

Timeline of Queer & Trans POC-led Resistance to #HB2

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Abstract

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The Most Anti-LGBT Bill in the US

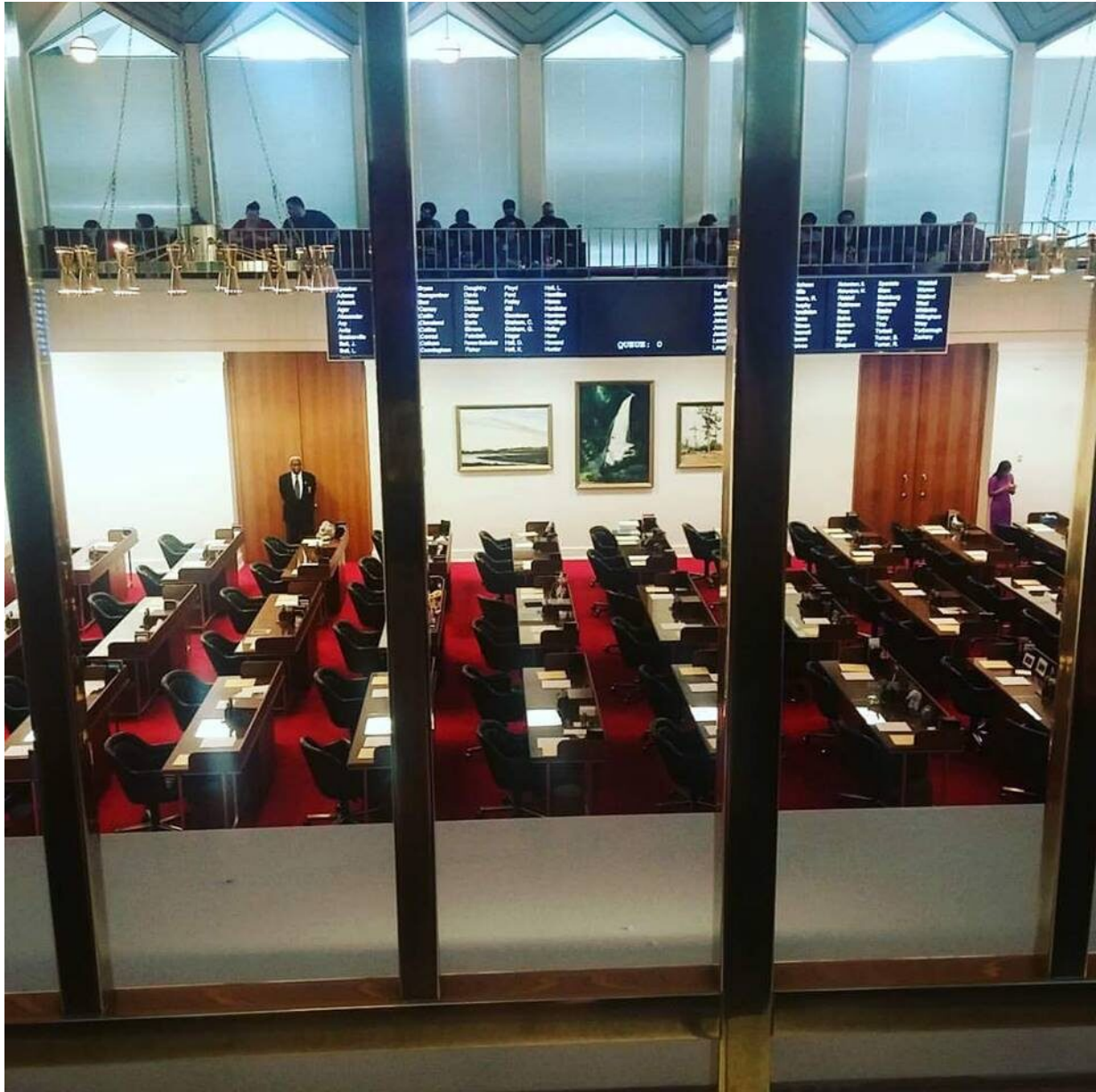
'The most anti-LGBT bill in the country' was passed in North Carolina.

Dozens of activists and rights defenders picketed the governors home in protest. This law stops the passage of legislation to protect the LGBT community from discrimination. bit.ly/1URkO9F

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QTPOC Press Conference on Orlando & HB2

Fortunately, April Parker (an organizer based in Greensboro, NC), along with other members of Black Lives Matter-Gate City (Greensboro, NC) mobilized a group of white people in order to start doing anti-racist work: the Anti-Racist Contingency Serving Under Black Lives Matter-Gate City.



Since the initial mobilization of the Anti-Racist Contingency Serving Under Black Lives Matter-Gate City, the group has worked to get other white people to be monthly retainers for the Reparations Project and the Trans Kindred Fund.

- The Trans Kindred Fund is an emergency fund that is meant to help sustain the lives of transgender people of color, many of whom are organizing every day for the liberation of all people. It helps with means of sustaining one's self, such as monetary help with food, housing, money for hormones (including appointments). The fund was started right after HB2 was passed in order to sustain trans folks.
- The Reparations Project exists to respond to the need to redistribute some of the wealth of white people since white privilege sustains wealth inequalities between the white community and communities of color. The Reparations Project was initiated by April Parker, an organizer based in Greensboro, North Carolina, in January and funds began being distributed in February 2017.

Queer and trans people of color led a screening of a Toilet Training documentary to display the ways in which HB2 can be harmful to the community. In addition to this, the screening showed the power of queer

and trans people in past and current movement work. The screening discusses how North Carolina's House Bill 2 has affected the lives of trans people, in regards to the ridiculous restrictions on what bathroom a trans person would be "allowed" to use. This is based on fear-mongering that is fueled by the image of the fragile white woman, which holds echoes of the Cult of True Womanhood (a 19th-century ideal used to uphold the image of the fragile white woman who needs the protection of a man).



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Toilet Training Screening: HB2 Resistance #BlackTransLivesMatter

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Regardless of the media representation of HB2, as well as the advocacy to repeal it, queer and trans people of color are fighting fiercely for their people and for the liberation of all people. The whitewashing of the history of movements must end in order to recognize the pivotal and life-changing work that many of these queer and trans advocates of color have done to sustain the most marginalized.

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