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### **Statement in response to NCGOP accusations against Action NC**

The ludicrous accusations being leveled by the NCGOP against Action NC, SEIU, and Rev. William Barber of the NC NAACP are nothing more than a desperate attempt to divert the public's attention from the disastrous policies Republican lawmakers have imposed upon the people of NC over the last few years.

Had anyone from the NC GOP bothered to ask, we could have very easily explained the nature of the contractual relationship between us and SEIU. Instead, the NCGOP took publicly available records without any context, concocted their own off-the-wall explanation, and attempted to pass-off those lies as fact.

All of this is a crass and politically-motivated hit on what the NCGOP obviously sees as a political opponents. If there's anything immoral going on here, it's highly-paid NC GOP consultants criticizing and undermining the hard work of low-income workers trying to organize in order to secure a living wage.

Speaking directly to the accusations:

- The funds paid to Action NC from SEIU as documented in USDOL report for “payroll services” were, in fact, for payroll services. Action NC had, and continues to have, a contract with SEIU to provide back-end payroll and HR services to the staff of the Carolina Workers Organizing Committee. We do not manage, direct, or in any way supervise those employees. Any questions pertaining to the duties of these individual employees should be directed to CWOC.
- While Action NC is a proud member of the Moral Monday movement, and many of our members have participated in associated actions, we have never had, nor do we currently have, any financial connection to the NC-NAACP, Rev. William Barber, or the Moral Monday movement. To imply that we are “one of the lead groups behind the Moral Monday moment,” in any financial sense is flattering. It is also, however, completely false.
- Action NC itself is small, non-profit organization with only six full-time staff, and a handful of part time staff, spread over three offices, with a current annual budget of less than \$500,000.00. We are in the business of building stronger communities, but this does not include paying anyone to attend Moral Monday events, or any other events, for that matter. Our members are volunteers, and receive no financial compensation for their participation.