



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF NORTH CAROLINA**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Action Alert from LWVNC for July 12, 2009

Now is the time for action on the NC Racial Justice Act (S 461).
<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2009/Bills/Senate/PDF/S461v5.pdf>

This bill allows capital defendants to introduce statistical evidence to help prove that racial bias significantly contributed to the outcome of a higher sentence in his/her case.

The League of Women Voters of North Carolina supports this bill.

This bill will be on the House agenda when it convenes at 3 PM on Tuesday, July 14.

The LWVNC and our coalition partners encourage supporters of S461 to attend Tuesday's House session.

The time for action is NOW. Please contact your legislator and/or attend the House of Representatives session on Tuesday at 3PM.

A link for more information: <http://ncmoratorium.org/issues.ncrja.aspx>

Below is a list of representatives who will likely vote no on the Racial Justice Act. These representatives in particular need to hear from their constituents.

Likely No's

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