

**FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION
ACTION ALERT
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TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE ELECTION INTEGRITY IS RESPECTED

To All Participants in the Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation:

FCNCL Policy Statement: We support electoral reform, led by the Religious Society of Friends' (Quaker) testimonies of Equality and Integrity and in support of our FCNCL minute on anti-racism.

Free and fair elections are the bulwark of democracy. This election will require more than just casting our ballots. To protect the integrity of this election we need to consider taking actions that will ensure a peaceful transfer of power.

1. Have a plan for voting and have a backup plan.
2. Get involved (e.g., act to increase turn-out, be a poll watcher).
3. Understand what you need to know to prepare for non-violent civil disobedience in the event that the integrity of the elections is not respected. Several Quakers have helped put together a project called [Choose Democracy](#), which is organizing individuals to commit to vote, to not to accept the results of an election until all votes are counted, and to train for non-violent civil disobedience in the event that the legitimacy of the elections is not respected. There are two other groups organizing as well. One is Hold the Line <https://holdthelineguide.com> and another is the [National Council on Election Integrity](#). The fact that so many reputable individuals are organizing around this concern is cause for us to give this attention.
4. Insist that all votes be counted before declaring a winner and that we maintain the integrity of our election.
5. Contact your NC state legislators and ask them to pledge to support counting all votes and to resist any other actions that would compromise the integrity of the election.
6. Write a **letter to the editor of your local paper** urging your representatives **by name** to pledge to respect counting every vote and to defend the integrity of our election; **also to your state representatives and senators** (<https://www.ncleg.gov/FindYourLegislators>); **to the State Board of Elections** (elections.sboe@ncsbe.gov); **and to your County Board of Elections** urging them to respect the need to count every vote and defend the integrity of our election.

We would like to receive feedback about any action you may take in response to this email. To let us know, or if you have any questions, please contact info@fcncl.org