

# Act now to protect North Carolinians affected by Hurricane Helene from evictions and foreclosures

A critical need in the near term for survivors of Hurricane Helene, renters and homeowners alike, is to keep people housed.

[Send a message to Governor Cooper to immediately enact at least a 90-day moratorium on evictions and foreclosures in North Carolina.](#)

Last week, the NC Inclusive Disaster Recovery Network, representing 300 organizations across the state, [submitted a letter](#) to Governor Cooper to use his executive powers to enact a moratorium. *Join the call to protect our neighbors in Western NC by sending a message to Governor Cooper today!*

## Talking points for your message:

- NC experienced such moratoria during COVID-19 and the practices established can be replicated to stabilize housing in Western NC in this moment.
- Preventing eviction and foreclosure can provide the housing stability that people need to reduce mental stress, stay connected to community supports and meet immediate needs for food and water.
- Evidence shows that [evictions increase in the year following a natural disaster](#), especially in areas where residents have high housing cost burdens.
- Renters have no protection from evictions in the wake of a disaster in North Carolina. Landlords are legally allowed to demand rent even in the case of a disaster like Hurricane Helene.

## Personalize your message:

- *What would it mean to you to have housing stability after a disaster?*
- *How would an eviction or foreclosure impact your family in the wake of a disaster?*

## Send your message to:

### Governor's office:

Kristen Guillory at [kristen.guillory@nc.gov](mailto:kristen.guillory@nc.gov)

Jessica Englert at [jessica.englert@nc.gov](mailto:jessica.englert@nc.gov).

### NC Supreme Court:

We're also recommending that you include Chief Justice Newby in the request since he is the person best positioned to do the moratorium. You can email him directly at [cjn@sc.nccourts.org](mailto:cjn@sc.nccourts.org). Be sure to copy Liz Henderson, his chief of staff: [nys@sc.nccourts.org](mailto:nys@sc.nccourts.org).