

Celebrating many firsts!



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Steve—

As the **first** Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court of North Carolina, I know that representation matters. I appreciate the need to have qualified individuals of all backgrounds serving in all parts of our government so that the voters see themselves reflected in their leaders. And when everyone votes, we elect leaders who reflect our communities, represent our values, and strive to make our government work for all of us.

As I write this, the United States Senate is deciding whether to confirm the historic nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve as the **first** Black woman Justice of the United States Supreme Court. This historic moment is possible, in part, by the strong turnout of rural Black, Hispanic, Native American and Asian American voters in Georgia in 2020. There, two new US Senators were elected making the US Senate essentially 50 - 50 by political party. **I'm excited that the increased engagement of these rural voters of color is the focus of the New Rural Project. They have invited me to be one of their special guest speakers to help celebrate *their* First Anniversary**





RSVP

Rural voters of color have untapped power to elect people who represent their interests, which is why NRP's work is so important. I hope you'll join me at NRP's First-anniversary celebration on April 6th from 7:00 pm ET - 8:00 pm ET. I look forward to speaking with you about what it means to engage rural residents in a meaningful way and how important their votes are.

As the confirmation hearings for Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson continue, I reflect on the importance of our courts and on having Justices sit on the bench who reflect the diverse population of our nation. Judge Jackson is eminently qualified, and her confirmation would strengthen the US Supreme Court — her legal qualifications are sterling, and the diversity of perspectives that she would bring to the Court is incredibly important. We need that same kind of diversity in our voters. Rural voters of color must turnout.

I look forward to speaking with you more about the importance of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation, NRP's work engaging rural voters, and the importance of the upcoming election. [RSVP here!](#)

See you soon,
Patricia Timmons-Goodson





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