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The Hon. Pat McCrory, Governor State of North Carolina State Capitol Building Raleigh, N. C. 27602

Dear Governor McCrory:

I write to state my strong opposition to the election reforms contained in House Bill 589 and ask that you veto this regressive legislation.

For years, North Carolina has taken steps that encourage people to vote while maintaining the integrity of the system. Working people and businesses have been grateful for the expanded opportunities to vote early and on weekends which would now be severely restricted. Young people who have been excited about their first opportunity to participate in democracy have appreciated the ability to pre-register so that they are ready to vote at age 18. This law would stop that.

With frequent redistricting and our more mobile population, people sometimes show up at the wrong precinct on Election Day. This law would prevent them from casting a provisional ballot, making it much more difficult for them to vote. Name and address checks have been successful at preventing people from impersonating other voters rendering the voter ID requirement in this law unnecessary, expensive and burdensome.

These are just a few of the problems with this legislation and I am expressing to you my public policy objections and not legal opinions.

With a veto, you can encourage more people to be involved in the political process, stop this bad public policy and prevent the confusion and cost of a legal battle. Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly your

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