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**National**

**CONCEALED CARRY RECIPROCITY**

Sen. Tom Tillis posted on Facebook Tuesday:

“I co-sponsored the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act, legislation that will allow individuals with concealed carry privileges in their home state to exercise those rights in any other state with concealed carry laws while abiding by that state’s laws. This legislation protects and promotes the rights of lawful gun owners while respecting state sovereignty. “

**This proposal is insane, and will only incent states to reduce their concealed carry requirements to the lowest possible level. Residents of states that have reasonable concealed carry limits deserve better. Let Senator Tillis know that you oppose this measure.**

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PARTIAL SHUTDOWN**

The Trump administration on Tuesday said it is calling back tens of thousands of federal workers to fulfill key government tasks, including disbursing tax refunds, overseeing flight safety and inspecting the nation’s food and drug supply, as it seeks to blunt the impact of the longest government shutdown in U.S. history.

The nearly 50,000 furloughed federal employees are being sent back to work without pay - part of a group of about 800,000 federal workers who aren’t receiving paychecks during the shutdown, which affects dozens of federal agencies large and small. A federal judge on Tuesday rejected a bid by unions representing air traffic controllers and other federal workers to force the government to pay them if they are required to work.

The partial government shutdown is inflicting far greater damage on the United States economy than previously estimated, the White House acknowledged on Tuesday, as President Trump’s economists doubled projections of how much economic growth is being lost each week the standoff with Democrats continues.

**The shutdown needs to end NOW to prevent further damage to the nation's economy, and the millions of people who depend on paychecks, inspections, permits, and other necessities based on federal funds. Write Senators Burr and Tillis to demand they seek a clean bill to end the shutdown.**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINATION HEARINGS**There are many items coming out of William Barr's testimony before Congress. Here is one that should scare all of us, as quoted from the Washington Post:

“If William P. Barr wasn’t auditioning to be President Trump’s attorney general, he might as well have been.

There has been some confusion in recent weeks about exactly with whom Barr shared [his memo decrying special counsel Robert S. Mueller III’s obstruction of justice probe](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2018/12/20/trumps-attorney-general-pick-looks-more-more-like-an-anti-mueller-zealot/?utm_term=.90478a52db93#_blank). The [Wall Street Journal initially reported](https://www.wsj.com/articles/trumps-attorney-general-pick-criticized-an-aspect-of-mueller-probe-in-memo-to-justice-department-11545275973#_blank) that he had sent it to Trump’s lawyers, but then the [reference disappeared from the story](https://twitter.com/AaronBlake/status/1075822868108316672#_blank). In his [opening statement for Tuesday’s confirmation hearing](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/01/14/william-barrs-statement-pledging-mueller-transparency-annotated/?utm_term=.c4673fda6fdc#_blank), released Monday morning, Barr disclosed that he “distributed it broadly so that other lawyers would have the benefit of my views” — without saying which lawyers.

But now we have a firm answer, and the answer is: lots of lawyers around Trump. In fact, the vast majority of the leading lawyers around Trump.”

**We need to know NOW that both of our U.S. Senators will demand the release of the full contents of Mueller's report, regardless of attempts to suppress or sanitize it.**

**State**

**NC-09 voters march for justice in vote theft investigation**

The NC State Board of Elections was scheduled to hold a public hearing regarding vote theft in the 9th Congressional District on January 11. But thanks to stonewalling politicians, the hearing is not going to happen anytime soon.

Instead, a group of NC-09 voters [marched from the State Board of Elections building in Raleigh to the U.S. Attorney’s office on Friday](https://progressnc.actionkit.com/go/107299?t=2&akid=69546.321934.Bu5Nu4) to make sure the day did not pass without a clear outcry for justice.

* The people of North Carolina, and especially NC-09 voters, deserve to know the truth about what happened with absentee ballots.
* Republicans at every level in North Carolina, from Mark Harris and the NCGOP to state legislators and even Trump’s U.S. Attorney, have been trying to stonewall and sabotage this investigation at every turn.
* U.S. Attorney Robert Higdon, who took office after Trump fired Obama-era holdovers across the country, [had clear evidence of election fraud](https://progressnc.actionkit.com/go/106964?t=3&akid=69546.321934.Bu5Nu4). But because the election fraud benefitted Republicans, he did nothing.
* The GOP is trying to run out the clock to certify Mark Harris’ illegitimate victory without an investigation. Allowing this to happen would only reward candidates who break the law.

**Republicans need to stop stonewalling and allow a full investigation into Mark Harris’s vote theft scheme. Write SpeakerTim Moore 16 West Jones Street, Rm. 2304, Raleigh, NC 27601-1096) and** **President Pro Tempore Phil Berger (P.O. Box 1309, Eden, NC 27289-1309)**