

This Black History Month, join us in service and conversation



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Dear Steve,

This Black History Month, we celebrate the extraordinary contributions of Black communities to our rich history and pull inspiration and action from their courage and perseverance. As recent events have cast a shadow over many in our communities, some may be fearful and worried to imagine what the future looks like down this road. We must remind ourselves of the resilience, strength, and enduring spirit that have always defined us and fueled us to fight back.

Like our forefathers, we must [take action](#) against the battle for our rights being threatened. Use and share the [Griffin List tool](#) to see if you or someone you know is one of the people whose ballot is being challenged by Jefferson Griffin.

We invite you to join us in the following events as we continue the fight for justice:



Virtually: New Rural Project is launching our [Urgent Conversations series](#) this year with a critical panel discussion focused on the North Carolina Supreme Court race and Griffin's challenge to 60,000 legal and fair votes – an alarming attempt to undermine our elections and disenfranchise voters of all parties in the 2024 General Election. Those challenged are disproportionately Black and young. One of our focus counties (Anson County) has one of the highest percent of their voters being challenged.

[Join us on Thursday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. for this virtual conversation. You can sign up for the event here.](#)

Phone Banking: We are urging everyone, whether you live in North Carolina or not, to join New Rural Project in phone banking efforts led by Carolina Federation. Together, we will reach out to voters impacted by Griffin's challenge, ensuring they are informed and empowering them to protect their voices at the ballot box.

[Sign up for phone banking dates through February 13 here.](#)

In-person in NC: On **February 15, 16, or 17**, join the growing opposition against Griffin's challenges, [raise your voice at rallies happening across the state](#), and build a pro-democracy movement together.

Let us remember that today's struggles are part of a larger story of resilience and progress. One of Black history's greatest figures, Coretta Scott King, said, "**Struggle is a never-ending process. Freedom is never really won, you earn it and win it in every generation.**" Let the legacy of Black freedom fighters remind us that **even in the face of adversity, hope and determination can light the way forward.**

In solidarity,

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