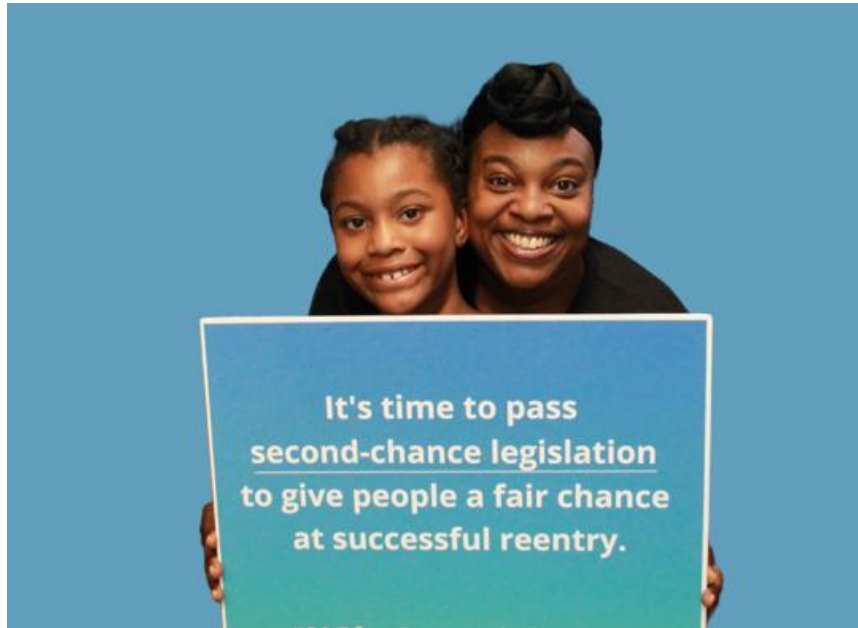


Promoting Recovery

- Lift the ban on food assistance for people with drug-related convictions
 - *Eliminating food insecurity*
 - *Supporting families*
 - *Reducing risk of overdose*



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Looking for Ways to Support?

- Educate yourself on the Felony SNAP ban
- Find opportunities to promote food access in your local community
- Join our statewide campaign!



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Thank you for joining us!



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