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HB2 has far reaching implications, allows discrimination under state law, and will hurt North Carolina's economy.

HB2 has many of the same consequences as last year's disastrous religious freedom bill in Indiana. That bill resulted in business leaving the state, costing jobs and hurting their economy. Why would we want to bring the same national embarrassment to North Carolina?

Governor McCrory is putting his partisan political agenda ahead of the best interests of our state and our economy will suffer because of it.

Why are so many businesses leaders speaking out against HB 2?

- Allows businesses to fire people based on sexual orientation
- Allows businesses to refuse to serve people based on sexual orientation
- Restricts legal recourse for religious discrimination in state courts
- Eliminates discrimination protections for military veterans
- Threatens programs encouraging minority and women-owned small businesses
- Eliminates local control over anti-discrimination measures
- This legislation could cost our schools millions in Title VII and Title IX money
- This legislation bans cities from setting a minimum wage in North Carolina

By signing HB2, Governor McCrory has put North Carolina's economy at risk, because discrimination is bad for business.

North Carolina's top employers, layers, businesses around the nation and chambers of commerce across NC are rallying against this bad law, including:

- American Airlines, Bayer, Microsoft, Google, Facebook, Red Hat, Bank of America, Salesforce, Biogen, Dow Chemical, IBM

Thanks to HB2, major event organizers are considering not coming to NC, including:

- The NBA All Star game, the NCAA tournament, and the ESPN X Games

Losing these events would cost the NC economy hundreds of millions of dollars.

Once again, North Carolina is leading the headlines, with outlets nationwide blasting our state as a leader in bigotry.

- Washington Post: North Carolina's Rush To Bigotry
- The New York Times: Transgender Law Makes North Carolina Pioneer in Bigotry

Just today, the High Point furniture market, which brings tens of thousands of people to North Carolina and is a \$5 billion industry, said they've already had dozens of furniture buyers announce boycotts. That hurts our economy.

Instead of taking responsibility for his actions, Governor McCrory is using state resources to mislead about HB2

Governor McCrory signed HB2 at 10pm after the legislature rushed the legislation through in a special session costing the taxpayers \$42,000/day.

Now, the governor is forcing every state agency to push a memo denying the facts of HB2

The damage Governor McCrory is doing to North Carolina's reputation and economy is real. Governor McCrory should take responsibility for this failure, repeal HB 2, and stop putting good high-paying jobs at risk.

Even Governor Deal realized similar legislation is a bad deal for Georgia. Amid pressure from the sports and business community, Governor Deal announced plans to veto the discriminatory legislation.

HB2 is about far more than bathrooms – that's why businesses around the country are expressing opposition, including: American Airlines, Red Hat, Bank of America, Apple, Cisco, Salesforce, Google, Biogen, Dow Chemical, and the NBA.

Just last week, Governor McCrory was in Charlotte touting new jobs with Pay Pal. Now PayPal is blasting the governor and expressing disappointment in North Carolina.

Even the NCAA and ESPN have questioned whether or not they will sponsor events in NC in the future.

Make no mistake, by signing this bill, Governor McCrory will cost North Carolina high paying jobs, all so he could join the most extreme voices in his party in legalizing workplace discrimination.

Enshrining discrimination into North Carolina law will hurt families and cost North Carolina jobs. That's wrong.

These are simply the wrong priorities. Instead of focusing on jobs and education – or doing anything at all to support middle class families – the legislature is once again focusing on fringe social issues. That's wrong.

This unprecedented special session proves that Republicans have taken our state off the tracks.

Middle class families won't be fooled. This issue isn't about public safety, but is rather an end around to legalize discrimination in North Carolina. Our fragile economy simply can't afford these misguided priorities.