**For Constituents in NC’s 7th Congressional District:**

I am writing to respectfully request that Congressman Rouzer support the African-American Burial Grounds Preservation Act (H.R.6805). This legislation was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives on February 22nd by Representatives McEachin (D-VA), Adams (D-NC), and Fitzpatrick (R-PA). The bi-partisan legislation would establish a program at the National Park Service to provide grant opportunities and technical assistance to local partners to research, identify, survey, and preserve these historic sites.

North Carolina’s 7th Congressional District contains dozens of African-American burial grounds in desperate need of the grant opportunities and technical assistance that HR.6805 may provide. Examples of African American burial grounds include Maides Cemetery, Freedman’s Cemetery located off Carolina Beach Road, the burial ground located near Hampstead’s Eden Lane that was disturbed by construction in March, 2021, and Southport’s John N. Smith Cemetery, which earned designation on the National Register of Historic Places last year. I call upon Congressman Rouzer to support HR.6805 to advance the preservation efforts of North Carolina’s 7th Congressional District’s African-American Burial Grounds.

**For Senator Tillis:**

I am writing to respectfully request that Senator Tillis support the African-American Burial Grounds Preservation Act (S.3667) introduced into the U.S. Senate on February 17, 2022, by Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and co-sponsored by Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT). The bi-partisan legislation would establish a program at the National Park Service to provide grant opportunities and technical assistance to local partners to research, identify, survey, and preserve these historic sites.

The Lower Cape Fear region contains dozens of African-American burial grounds in desperate need of the grant opportunities and technical assistance that S.3667 may provide. Examples of African burial grounds include Maides Cemetery, Freedman’s Cemetery located off Carolina Beach Road, the burial ground located near Hampstead’s Eden Lane that was disturbed by construction in March, 2021, and Southport’s John N. Smith Cemetery, which earned designation on the National Register of Historic Places last year. I call upon Senator Tillis to support S.3667 to advance the preservation efforts of North Carolina’s African-American Burial Grounds.

**For Senator Burr:**

I am writing to respectfully request that Senator Burr support the African-American Burial Grounds Preservation Act (S.3667) introduced into the U.S. Senate on February 17, 2022, by Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and co-sponsored by Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT). The bi-partisan legislation would establish a program at the National Park Service to provide grant opportunities and technical assistance to local partners to research, identify, survey, and preserve these historic sites.

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