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Celebrating Juneteenth

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Steve,

Today is Juneteenth, a celebration to commemorate the day Union Army General Gordon Granger read federal orders proclaiming all slaves were free in Texas on June 19, 1865, two years after the Emancipation Proclamation.

155 years later, we are still fighting against injustices. And now, the call for meaningful, long-lasting change has grown louder with each passing day. Already, we are seeing actions being taken both in our nation's capital and right here in NC-09 to address many systemic problems within our society. This week, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners ruled unanimously on a proclamation declaring racism a public health crisis. And right now, Congress is addressing police accountability with new legislation, the Justice in Policing Act of 2020. But even so, we all must work together to affect the changes we want to see as a community.

At this time, it has never been more important to support organizations that are committed to doing the work to make this nation a more perfect place. No action is too small. I look back on the actions of my father, who co-founded the Effingham County Branch of the NAACP in 1968. He stood up to make a difference in his community. And over fifty years later still makes an impact to this day.

That's why in honor of this year's Juneteenth, [I am asking for you to split a donation between three organizations that are committed to making an impactful change: the NAACP, Black Lives Matter, and the Southern Poverty Law Center.](#)

Together, we can create the change we wish to see in the world.

Warm Regards,

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