**VIRTUAL POSTCARD PARTY #193 October 2, 2020**

Issues from September 25, 2020 that still may need additional attention:

* Let the president inaugurated on January 20, 2021 nominate Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s replacement
* Support the integrity of a peaceful presidential transition
* Reopen NC public schools safely
* Make the NCVirtual Public School accountable for the massive infusion of public funds it received

**Addresses for newspapers are at the end of this Suggestion Sheet.**

**Addresses for NC legislators are on our website.**

**FEDERAL**

**AMY CONEY BARRETT NOMINATION – 1  
Stop Trump Coup**  
Donald Trump is trying to steal the election through voter suppression, disinformation, and a blizzard of lawsuits. He explicitly demanded that the Senate confirm Amy Coney Barrett before Nov. 3 so that she can vote on his spurious lawsuits that will attempt to “get rid of the ballots” from inconvenient precincts in every battleground state. He is engaged in an openly corrupt “sale” of a Supreme Court seat to a person whom he understands is already prejudiced to rule in his favor if the Supreme Court must rule on election-related lawsuits.

**Contact Sen. Burr and Sen. Tillis to demand that they commit to vote against Amy Coney Barrett’s nomination unless she pledges to recuse herself from all election-related matters through September 25, 2021.**

**AMY CONEY BARRETT NOMINATION – 2  
14th Amendment denial**From her writings, Judge Barretthas shown herself to be a “14th Amendment denier”, meaning a (crackpot) jurist who questions the legitimacy of the 14th Amendment, in which Section 1 says: “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

In her own words: “Congress has to decide whether to … rely on the power conferred by the possibly illegitimate Fourteenth Amendment.”  Or … “The originalist legislator might have to face questions  … such as the legitimacy of the Fourteenth Amendment.”  [From <https://scholarship.law.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1619&context=jcl> ] Making rulings that deny the validity of the 14th Amendment would invalidate all civil rights legislation ever passed since Reconstruction. For instance, it would throw out Brown v Board of Education as incorrectly decided.

For more about this issue see:

[**https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2020/9/26/1980903/-Why-Trump-s-expected-Supreme-Court-nominee-believes-all-Civil-Rights-legislation-is-illegitimate**](https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2020/9/26/1980903/-Why-Trump-s-expected-Supreme-Court-nominee-believes-all-Civil-Rights-legislation-is-illegitimate)

**Contact Sen. Tillis and Sen. Burr to demand that they commit to vote against Amy Coney Barrett’s nomination unless she makes an explicit commitment to accept the 14th Amendment as the settled law of the land, equal to all other parts of the Constitution, to be given full weight in cases that appear to identify conflicts between the different parts of the Constitution.**

**YOU DON’T GET TO GIVE YOURSELF AN A+ WHEN YOU’VE FAILED THE COURSE**Donald J. Trump’s unbroken record of incompetence and venality has led to tens of thousands of avoidable hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19. His self-validating delusional claims of success would be laughable if they weren’t tragic. Standing in line behind him are all of the Republican candidates in North Carolina, applauding his incompetence and dishonesty. Trump is a would-be Emperor, wearing no clothes (ugh!) and claiming to be arrayed in golden threads of poisonous magnificence.  
  
**Contact any of the Republican candidates to ask them how they can continue this charade. Put the heading message above out on social media. Write letters to the editor of local media.**

**STATE / LOCAL**

**DEFUND CHUCK EDWARDS**

NC Sen. Chuck Edwards has made a name for himself obstructing the effective operation of North Carolina government through his premature reopening stunts, opposition to expanding Medicaid (based on hyper-right-wing ideology without reference to any relevant data), and now threatening to “defund Asheville” because the city government chooses to reallocate scarce funds to better serve the whole Asheville community.

It is time to defund Chuck Edwards, defeat his thoroughly dishonest campaign for another term, and send him back to his undoubtedly squeaky clean real estate business. He is the poster child for white privilege, for denial that institutional racism exists, for staunch opposition to making law enforcement accountable for violations of law and its own rules, and for consistently seeking confrontation and total power rather than serving all of his constituents in finding solutions to the problems we face and concerns we have.

**Contact NC Sen. Edwards to demand that he explain how he is not a reactionary who undermines our region’s political culture such as by refusing to address the concerns that people with eyes and ears feels based on the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and so many others. People of color are invisible toSen. Edwards. Demand that he support an end to qualified immunity in North Carolina, and the many other law enforcement reforms that are essential to restoring our communities’ confidence in law enforcement. Contact local news media to lament Sen. Edwards grandstanding intransigence. Contact NC Senate candidate Brian Caskey to get his public comment on the proposal to “defund Asheville” in the amount that the city reorganizes public safety resources.**

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**CHUCK McGRADY: SPEAK UP TO SUPPORT OUR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS**

Chuck McGrady has always presented himself as a moderate Republican. To our knowledge he has yet to publicly speak out to condemn and counteract Donald J. Trump’s destructive behavior. At the very least, he should speak out to all of us, with particular emphasis for Republicans, to demand people reject Trump’s unfounded charges of voting fraud and to demand that local Republicans speak out in support of a peaceful transition of power in accordance with the well-founded results of this year’s election.   
  
**Contact NC House member, Chuck McGrady, to urge that he speak out in support of the reliability of our election and in support of the peaceful transition of power, explicitly rejecting Trump’s attempts to foment chaos and make people believe his disinformation. If he fails to do so, contact local news media to lament Mr. McGrady’s failure.**

**Newspaper Addresses:**

Raleigh News and Observer

421 Fayetteville St., Suite 104

Raleigh, NC 27601

Hendersonville Times-News

106 Henderson crossing Plaza

Hendersonville, NC 28792

Asheville Citizen-Times

14 O’Henry Ave

Asheville, NC 28801

Hendersonville Lightning

1111 Asheville Hwy.

Hendersonville, NC 28791

Tryon Daily Bulletin

16 North Trade St.

Tryon, NC 28782

Mountain Xpress

2 Wall St. Suite 211

Asheville, NC 28801

Washington Post

1301 K Street NW

Washington, DC 20071

New York Times

620 Eighth Ave.

New York City, NY 10018