
MARGINALIZED POPULATION RIGHTS

NC needs to start recognizing and protecting the rights of all its residents through systemic legislative changes. We need leaders who will respect equal rights and protections for everyone. That starts with having a diverse leadership.

- After playing chicken with the Charlotte City Council and enacting a bill targeting transgendered people (HB2, aka the “Bathroom Bill”), legislators stubbornly refused to budge, despite economic harm to the state, and when they eventually compromised, their [replacement law](#) still hurt transgendered people.
- In 2015, the GOP passed [Protect North Carolina Workers Act](#), a sweeping anti-immigration law that banned sanctuary cities and invalidated consular identification documents.
- Chapter 50B defines domestic violence victims and assailants as persons of the opposite sex, which discriminates against same-sex partnerships. Gay marriage became legal during this supermajority’s reign, yet they have failed to update the laws to recognize it.
- Introduced in 2017, the [Hate Crime Prevention Act](#) (S794) would add sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, ethnicity, disability and gender to the scope of our hate crimes law. This Democratic sponsored bill remains buried in the Rules Committee.
- The [NC Farm Act of 2017](#) restricts the ability of farmworkers to unionize and protect its members, 90% of which are Latino, from unscrupulous employers and inhumane working conditions.

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