

## Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting (2019) Public Comments Report - LINC (1,056 comments)

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11/06/2019 06:24 PM	Allen Thomas	North Carolina Citizen	?Why does Pitt County and literally the city of Greenville have to be cut in half in these models and all past models? Why do the citizens of Pitt County and city of Greenville for have to continuously — be singled out and subjected to this?? Should be given relief and the opportunity periodically for continuity — as a city and county other communities have held for years.
11/06/2019 06:40 PM	Cody Jones		The new congressional maps should be as fair as possible. North Carolina can be an incredibly competitive state if it's allowed to be, and that's healthy in any democracy. And in a healthy democracy, maybe Sen. Hise should try being open and transparent rather than leaving the room every twenty minutes to apparently be coached regarding how the new map should be drawn.
11/06/2019 06:51 PM	Victoria Shea		Who is literally in the back room telling Sen Hise what to do?? This is a remarkably non- transparent process!
11/06/2019 07:18 PM	Alison Clemons		Basing redistricting on the existing incumbency is in fact basing the new maps on the illegal old maps. New maps should be made by experts to be non-partisan, not made by representatives of either party. If the current representatives need to move, then so be it.
11/06/2019 07:33 PM	Joshua Craddock		You should let the public do this!!!
11/06/2019 07:35 PM	Mr. David Ritchey		Hello,  The map as of 11/6/19 is still gerrymandered. Stop wasting time & public money and ensure nonpartisan maps that are fair for every constituency & would reflect the moral values of an honest person & what our founders intended; not the current bullshit that ensures safe seats for political gain. This isn't difficult & the time this group is wasting protecting partisan advantages that is intended to disenfranchises certain people is an embarrassment to humanity. Get your shit together & try to do the right thing for once.
11/06/2019 07:48 PM	Ms. Rhonda Stallings		CEASE this shameful gerrymandering AT ONCE!
11/06/2019 07:54 PM	Karly Wolcotto		WTF: It splits Cumberland between a Wilmington-based district and one that absurdly stretches from the Charlotte suburbs through Sampson County. DUH. OMG. WTF. R U KIDDING? THIS IS NUTZ. EFFING NUTZ. USE YOUR BRAIN. DUH. Any moron could see this is WRONG. Just WRONG. Please Try again. Maybe you should try with an outsider. That could See with their Eyes open.
11/06/2019 08:01 PM	Jessamyn Randall		There is no reason that Cumberland County, home to Fayetteville, the fifth largest city in the state, should be split between two districts that include the coast on one side and the Charlotte suburbs on the other.
11/06/2019 08:03 PM	Cameron Gamble		As a resident of Cumberland Co, I have zero in common with Mecklenburg Co or New Hanover Co. so why in the world should my vote be counted with either? This simply makes no sense at all.  I do hope this can be reconsidered to correspond with counties that are more like my own.
11/06/2019 08:14 PM	Jennifer Seamon	Ms.	The map looks a little better, but it still looks like you're trying something fishy with the districts running from Cabarrus to Johnston...south Charlotte all the way to the coast...splitting up Cumberland County between the Harnett et al district and the district that also goes to the coast...? It doesn't have a non-partisan appearance. Try again.

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11/06/2019 08:19 PM	Ms. Carolyn Davis		I am extremely tired of Republican efforts to give themselves unfair advantages. Draw fair maps. Use nonpartisan experts if you can't find the internal fortitude to act like a decent human being. Stop trying to impose Republican rule, and give us districts that actually work for us as North Carolinians. And I would say the same to any Democrats who would give people wonky districts just to benefit their party.
11/06/2019 08:19 PM	Enough is Enough Anne Cerrano		This district map is yet another sham. New Hanover County should not be part of a district that shares a county near Charlotte. How can this be anything other than political gerrymandering. The assembly clearly can't be trusted to draw these maps. We need independent maps.
11/06/2019 08:34 PM	Angie Waldrop		Why is southeast Charlotte and a county near the coast in the same district? We need an independent, outside firm to make these maps. I am tired of the gerrymandered maps in this state.
11/06/2019 08:43 PM	Map Draft Katherine Sasser		Why is Wayne County literally split down the middle? I was under the impression that we were trying to avoid splitting counties.
11/06/2019 09:02 PM	Joshua Craddock		You should not split Guilford up!
11/06/2019 10:19 PM	Rhonda Foxx		North Carolina's Constitution demands free elections - that means elections that are free of political interference and bias. Today, the commission appointed to redraw congressional lines left many questions unanswered. The maps proffered once again put the needs of current elected officials before the needs of the constituency - how is that ok? I watched the entire day and it appears that incumbent protection and residency numbers mattered only. That isn't justice. Maps should not be drawn to protect the incumbency. Please let us commit to drawing lines based on equity, continuity, and compactness. This is bigger than R and D - it's our democracy. We must do what is good for the people, not what is good for the politicians.
11/06/2019 10:25 PM	Mrs. Sue Cockrell		Why are you splitting counties???? Cumberland County is literally split in 2, and I honestly do not understand why!!!! Right about now I think my 8 year old 3rd grader would do a better job splitting this map up, and bonus: he'd do it for free AND he is not a member of either political party!!! Let me know if you need his drawing skills, I'll be happy to drive him up to Raleigh to help out any day.
11/06/2019 10:40 PM	Lisa Fritzinger		Isn't there software/technology that can be used to draw the maps to prevent voter suppression/favoritism to one certain party? If so, please USE it. Allow a computer to draw the maps instead of having this fight every election cycle.
11/06/2019 11:20 PM	William Fritz		The map Sen. Hise drew today continues to attempt to force a partisan gerrymander through. Despite the myriad of available non-partisan maps (see Dave Wasserman of Cook Political Report, Stephen Wolf of Daily KOS Elections, and others), members of this committee still seem focused on enshrining at least 8 safe seats through broken up municipalities and misshapen districts. Stop trying to serve yourselves and start serving the people of North Carolina with a fair, non-partisan map.
11/06/2019 11:31 PM	Marcy Wofford		Please create fair maps - without regard to incumbency and without splitting up cities. These look like the same map.
11/07/2019 01:15 AM	Cumberland County Rebecca Limberg		Please don't split Cumberland County. It causes such confusion. And let's be honest, do we really want to go through more gerrymandering trials?
11/07/2019 05:55 AM	Mr. Kristian Nixon		As a concerned citizen of NC, I am writing in to encourage you to NOT delay any further and to redistrict fairly. In particular, I believe that in order to have our best shot a true free and fair Democracy redistricting should be fact and data driven without ANY consideration of voter demographics or party affiliation.
11/07/2019 06:45 AM	Erin Petmezas		North Carolinians are roughly 50/50 Democrats vs. Republicans. This map is GARBAGE because it still gives Republican politicians a major advantage. Democrats don't have a voice in NC because of all of the CHEATING being done by Republicans! This map should not be decided by one political party. Invite an equal group of Democrats to the map drawing table and try again.
11/07/2019	Tami Wesendunk		I have noticed that you have some counties split (Wake, Cumberland). This is ridiculous! Counties should remain a part of the same district. The only reason

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06:52 AM			to split a county, is to try and split it's constituents, so that the district can't have a majority. Counties need to be together, to best represent that district.
11/07/2019 07:18 AM	Andrea Bale		This IS a joke, RIGHT? When will NCGOP get it through their heads that the games you play will not stand for the citizens of NC? Enough! We want fair maps!!!
11/07/2019 07:30 AM	Mr Ron Elkins	NA	Please stop redrawing maps. It make no sense and is simply politically motivated in order to grab a specific voting population that benefits a particular party. It is foolish, a waste of time, and resources, and shameful and does not serve the citizens of NC in any way. We do not care how the maps are drawn as long as they reasonably line up with natural geographical boundaries.
11/07/2019 07:32 AM	Catherine Lacienski		N.C. District 9 as redrawn is still an inappropriate gerrymander. It makes no sense for Charlotte and Tabor City to be in the same district, they are over 3 hours apart and have completely different issues. Do better.
11/07/2019 07:32 AM	Ashley Reber		Stop double bunking too hurt the citizens of NC!! Don't let the GOP cheat!
11/07/2019 07:38 AM	Angela Carnes		This proposed map splits south Charlotte into an island and groups it with an area about 160 miles east? This makes no sense! Put us in with our neighbors in Charlotte, with others who share similar issues and concerns! This is a crazy proposal!
11/07/2019 07:42 AM	Amy Faircloth		Why on earth is Mecklenburg county completely cut off from the rest of the district. There is a completely different district right in between. How is that a fair and accurate map??
11/07/2019 07:47 AM	Mr Ashley Wilson	n/a	I am extremely upset that Hise & whoever he's talking to when he leaves the room to then immediately make specific changes upon return are constructing a somewhat less egregiously gerrymandered map instead of a fair map. That this is not done by a committee with open, public discussion of decisions in district shapes is unconscionable & will just lead to more challenges in court. STOP WASTING OUR TIME!
11/07/2019 07:52 AM	Dr. Elizabeth Sbrocco		<p>Please, I would like to request that the committee make shapefiles and block assignment files for all proposed redistricting plans and base maps (specifically, the Common Cause or "Judges" map used by Senator Hise) available to the general public at least 24 hours before any votes are taken on the maps. This will allow the general public to fully evaluate the map, especially given that many voting precincts appear to have been split in the proposed plans.</p> <p>Thank you, Elizabeth J. Sbrocco, PhD Durham, 27705</p>
11/07/2019 07:58 AM	Lisa Walker		<p>This entire map is disturbing and I don't believe solves the gerrymandering resolution mandated by the courts. Such expansive districts (4 and 7) make it nearly impossible to have fair representation. Campaigning in one of these districts would be ridiculous.</p> <p>Taking the Republican strongholds of Union County and southesat Mecklenburg and combining them with counties all the way to out to Brunswick is a blatant effort to completely disenfranchise citizens in Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Robeson and Columbus counties whose population COMBINED is just about the same as the Union-Mecklenburg portion.</p> <p>Please do your jobs and fix the maps so EVERY vote counts. Enough gerrymandering. Your constituents are fed up.</p>
11/07/2019 07:59 AM	Mrs. Jennifer Pierce		As a concerned citizen of NC, I am writing in to encourage you to NOT delay any further and to redistrict fairly. In particular, I believe that, in order to have our best shot a true free and fair Democracy, redistricting should be fact and data driven without ANY consideration of voter demographics or party affiliation.
11/07/2019 08:03 AM	Dr Jody Thomas		These districts are sill extremely gerrymandered to give an advantage to the GOP. Stop this extreme gerrymandering and give the people of N.C. their voice back!
11/07/2019 08:14 AM	Dr Steve Woodsmall		Protecting incumbents should NOT be a factor, as they were elected in unconstitutional districts!

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11/07/2019 08:18 AM	John Ahlers		This new map adds partisan bias when base maps CLEARLY show how to fairly redistrict. As a NC voter, I find the newest draft maps to be completely unacceptable.
11/07/2019 08:18 AM	Split counties? Erin Schultz		Why are you splitting counties with the new map? I thought you were supposed to fix the gerrymandering. This doesn't look much better.
11/07/2019 08:23 AM	Ms Naomi Skarzinski		What the heck are you doing by dividing up a district from one side of the state a little splotch, Charlotte and surrounding areas, then go all the way across the state to finish up that district. (Yellow section) that is the dumbest thing I have seen. Stop trying to keep control of the state only by gerrymandering.
11/07/2019 08:24 AM	Pegi Pike		Redistricting needs to move forward with an open door policy. No more gerrymandering! Lawmakers should not be drawing the lines for the voting districts, there should be absolutely no politics involved. The Republican Party and legislators have used and abused their powers in attempt to illegally influence the outcome of elections. I believe your hunger to hang on to power has completely corrupted you. Enough!
11/07/2019 08:26 AM	Mrs BJ Woodsmall		The criteria to protect incumbents is counter intuitive to redistricting at its core the first map with avery and watauga in district 11 was viable even with a 46/54 split!
11/07/2019 08:35 AM	Mr. Zach Petersen		As a concerned citizen of NC and a public servant for nearly a decade, I am writing in to encourage you to NOT delay any further and to redistrict fairly. In particular, I believe that, in order to have our best shot at a true free and fair Democracy, redistricting should be fact and data driven without ANY consideration of voter demographics or party affiliation.
11/07/2019 08:35 AM	Mrs Elaine Robbins	none	It is time for a professional non-partisan commission to conduct all redistricting in this state. Both parties have done so poorly in the past that there is a deserved lack of trust.
11/07/2019 08:38 AM	Davis Whitfield-Cargile	Whitfield-Cargile Law, PLLC	Because the existing maps are unconstitutional, protecting incumbency is not an acceptable consideration.
11/07/2019 08:49 AM	Ms. Susan Young		Gerrymandering flies at the very soul of our democratic elections. Make elections fair. Pay NO attention to protecting incumbents. Redistricting has taken too long already. Do it fairly, and do it NOW.
11/07/2019 08:54 AM	Liz Winfrey Ventura		Quit your sketchy gerrymandering! This is freaking ridiculous.
11/07/2019 08:54 AM	Meredith Apple Elkins		NO REPUBLICAN currently serving in the NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY should be anywhere close to these redistricting maps. They have shown themselves to care NOTHING about the ACTUAL PEOPLE of NORTH CAROLINA; but only wish to be elected to serve the rich who line their pockets and take from those who need the services the GENERAL ASSEMBLY is sworn to protect.
11/07/2019 08:54 AM	Dr. Ellen Pearson		Partisan gerrymandering (by either party) is unconstitutional -- and, for those of you not into the constitution these days, perhaps unethical might resonate more? But perhaps not. Listen to the courts, do what is right for the people of North Carolina, stop playing with boundaries for the benefit of your political party, and/or to harm the political voice of the underrepresented. (That's racism, people.) And then, pass legislation that takes the drawing of congressional districts out of the legislature's hands and gives that responsibility to a non-partisan board/task force.
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11/07/2019 09:05 AM	Are you kidding me? Tina Rogovin		What kind of mess is this? If the GOP can't even be subtle in its gerrymandering attempt here, why can't the maps be drawn by an impartial 3rd party????!!!! I am currently in District 9, which would be District 7 on this map. Please explain how you think keeping the republican strongholds in southeastern Meck county, with the republicans of union and counties east would be fair to NON REPUBLICANS?!?! In addition, why can't you draw southeastern Meck with the rest of Meck? Why are you putting suburban Charlotte in a district that runs through farms and out to the beach? It makes no sense at all!!!! Old white, conservative men are scared of the future i guess. Democrats make up half the registered voters in this state. This is an outrage!!!!

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11/07/2019 09:06 AM	Southeast Charlotte map Laurie Ross		I've lived in south Charlotte most of my life. My sister's family remained as well as my parents and their new spouses. We need a Congressional rep that represents the people's interests in the Piedmont near out Urban center where most of us are employed in the banking centers. These initial maps have us mixed with Eastern agricultural and coastal communities and aren't in the best interests of anyone.
11/07/2019 09:07 AM	Deborah Burks		Use computer generated models that keep towns and counties in the same districts. Make the maps as geographically condense as possible. If you do this then politicians will then be obliged to actually represent their constituents instead of the corporations who might be paying for them to run because the county and/or town knows who is representing the entire area and can collectively work with the politician for the best interests of the area. We would have better representation regardless of party. We would have more accountability from the politicians.
11/07/2019 09:10 AM	Ms Bridget DUNFORD		Make fair and equal voting districts. Make voting districts that make every vote count. Do NOT make districts to just protect incumbants!
11/07/2019 09:11 AM	Aleccia Sutton		These maps are even worse than the ones we have now. All you have done is created maps to protect incumbent. Why would NC-03 turn into NC-02 when it's been NC-02 for years. Just make the maps more fair how hard is that to do. Don't split Cumberland county into a Wilmington District. Honestly stop splitting counties on these maps in general.
11/07/2019 09:16 AM	Pamela Buchanan		I am so disgusted with the Republicans blanant efforts to control the state by their gerrymandering. Drawing districts that basically void the votes people of color, college students, etc. to ensure they stay in power must stop. Districts need to be drawn by a group of independent people to ensure fair districts. Yes both parties have been guilty of this, it is time to stop it permanently.
11/07/2019 09:18 AM	Martha Shafer	Private citizen	I am concerned that the process for drawing Congressional maps, which is currently ongoing, is not fully open and transparent. Yesterday, Sen Hise repeatedly left the room, returning with subsequent changes to the map, made without explanation. If the process is supposed to be open, the public has a right to know his reasons for making changes, and who he is (presumably) receiving input from when he is outside of the room. This is NOT what an open process should look like. I ask the Court to give weight to the serious lapses of transparency in the process that are being observed by citizens, irrespective of whatever praise legislators may ultimately give to the process. It IS an improvement from the past, but is still woefully inadequate. I understand that as a matter of law, our legislature must draw the maps. But I question their willingness and ability to do so in good faith, as evidenced by Sen. Hise's behavior during the work session on Nov. 6th.
11/07/2019 09:19 AM	Julie Tritten		Again with gerrymandering? Wow, if you can't win without cheating, then it's time for you to go! Have some morals and do the right thing. Make a fair and reasonable map already!
11/07/2019 09:23 AM	Jesse Hamm		How can it be so hard for you to do the right thing?
11/07/2019 09:24 AM	Jim Goode	Mr.	Living in the 11th district, I feel my voice has been silenced for the past seven years. When all of Buncombe County was part of the 11th district our representatives had to pay close attention to all their constituents, as the district was much more balanced. As it now stands, my concerns are ignored. It is frustrating to be a voting citizen, knowing that your voice does not count.
11/07/2019 09:25 AM	sheryl reto		This map is ridiculous! This is gerrymandered even worse than the last map. There is no reason why southeast Charlotte should be lumped in with a territory that stretches hundreds of miles to the east. This map makes no sense. An independent commission MUST draw new maps because the legislature will not do this fairly. People deserve to be represented and have their vote count.
11/07/2019 09:27 AM	Michael Sears	Windsor Contracting, LLC	While the gerrymandering was the worst on Mel Watt's district when he got elected, as a republican, I'm not a fan of political gerrymandering. I think you take the state and divide it up equally based on population and ignore all other factors.



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11/07/2019 09:33 AM	Stacey Bonit		Stop denying the people of NC our right to a FAIR election. We have had enough of these games and corruption and I will tell you that if this continues you can expect a huge class action lawsuit because we are fed up with the blatant cheating that has robbed us of our rights
11/07/2019 09:37 AM	Rebecca Heskamp		As a politically aware and active resident of Madison County I am continually frustrated by knowing my voice repeatedly goes unheeded by my supposed representatives. Whenever I contact my Congressman I received a pre-written canned response that shows absolutely no concern for things that matter greatly to me and to many of us in District 11. I have seen the crazy gerrymandered lines which are so obviously politically motivated, and I hope a truly independent body will draw fair lines that represent all of the constituents, without bias toward either party or any race! Thank you.
11/07/2019 09:41 AM	ms Cara Johnson	citizen	Please respect our rights as voters to choose our representatives rather than having our representatives choose the voters they would like to have. Don't play games with drawing our new Congressional districts!
11/07/2019 09:46 AM	Where does GOP get off? Addie Mckay		Where does the GOP get off? In the faces of North Carolinians, apparently. Abuse of power after abuse of power hidden behind the heinous acts of this administration.  These new districts are laughable and do not fairly represent the people.  The maps do no justice and will leave the less fortunate to suffer under GOP voter suppression.
11/07/2019 09:46 AM	Mr Christopher Scott		We need districts that are not based, in any way, on partisanship. Incumbents do not deserve "protection." This is not about the elected officials, this is about democracy and effective representation for our citizens. The current gerrymandered districts (I live in NC06) create a situation where incumbents, with their fabricated majorities, can ignore the will of up to 49% of the people they purportedly represent. Fair, non-partisan districts will compel more effective representation and will invigorate the electoral process by giving voice to those who have been marginalized and have previously had their voting power diminished by gerrymandering.
11/07/2019 09:51 AM	Tawanda Jolly		This map still carved out a majority for Republicans. There's odd shaped districts that are deliberately carved in or out of a district. I live in South Charlotte and there's nothing in common with folks on the coast. Ridiculous.
11/07/2019 09:51 AM	Doshia James		I watched the committee's live feed on Wednesday Nov 6, and I am tremendously troubled by the numerous times Senator Hise would leave the hearing room for several minutes, then return and immediately direct changes to the map for several minutes; leave the room for several minutes, and return to immediately make more changes; over and over again. This appeared to be a way of circumventing a process to draw the maps openly. What was he doing when he left the room? Was he talking with someone, was he consulting something? Why did he immediately revise the map every time he re-entered the room? My confidence in the committee's good-faith is completely undermined.
11/07/2019 09:53 AM	Emagene Maar	Madison Co NC voter	Get it done Stop wasting time! The Court said "do it" so public opinion or your Committee no doing it'd or turning matter to an outside is only your continued delay. Get 'er done!
11/07/2019 09:56 AM	Deshaun Campbell		The map the GOP has proposed, as of November 7th 2019, will give them an inbuilt 8-5 advantage over state. While that's a substantially less right-wing gerrymander of the congressional maps, IT IS STILL A GERRYMANDER. The people of North Carolina deserve better than a map that's slightly less undemocratic, they deserve fair and democratic maps free of partisan gamesmanship. ANY MAP that does not result in a 5(R)-5(D)-3(Swing) split is an affront to the will of the citizens of North Carolina.
11/07/2019 09:57 AM	Mr Garrett Lagan	self	Unify Buncombe County in the 11th district where it belongs.
11/07/2019 10:02 AM	Marshall Botvinick		The Republican majority continues to look for ways to maximize its partisan advantage when drawing maps. The North Carolina courts have ruled that partisan gerrymandering violates our state's constitution. This process where one of the GOP map drawers disappears for 20 minutes and then returns to tinker with the map in ways designed to favor the Republican party is a sham. Why is it so hard to just draw a fair, nonpartisan map? Nothing about this

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			process has been designed to keep communities of interest together or promote competitive districts. This should be the goal of redistricting. Anything else is just an attempt to rig the system.
11/07/2019 10:06 AM	Mrs Deb Burns		Let Democracy do its job to represent all the people's wishes fairly.
11/07/2019 10:09 AM	Mrs. Rebecca Sigafoos		The districts need to be re-drawn by an outside, non-partisan group, NOT politicians with an agenda. The ridiculousness going on in the general assembly right now (not voting on the budget when democrats are present) is a perfect example of how politicians do not care about serving the people of this state, they care about their own agendas and lobbyists.
11/07/2019 10:10 AM	Mr. Ben Schlosser		Quit the gerrymandering. The NC voters and public deserve to have fair redistricting, fair voting, and representative government -- by both parties. The prior maps and proposed GOP map have included gerrymandered districts. NC voters deserve fair maps.
11/07/2019 10:10 AM	Mrs. Rachelle Salo	Indivisible	These maps are an atrocious attempt to solidify GOP control over NC constituents. District 9 voters deserve to vote in a district that reflects our needs.
11/07/2019 10:15 AM	Ms. Siobhan Millen		The Wesberry Vs. Sanders Supreme Court case requires that districts be as even as practicable. It does not say they must be mathematically equal. Associate Justice Hugo Black held that Article One required that "as nearly as practicable one man's vote in a congressional election is to be worth as much as another's." Requiring exact mathematical equality leads to tortured districts with shaggy borders. Have your lawyers look harder at the actual law in this, not on "guidelines" that do not reflect actual law.
11/07/2019 10:17 AM	Robert Allis		These districts are ridiculous. There is no way the issues in the Suburbs of Charlotte have anything in common with those at the coast. The same goes for Johnston county - part of the Triangle should not be with those around Charlotte. A serious attempt should be made to keep counties together and close to each other because they would be the ones with the same sorts of issues.
11/07/2019 10:34 AM	Jim Anthony	Anthony Property Group	Gerrymandering districts is as old as the NC Legislature, not just ours but all of them. It was the domain of Democrats for 120 years. Any attempt now to use litigation to enforce more gerrymandering by either party will only fail through more counter litigation. Urban centers with dominant Democratic party registration are impossible to balance, so acknowledge this reality and move on.
11/07/2019 10:37 AM	Margaret Chapman		Draw a fair map that represents the diversity of North Carolina. Please do not divide counties in redistricting. A fair map would make more districts competitive. It also would not divide counties or cities, and keep areas geographically together.
11/07/2019 10:40 AM	Ben Dawson	Constituent	These maps are supposed to be redrawn fairly but the Republicans are trying to re-gerrymander the districts to their advantage again. This is the whole reason for needing new maps and they get to just steal representation from us again? They are seeking to protect incumbents and take away advantages earned by Democrats, even under the extremely gerrymandered system the Republicans created. This is stifling and stealing democracy from the people who are paying for it and suffering under the choices of the party who stole power for their own gains.
11/07/2019 10:42 AM	Adam Stewart		The proposed maps are absolutely absurd. PEOPLE SHOULD CHOOSE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES! If you can only win through gerrymandering, you should check your morals in the mirror, because they are missing. Stop being terrible to the people. Give us fairness, as our STATE CONSTITUTION ALLOWS.  Compact districts that minimize geographical spread. If you have crazy narrow lines through or around a city, you are doing it wrong (AND YOU KNOW IT). If you have Charlotte in the same district as Brunswick County, you are doing it wrong.  The people have had it with the corruption on Jones Street.
11/07/2019 10:43 AM	Mrs Cynthia Simpson		This map makes the egregious disenfranchisement of voters from the past 10 years even worse. Can we please make districts that follow normal recognized boundaries? For example, county lines, city or town limits, rivers, lakes or other natural boundaries instead of carving around certain neighborhoods and areas of cities that make no logical sense at all. It makes perfect political sense, if all you care about is power and not service. I expect better from my

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11/07/2019 10:44 AM	MS Allyson McFarlane		The new drawing of the congressional districts show once again the GOP cares more about clinging to power than fairness and the rule of law. Stop corrupting state politics and start working for the people of this state - your gerrymandered districts are against the will of the people of the NC.
11/07/2019 10:45 AM	Steve Harrison	BlueNC	Be especially careful when apportioning in Metro areas. The NC A&T campus is a prime example; cracking that in half also cracked their representative influence in half, but the same goes for neighborhood communities. Even if there isn't a formal homeowners association, there is still (almost always) an informal association of neighbors, and they should all share the same Congressional Representative. If they don't, some neighbors will receive a better response from their rep than others, and some will have to travel farther to visit a regional office to get help. That is not representative democracy, it's an unnecessary mess that stifles their voices.
11/07/2019 10:47 AM	Amy Littleton	n/a	<p>Dear NC Legislature,</p> <p>Please do the right thing and make the maps as nonpartisan as possible. We all know that when districts are fair it makes for better representation and a more representative democracy. Partisan redistricting should be abolished but until it is, please do the right thing.</p>
11/07/2019 10:47 AM	Ms. Denise Erwin		Seriously? NCGOP is so determined to win at all cost, they aren't even hiding it any more (Tillman for example). The maps should and WILL be drawn fairly in a republic democracy. But nope. You have to cheat. If I had a gun to my head, I'd refuse to vote GOP and I will do everything in my power to have all of you voted out. Looking at you Moore and Berger.
11/07/2019 10:56 AM	ROBIN KIRK		I urge our legislators to draw new districts that don't gerrymander in favor of any party. Let the people decide!
11/07/2019 10:56 AM	George Hogan		<p>The updates that the NCGOP have put forth are, again, gerrymandered to protect their seats and divide Dem-leaning districts. Case in point, look at how they split Wake County. This is absurd and will be rejected by the courts.</p> <p>Have a third-party do this! By the way, I live in Apex.</p>
11/07/2019 10:56 AM	mark Abadi		I am commenting to register my displeasure with the NC redistricting process being overseen by the state Republican Party. State Republicans are clearly gerrymandering the state in the their own favor, ignoring the demographics of the state. This should be illegal; at the least, it's unethical and immoral.
11/07/2019 10:59 AM	Daniel Jeffries	People with common sense	Stop doing dishonest work. Just draw the maps how they should be. Politicians shouldn't be able to pick their voters. Voters pick their politicians. Do the right thing
11/07/2019 11:05 AM	Sheila Denn		<p>I would like to request that the process be even more transparent than it was during the legislative redistricting process. In addition to showing computer screens, the public needs to be able to hear what is being said in the area of those computers as changes are being made. Also, if there are small clusters of legislators huddled in some part of the room, the public needs to be able to hear those conversations as well.</p> <p>I am glad for the opportunity to make this comment, but I would like to have some assurance that these comments will be available to legislators in a timely manner, and that there will be a process for the members of the committee to consider and address the public comments that are made. Also, public comments should be made available to the public.</p>
11/07/2019 11:06 AM	Andrew Havens		The nature of this rushed, free-wheeling committee process is highly concerning. The General Assembly agreed to abide by 6 specific criteria for congressional redistricting (Equal Population, Contiguity, Data, Compactness, Double Bunking, Election Data), but the leadership of the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting seems to apply these criteria on a highly subjective and inconsistent basis. Even more disconcerting, the leadership of the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting seems to have settled on "basemap" that was previously created by Common Cause NC and Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy. This "basemap" has been analyzed and scrutinized for years now. It's naive to think that lawmakers do not already understand the partisan composition of this "basemap." Worse yet, Senator Hise is single-handedly carving up this "basemap" with what looks like private consultation from nameless advisers. Senator Hise independently works on one of the live-stream redistricting computers, disappears for a period of



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			time, and then returns with specific changes. It's difficult to understand how such a process can be considered 'transparent.' Unsurprisingly, the results look much like the current gerrymandered map that our state courts believe to be unconstitutional. This is a broken process.
11/07/2019 11:08 AM	Mr Jon Russell		Just use an independent redistricting process, you dolts!
11/07/2019 11:13 AM	Dr. Tomas McIntee		<p>From a basic geometric and geographic perspective, I can see a number of oddities in this map that are alarming. The drawing of this map appears to involve motives other than trying to design compact districts that respect county lines and lump together regions and communities with linked geographic interests.</p> <p>A. Counties are divided in ways that make districts less compact, rather than more compact. (At least six cases.)</p> <p>B. "Linear" chains of counties that are minimally contiguous. Districts 4, 7, and 8 are clearly built as lines of counties rather than on the basis of regional geography and common interests; 1, 9, and 10 have odd linear outjections.</p> <p>C. In several cases, district lines scoop around counties to exclude them, e.g., District 3 borders Duplin County on three sides, District 10 borders Alexander County on three sides, District 4 swerves around Lee County. District 1 includes part of four counties bordering Franklin County, notably including the far side of Granville County (see also A).</p> <p>D. Wake County is large enough to include a district inside county lines, like Mecklenburg County, but does not; instead, one of the state's largest population centers is divided into two districts, joined with adjacent counties.</p> <p>E. On a geographic note, the Sandhills are split up between three separate districts. While not a cause for alarm in and of itself, it notably fails to explain the odd construction of Districts 3, 7, and 8.</p>
11/07/2019 11:19 AM	Mr Peter Larson	Disenfranchised Voters of NC	This committee is a joke! Get the master from Stanford and redraw these districts under court order and approval now!
11/07/2019 11:30 AM	Eric Luffman	Citizen of NC	Independent redistricting should be done in NC going forward regardless of which party has control. NC natives like me know that there is a long History of rigged elections in this state by both parties. The time for that History of Gerrymandering to end has come. Voters should be able to choose their representatives. Politicians should not be allowed to choose their voters.
11/07/2019 11:40 AM	Rego Plesset		Can we please just use a neutral third party to draw out districts, or a computer generated district model. Country before parties please. Politicians should not be allowed to pick their voters it's just common sense. It doesn't need to be this contentious or difficult. Partisan bickering is a total waste of time that could be spent on making North Carolina a better place to live for everyone. Thank you.
11/07/2019 11:45 AM	Bret Morgan		Why is anyone allowed to redraw the maps that have been independently verified as non-partisan? Why is Ralph Hise intervening and why is this legal? Where is the integrity?
11/07/2019 11:49 AM	Jeffrey Badgett		I disagree with partisans drawing their own maps. It appears that this map is still drawn in favor of the party that is drawing the maps. As much as the politicians like to pretend that the electorate are stupid, we are not, we know what is going on. The only people who don't want fair maps are the ones drawing them right now. Please move to non-partisan redistricting.
11/07/2019 11:51 AM	Kristy Ford		Try again. There's no way you can look at this map and not take notice of the really odd county splits. It raises my suspicions that you're continuing to gerrymander and manipulate the votes of NC residents. Please do not play us for fools. Do what makes sense and is fair. We are all tired of your nonsense and immaturity.
11/07/2019 11:53 AM	Ms. Lianne Hartshorne		I am sick of the NC GOP drawing unbalanced maps. Draw fair maps or hire a nonpartisan outside group to do so.

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11/07/2019 11:56 AM	Ms. Kim Hatfield	Voter	I would like to see a truly 1) BIPARTISAN committee, 2) college professionals who specialize in fair maps, and 3) respect for geo-physical lines such as counties included in the process.
11/07/2019 11:59 AM	Lanakila Alexander		Without independent oversight, there will always be gerrymandering. Please consider having an independent commission formed to manage the Congressional Redistricting, so that neither party will be able to claim an unfair advantage in the future. This is not a matter of Republican and Democrat; it is a matter of fair representation of North Carolinians.
11/07/2019 12:06 PM	Ms Jill Patterson		I strongly urge that there be public hearings on suggested new maps related to redistricting before there is a final vote.
11/07/2019 12:11 PM	Mrs Shelby Reap	NC Citizen	Go back to the drawing board until we have fair maps. If the GOP strategy is to run out the clock by submitting maps more gerrymandered from the last until Nov 2020 is here they should be ashamed.
11/07/2019 12:12 PM	Dr. Kirk Pappan	Citizen of North Carolina	The controlling party continues to produce gerrymandered congressional districts that the courts continue to call illegal. The legislature has been given enough opportunities to produce fair maps. It is clear they do not intend to do so. It is time for the judges to draw fair congressional districts and these need to be in place for the 2020 primaries and general election.
11/07/2019 12:18 PM	Mrs. Nancy wright		Why are Republicans afraid of transparency? Why are you so afraid of equality? Is your power more important than our freedoms? Allow these maps to be drawn without prejudice and totally in public.
11/07/2019 12:18 PM	Republican gerrymandering John Young		If Republicans refuse to give the people of North Carolina non-partisan fairly drawn districts, the people of North Carolina will revolt.
11/07/2019 12:19 PM	Mr Brian Bouzas	self	Could you please do the right and honorable thing in drawing congressional maps so that districts are based on existing county boundaries, and allow us, the voters, to pick our representatives in competitive elections. If you would like long careers as legislators, please do it by faithfully representing large cross sections of the population and balancing the interests of all constituencies. Please don't continue to do it by grouping together as many like-minded voters as possible.
11/07/2019 12:20 PM	Mr Charles Talley		Stop the nonsense and draw maps that are fair. We don't want maps drawn for political advantage, we want them drawn where every vote is equal. When people living in Greensboro are in the same District as people in Charlotte that map is unfair to all voters. Develop the algorithm and let the computer draw the maps without emotion, bias or favor.
11/07/2019 12:20 PM	Ms. Holly Black		We need public hearings before voting on these maps. They're not fair and it's outrageous that they're being pushed through for a vote this quickly. We need time to draw fair maps!!
11/07/2019 12:29 PM	Dr. Winn Sams	Dr. Winn Sams for Congress - District 10	Hello, I have already sent an email to both Senator Hise and Representative Lewis. I am grateful that we are working towards fairer elections for NC on all levels, however I want to make sure you include a fact while determining how to redraw the congressional district lines. I am running for Congress in 2020 as an unaffiliated candidate representing what is now District 10. To get on the general ballot, the NCSBE requires us to obtain close to 8,000 signatures by March 3, 2020. I have been collecting signatures since March 2019 and have petitions throughout District 10 where people are helping to obtain my signatures (my total number turned into the NCSBE does not reflect all of my signatures). With the congressional district lines being redrawn, many of these signatures will not count and I have no idea what my district will be. Thus, I am put at a huge disadvantage. The unaffiliated voter group is the second largest voter group in NC and the largest one in my county of Polk. Yet, our elections are still based on a two party system with the unaffiliated voter group seen as a "swing" group. That is not the case now, since I am running as an unaffiliated candidate (I'm not the only one running for Congress in NC as an unaffiliated candidate). If signatures are still due in March of 2020, the amount of signatures needs to be greatly reduced and include the signatures we have obtained so far, even if it is a county that won't be included in the new district. We need to make this a fair race for ALL of us who are running and to include all of the voter groups. Please make sure those of us running as unaffiliated candidates are included by requiring the NCSBE cover us with their requirements for getting on the ballot. It's not a fair race otherwise.

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11/07/2019 12:30 PM	Valerie Zombek		I reside in the twelfth district. The way in which this district has been drawn, since 2016, Cooper vs. McCrory, has become the absolute worse partisan drawn district in the entire state! There is nothing remotely "fair" about the way in which the twelfth district was drawn and critical necessary changes need to be made.
11/07/2019 12:31 PM	Ann Lenhardt	Norm's Farms	Representative democracy depends on free and fair elections. The highly partisan maps drawn by Republicans have been rejected by the courts, several times, and rejected by the citizens of NC, too. Please cooperate with all lawmakers to draw fair districts so that our government can actually represent its citizens.
11/07/2019 12:32 PM	Mrs Susan Parker		Redistricting should be as fair as possible and not favor one political party or another. North Carolina should do better than what has been done in recent years to correct this.
11/07/2019 12:32 PM	Diane Johnson		We need fair drafting of maps for all congressional districts with hearings open to the public.
11/07/2019 12:33 PM	Laura Gianna		NC deserves fair, democratic electoral maps. We demand a fair, transparent redistricting process with public hearings across the entire state at times outside of normal business hours.
11/07/2019 12:34 PM	Mrs Marty Pizzo		We need a fair and non biased congressional map. I strongly urge the committee to allow for public hearings and transparency during this process.
11/07/2019 12:39 PM	Lou Harned		We need to draw fair maps in North Carolina using a non-partisan commission if possible
11/07/2019 12:42 PM	Robyn Johnson	Tri-County Democratic womens group	We must redistrict NC in a fair and more representational way.
11/07/2019 12:52 PM	Dr. Nathaniel Grubbs		Instead of leaving redistricting in the hands of the same people who gerrymandered our congressional and legislative maps, the drawing of voting districts should be handed over to an independent, non-partisan group to ensure that the voters are protected, and their voices rightly heard.
11/07/2019 12:57 PM	Mark Miller		Fair play (by rules that apply equally to all) and equal access are the core of who we are as a nation,& the system of government we gave to the world. Take your fingers off the scale, pass on temporary partisan protections to create fair maps. Vest that power in the voice of our citizens where it belongs and who will make the best use of it. Thank you.
11/07/2019 12:58 PM	Sherry Shavor	For The Love of Music, Inc.	Voting is a key element to a democracy. Creating gerrymandered maps to sabotage an election is cheating. Those responsible for repeatedly gerrymandering, and other campaign violations should be charged as traitors to our democracy. Win elections fairly and with integrity. Let the people have their votes count.
11/07/2019 01:01 PM	Pier Carlo Talenti		<p>Dear Honorable Members of this Committee,</p> <p>I write you to demand public hearings on the new congressional maps. In opposition to the judicial orders re redistricting that stipulated explicit community involvement, it's become clear that the new drawing of maps has been taking place entirely behind closed doors and with continuing partisan bias. A concerned North Carolina citizen, I am concerned that the Committee is not pursuing its mandate to redraw maps so that every NC vote counts equally.</p> <p>Please do your work with utter transparency henceforward. Only then will you earn the trust of the citizens of this good state.</p> <p>Sincerely, Pier Carlo Talenti Hillsborough, NC</p>
11/07/2019	Mrs Rachel		This is plain wrong. The Republicans are stacking the deck in their favor again because they know in a fair election they can't win so they do this. Stop it and

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01:02 PM	Skinner		show some integrity
11/07/2019 01:03 PM	Catharine Burns		Please hold hearings throughout NC on proposed maps. The people must be informed and have meaningful input.
11/07/2019 01:07 PM	Mr Tom Murdock	Retired	Voting maps should be drawn with only one objective- one person, one vote. Raise the percentage of voters who vote by making their vote count.
11/07/2019 01:20 PM	Sally Tilotta	None	The general assembly must stop trying to rig the district maps to disenfranchise certain voters and favor a particular political party. If this committee is not capable of agreeing to a fair map, then they must hand the redistricting process over to an independent party with the mandate of following fair practices.
11/07/2019 01:24 PM	Stop Gerrymandering Charles DeLoach		As a citizen in North Carolina I'm absolutely sick of these games. I would go back and forth voting between Republicans and Democrats based on the candidates if both parties were acting fairly (as they should) but Republicans actively fighting against democracy has left me no choice but to vote for Democrats regardless of the candidate. Do your jobs and draw fair maps.
11/07/2019 01:27 PM	Michelle Petrillo		We need FAIR redistricting! We have approximately 50/50 Dems/Repubs in NC. NOT FAIR to have 10 R and 3 D House seats! That is NOT accurate representation!!!!
11/07/2019 01:30 PM	Jeff Miller		Congressional District 12 is a mess. It's heavily gerrymander and offers very little fair representation. Heck our Congresswoman doesn't even LIVE in the district. She pays more attention to her hats than her constituents. Please look at this district and give us a least a shot at representation.
11/07/2019 01:36 PM	Raymond Baker		So I live in NC-12. The dream district designed by now Governor Cooper. We are represented by a woman who is absent most of the time. She makes stealth visits. Her election is guaranteed as the process is fixed in her favor. Please do something about this district. Our people are very much hurting.
11/07/2019 01:37 PM	Mr Michael DeVoney		I believe it would make sense to include Cornelius, Huntersville, and Davidson in the same District as Mooresville and points north. I have been in Davidson a little over a year now, and I see no common cause with metropolitan Charlotte and the Lake Norman area. Thanks.
11/07/2019 01:40 PM	An obstruction of democra Marc Saladino		This redistricting and gerrymandering is a twist of the knife into democracy - it intentionally carves out favorable districts (which are illogically drawn) for the party in favor and should be outlawed in all circumstances. You are bringing shame to your people and actively obstructing democracy. History will remember you.
11/07/2019 01:52 PM	Luke Balint		I'm following along with this on twitter and it's clear someone is directing Senator Hise on where districts need to be. Why is it so hard to make a fair map?
11/07/2019 02:03 PM	Dr. Richard Honeycutt	EDC sound Services	Public hearings are mandatory before election maps are finalized!
11/07/2019 02:09 PM	Canyon Woodward		New Congressional maps should: protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:10 PM	Lucy Jones		I want to encourage the committee to draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. These are incredibly important steps that need to be taken in order to ensure a fair and democratic voting process.
11/07/2019	Ms. Betty Gunz		Please draw districts that do not use race or partisan preferences to dictate how we vote. Remember your oath of office.

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11/07/2019 02:11 PM	Tracey Roizman		Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:12 PM	Dr. Timothy Lindeman	Guilford College, emeritus	Any map that is drawn must protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; furthermore the map must have ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and the map should end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:12 PM	Patricia Conder		Did Hise get rid of the shits he had yesterday? So many trips out of the chamber! Your latest redistricting attempt 8-5 aint going to cut it. Try again and stop being so crooked.
11/07/2019 02:13 PM	Jennifer Scott		I am writing today to express my vehement support for legislative maps that are fair and without bias toward/against any political party, and maps that do not seek to disenfranchise voters of color and other marginalized North Carolinians. The current efforts to hold onto the old maps or create "new ones" that don't solve the problems found with the old ones are repugnant, and frankly, childish. North Carolina has a diverse community of voters whose voices should be heard
11/07/2019 02:14 PM	Gina Pennisi		This current nap does NOT fix the German problem in our state. The southeast districts (Sandhills) are still improperly done. The NCGA needs to fix these issues and the courts need to look at the data according to these maps. Fix the gerrymandering in NC.
11/07/2019 02:14 PM	Amanda Ragsdale		The General Assembly needs to draw congressional maps that protect voters of color by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. And they should provide plenty of opportunities for public comment and debate! End redistricting based on race and partisan politics!
11/07/2019 02:14 PM	Mrs. Cheminne Taylor-Smith		I am SICK of gerrymandering on either side. We have got to make this system - and voting - fair for ALL citizens of NC. So I would like to ask that the maps address the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the 14th Amendment. I think there should also be a chance for people to publicly comment on the maps and debate them so that you hear feedback from EVERYONE. But most importantly, I think race and partisan interests should NOT EVER be a part of how the maps are drawn. If you have to win by cheating, you don't deserve to win. Thank you.
11/07/2019 02:14 PM	Megan Kelly Deyncourt		-Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; -Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and -End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:15 PM	Council Member Denise Adams	City of Winston-Salem	It's imperative that there is an honest committed attempt to draw the congressional maps fairly for the citizens of North Carolina. Presently, I believe that the data shows the 2016 maps were drawn to make it statistically improbable to compete fairly in 10 of the 13 districts. Again, do what's right and just for the citizens of North Carolina. Let every vote count!
11/07/2019 02:16 PM	Gregory Poole		Please eliminate partisan gerrymandering from our state. I am an independent voter, and I sometimes do not want to vote with the Democratic party, but in the light of these shenanigans on the part of the GOP, I feel I have no other choice but to vote blue. I sincerely hope the Republican party can once again become a party of small government and responsible spending, and leave these insane partisan power struggles behind



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11/07/2019 02:16 PM	John Southworth	Mr.	In the 2018 Congressional elections, 47% of votes cast were for Democrats (even though one race was uncontested and had no Democrats votes). Nevertheless, given that NC has 13 Congressional Districts; fair non-partisan mapping would dictate that NC Congressional delegation should be split 6 to 7. Maps that produce a predicted result at variance with this must be rejected.
11/07/2019 02:17 PM	Mr William Tracy		I would like you to draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other marginalized populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. I would also like ample opportunities in the coming weeks for IN-PERSON, PUBLIC comment and robust debate of new maps incorporating such feedback in creation and alteration of districts. Finally, I want to end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:17 PM	Ms. Elizabeth Swift		I STRONGLY support a transparent, nonpartisan mapping process that invites and values constituent input. Do not allow another map that disenfranchises citizens on purpose. Citizens vote to choose representatives - this is our only power. When politicians draw maps in such a way that THEY are choosing what voters they want in a district, they are abusing their power and disenfranchising WE THE PEOPLE. I favor a computer generated map that is blind to race and party affiliation.
11/07/2019 02:18 PM	Mr Michael Hall		Gerrymandering is cheating the real citizens of this state with accurate and honest representation. If you are cheating, you aren't winning. We are better than this.
11/07/2019 02:18 PM	Mr. Alexander Veilleux	none	<p>As you work to redraw the district maps, please allow people to vote near where they live. My voting locations in the past have been surprisingly difficult to find and inconvenient to access. This seems unnecessary and counterintuitive. Ultimately this kind of confusion reduces productivity and costs the great state of North Carolina money.</p> <p>Unrelated, it is my opinion that Senate Majority Whip Tillman is unfit for his position. His obvious obstructions in the democratic process of passing the budget are simply ridiculous and disrespect the office he serves and every citizen of our state. His comments at recent budget vote meetings only contribute to the toxic bipartisan culture that suffocates true representative democracy.</p> <p>I have lived in NC my whole life and I really want to be proud of this state again.</p>
11/07/2019 02:18 PM	Elizabeth Hammond		<p>Please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>Please provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</p> <p>Please end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/07/2019 02:19 PM	Ms. Christine Hale	individual	<p>I am pleased that at last progress is being made toward implementing fair voting district maps which are fair, non-partisan, and non-discriminatory. Please: draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; please provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and please end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Thank you. Christine Hale Buncombe County, NC</p>
11/07/2019 02:19 PM	Ms Peggy McLeod		<p>As a NC resident and registered voter, I am providing my input into the redrawing of district maps. Here is my input:</p> <p>Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation</p>

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			and alteration of districts End any redistricting processes that use race and partisanship.
			NC voters are counting on you to do the right thing for ALL of North Carolina. Peggy McLeod
11/07/2019 02:19 PM	Dr Gwynne Kell		Redrawing maps to fairly represent ALL voters, especially those of color and the poor is a MUST. Start over and draw them without the bias of the Republican's partisan influence. Stop voter suppression
11/07/2019 02:20 PM	Mr. Donald Rumph		I am expecting a map with districs that are non-partisan, not drawn from of voting records, racial identity, religious background, income ranking, or sexual identity. Just folks who want a fair and open election.
11/07/2019 02:20 PM	Patricia Cotter		We need fair maps. Stop the gerrymandering!
11/07/2019 02:20 PM	Mrs Teresa McKinney		Congressional maps currently being redrawn need to be fair and nonpartisan! There needs to be ample time for public review and comment. Maps need to reflect the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protection clause of the 14 th amendment.
11/07/2019 02:20 PM	Mr. Darrell Garner	Retired	I want to see fair districts that ignore race and party affiliation. Please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting also must provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. And there is a need for a bi-partisan commission that will end all redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
			Thanks for using reason, common sense and bi-partisan cooperation to draw districts that meet your guidelines and are constitutional (equal protection for all voters).
11/07/2019 02:21 PM	Mr Charles Blume	Retired	This terrible gerrymandering has got to stop. Racial drawing of maps must stop. I was ripped out of my district so my vote would no longer really count. My congressman does not live anywhere near here and certainly does not represent my area. Maps must be drawn fairly and non-partisan.
11/07/2019 02:22 PM	Mrs. Renee Ellis		draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:22 PM	Let the independent draw James Dawkins	Candidate for NCHD-19	Republicans are completely incompetent to redraw their own districts. It is impossible to be unbiased in that situation, even for an honest broker, which the NCGOP is not.  Let the independent panel redraw the map.
11/07/2019 02:22 PM	Mr. Matthew Johnson	Private Citizen of Waynesville, NC	The NC 11th should encompass ALL of Western North Carolina. We all should have someone representing use who knows the area and the unique challenges affecting the mountains. People in Asheville should not be represented by someone in Gastonia.
11/07/2019 02:23 PM	Pamela Frome	citizen	You should consider these points when drawing congressional districts: 1. draw Congressional maps that protect voters or color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements on the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment 2. provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate feedback in the creation

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			and alteration of districts, and 3. end any redistricting process that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
			Remember that voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around!
11/07/2019 02:24 PM	Nancy Brown		Starting with the "Common Cause" map is starting with a partisan gerrymandered map. Think of your constituents not your party.
11/07/2019 02:25 PM	Mr. David Fletcher		<p>David—</p> <p>North Carolina lawmakers are drawing voting maps again — this time to correct the state's 13 U.S. House congressional districts in time for 2020.</p> <p>A court ruled last week in the partisan gerrymandering lawsuit Harper v. Lewis that the plaintiffs' challenge to the congressional maps drawn in 2016 is likely to prevail, stopped legislators from allowing candidates to file for office next year under those same districts, and suggested they begin fixing the problem.</p> <p>Lawmakers already redrew legislative districts for 2020 after a three-judge panel ruled in Common Cause v. Lewis that their 2017 maps were partisan gerrymanders. A final result in both cases is still pending.</p> <p>This week's Congressional mapmaking hasn't been without controversy. The Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting, announced less than 24 hours before its Tuesday start, disagreed from the beginning on where to begin. Composed of 18 members from both the House and Senate, the Committee's Republicans wanted to use the so-called “Common Cause map” as a base to begin an expedited process — drawn in 2016 as an academic exercise by retired justices and judges. Democrats wanted to start from scratch, arguing that the Republicans' base map was drawn using racial data, in violation of the committee's own accepted criteria for mapmaking. The Committee is expected to discuss these new maps as soon as this afternoon at 3. You can watch the action live here.</p> <p>As part of this fast-moving process, the N.C. General Assembly has opened a public comment portal.</p> <p>This is your chance to ask the N.C. General Assembly to:</p> <p>draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Let's not let another round of mapmaking pass without making our voices heard — contact the NCGA now.</p> <p>In the meantime, we'll keep monitoring the process from the legislature and will update you as soon as possible about other opportunities to tell lawmakers you want fair maps in 2020.</p> <p>Onward!</p> <p>Jen Jones Democracy North Carolina</p>

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11/07/2019 02:26 PM	vk kent		Draw fair districts using nonpartisan guidelines!
			Dear Sir(s):
			The NC General Assembly needs to:
			1. draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;
			2. provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and
11/07/2019 02:30 PM	Dr. Douglas Longman	retired	3. end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
			Please draw "blind" districts so our elections can be a true reflection of the peoples' choices. That is democracy: one vote with equal weight to every other single vote without manipulation to reach desired partisan outcomes. Only fair elections can establish the will of the majority, providing the guidance elected officials need to govern justly.
			End partisan gerrymandering. Draw maps based on criteria of compactness and following county lines wherever possible. Ensure that NCGA draws Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;
			provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and
			end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:30 PM	Mr. William Perkins		when redrawing the new congressional district maps, please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.
			Additionally, please provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we



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11/07/2019 02:31 PM	susan garrity	Self	I support the following positions
11/07/2019 02:31 PM	Holliis Powell		Please do the following as you revise Congressional maps for NC: (1) Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; (2) provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and (3) end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:31 PM	Miriam Smith-DeCoster		My request to our general assembly is to give us, the voters, congressional maps drawn without consideration to race or partisanship, and to provide many opportunities like this one for constituents to make public comment on the process of drawing new districts.
11/07/2019 02:31 PM	Bobbi Mullins		There is much distrust surrounding the drafting of maps, so transparency is key. Nothing should be done behind closed doors, and the audio of all conversations should be available to the public. Also, please make sure public comments are viewed by committee members so they can be openly addressed.
11/07/2019 02:31 PM	Tim Songer		The unconstitutional legislative and Congressional districts that NC voters have been forced to use over the past six years have greatly diminished the citizens' right to fair representation. I strongly believe the state's legislators have no business creating these districts. The past several years of court cases that ruled against the legislators' continuing their (successful) attempts to control the outcome of the elections is solid proof they should not be involved in the process. The Redistricting Committee must create non-partisan, non-racist districts in compliance with the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The entire state will be watching this process. Once it's complete and fair elections are held, I will support any action that removes the legislature's ability to ever get involved in creating gerrymandered districts again. Our ability to have a functioning democracy in the future depends on it.
11/07/2019 02:32 PM	Mrs Karen Dias		We need time for public comments on any proposed redistricting map. This should be totally transparent and moving to fairness in our state.
11/07/2019 02:33 PM	Mrs Sharon OKelley		Please make sure that these redistricts are fair to both political parties. Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. It's time to stop playing with our constitutional rights. We deserve fair and just districts in North Carolina! Do your job as you were elected to represent the people of NC not your political party! Thank you, Sharon O'Kelley
11/07/2019 02:33 PM	Mr James Fleagle	Citizen	Please be expeditious in your efforts to complete this task of resdrawing the maps in good time for the 2020 Primary and General Election.  I hope that District 7, and all other affected Districts will be redrawn to avoid continued division of Counties and Municipalities, following these principles: -Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment -Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts - And end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.

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11/07/2019 02:33 PM	Ms. Caryn Sears		The eyes of the people of North Carolina are watching, as well as the nation. Make us proud and adopt fair maps. Thank you.
11/07/2019 02:33 PM	William Hasse		As an registered, independent voter I firmly believe that neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have the right answers to constituents' questions or solutions to their problems. Because of this I think that redistricting should be done on an apolitical basis to further the concept of "one person, one vote". Any other approach to the effort would be subverting the effort to create and operate a democratic form of government.
11/07/2019 02:33 PM	Vicki Welch	Personal Submission	<p>Winston Churchill once commented, and I paraphrase, 'Sometimes people change their party for their principle; other times, people change their principles for their party.' It seems that is what has happened to the Republican Party.</p> <p>Let's stop the cheating and trying to get ahead by simply making the congressional maps fair and agreed upon by both sides. Please step up and do your job to represent the people for the reasons they elected you.</p> <p>Respectfully, Vicki Welch</p>
11/07/2019 02:34 PM	Mr. Matthew Seneca		<p>The eyes of the state, and three whole country, are watching you.</p> <p>Your attempts to gerrymander the districts will not prevail.</p> <p>Stop stalling and do it right.</p>
11/07/2019 02:35 PM	Ally Odom		Many North Carolinians have suffered for far too long under unjust rules of law. The government of North Carolina has LONG failed to protect all of its people. Since segregation and Jim Crowe laws evil leaders have worked to enact and maintain oppression over minority members of the North Carolina Family. The gerrymandering of our districts is disgusting and embarrassing. Even as a young student in N.C. public schools I could see that this map was wrong and even foolishly constructed. North Carolina is too bold and beautiful of a state to have this obvious perversion of justice upheld for so long. The drawing of these districts should be done with common sense and justice and not with greed and deceit. I urge you to create maps that fairly represent our people, separate from color and race, Allowing for equal opportunities for all
11/07/2019 02:36 PM	Geologist Jeremy Robbins		In their desperate attempt to maintain power, the GOP has turned this process into a circus.
11/07/2019 02:39 PM	Sam Hausfather		As you consider redistricting, please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Voters should choose elected officials, not the other way around. Thank you for putting the interests of voters first!
11/07/2019 02:40 PM	Mr John Geers	self	It is very important that the district of the western counties include Asheville and all of Buncombe County. Asheville is the entrance to the Appalachian Mountains and has so much more common interests with the rest of western North Carolina. As the current state congressional districts are drawn, our voices, concerns and representation are much diluted to our detriment. Reinstatement of Buncombe County back into the rest of the western district ensures that the partisan gerrymandering is over in western North Carolina. It worked well for many many years when Buncombe County was in the western district, voting both Republicans and Democrats to the senate. We are truly a purple district and deserved to be represented by the best people, not cherry picked party operatives.
11/07/2019	Mrs. Jesse	none	How about if the Republicans in the NC capital act collegially, instead of like they are going to smear bodies across the football field?

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02:40 PM	Kaufmann		I am suggesting an equal bipartisan committee to re-do the maps entirely. Our state has seen a big increase in population. Let's represent all the people!! Thank you for your attention.
11/07/2019 02:41 PM	Mr Samuel Todd	Carolina Jews for Justice	Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:42 PM	Paula Jennings	Mrs.	It's hard to follow online with your mapmaking, so I'm asking for time after the maps are drawn for us to look at them and more thoughtfully make comments. It's of utmost importance to be fair to all.
11/07/2019 02:43 PM	John Price	NC Citizen	Please ensure that the new legislative districts are fair and are not artificially skewed to support one party over another. There are excellent models out there that can create unbiased districts. Use them!  Thanks,  John Price Cary, NC
11/07/2019 02:44 PM	Patricia Rieser	self	Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:44 PM	Mrs Sandra Koritz	NC Triad Jobs with Justice	We need a transparent redistricting plan. Please act in the best interests of we the people not we the people with an agenda.
11/07/2019 02:45 PM	Ms Beth Stanberry		The job may not be simple or easy; I am asking that you immediately draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.  Please provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and debate of new maps that actually incorporate the feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. Voters care; citizens matter; we need nonpartisan maps.  Put an end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 02:45 PM	jeff ryan		Please do not draw districts again that unfairly target or attempt to dilute the votes of African-Americans
11/07/2019 02:47 PM	Ms Jane Ledwell-Gant	Candidate for office maybe	Please do not draw maps based on color.
11/07/2019 02:48 PM	Mrs. Lucy Tyndall		Please create fair maps. We are all shamed when again and again our state is pointed out as a horrible example of gerrymandering.
11/07/2019 02:48 PM	Lincoln Hancock		We're paying attention. NC's congressional maps must reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The legislature needs to provide ample opportunity in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and ensure new maps do not use race or partisan considerations to impact how and where North Carolinians vote.

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11/07/2019 02:49 PM	Mr. John Schmidt		<p>I strongly urge that Congressional maps be drawn that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>You should provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts</p> <p>End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/07/2019 02:49 PM	Mary Hart		I respectfully request the committee draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where voters vote.
11/07/2019 02:49 PM	Dr Liz Bolton		<p>I am writing in regard to the redistricting map-making. I expect these maps to be created in a geographically sensible way, ending any use of race or partisanship to decide how or where we vote.</p> <p>I would also like to see maps drawn in accordance with both the Voting Rights Act and the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause...ie Congressional district maps must protect targeted populations such as people/voters of color.</p> <p>Finally, given the previous inability shown by the NC Assembly to abide by the above standards and requirements, I expect significant attention and time allotted to debate, in-person public comments, and incorporation of the feedback therein in order to produce the fairest non-partisan maps possible.</p> <p>In essence, I expect and demand districts to be created as if by non-partisan computer algorithm.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/07/2019 02:50 PM	Sylvia Schultz		<p>Please keep the following in mind while drafting maps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</li> <li>* Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts.</li> <li>* End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/07/2019 02:50 PM	Jessica McShea		I am glad that the GA is being forced to redraw the maps because of the blatant partisanship used to gerrymander the last ones. I have concerns about the basis for the new map being one that was created in 2016. I believe that we should draw the new map from scratch. We should end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Congressional maps should protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. I appreciate the opportunity to comment and I hope you provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts.
11/07/2019 02:51 PM	Julie Kelly		I want maps done by a neutral third party appointed by the court, and I do not want them to be drawn in a way that would favor any party, gender, economic status, race, or any other identifying factor. Stop the gerrymandering.
11/07/2019 02:52 PM	Fair Maps Douglas Norton		Let voters choice our representatives not the other way around.
11/07/2019	Mr. Robert		Let's do it right this time and get this endless back and forth with courts behind us once and for all. Quit factoring race into the drawing of districts, use

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02:55 PM	Jordan		bipartisan professionals and make it an open process with input from the public.
11/07/2019 02:56 PM	Donna Warshaw		Both parties should Stop the crap and draw the maps to be inclusive of everyone no matter what party, race, color or economic class. If you don't do this right this time, shame on you. Everyone has the right to be represented and has the right to vote.
11/07/2019 02:57 PM	Mr. Michael Sileno		All maps should be drawn by hyper-independent professionals instead of plutocrat puppets with motives counter to democratic principles. Stop corrupting our elections for political and economic gain for the few who are part of this scam at our expense.
11/07/2019 02:58 PM	Ms Susan Stanton		Thank you for the work you're doing to draw fair, non-partisan NC congressional districts. I live in Asheville, NC, and hope that we are incorporated into a district with the potential to elect a representative that reflects the values of this city and its people. The current representatives for the 10th and 11th districts certainly do not represent the majority's values here, thanks to the gerrymandered splitting of WNC's largest city into 2 different districts. I sincerely hope this will be rectified in the newly drawn districts.  Thank you.
11/07/2019 03:00 PM	Ms Ann Fawcett	retired	NC General Assembly MUST draw congressional maps that protect all the citizens of NC - including but not limited to - voters of color. Their vote is as important as mine! And put an END to any and all redistricting processes that uses race and partisan considerations to determine how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 03:01 PM	Tony Wilson		1. Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;  2. Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and  3. End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 03:06 PM	Ms Gwen Shafer		As a constituent from Wilkesboro, NC, I am asking that the map redistricting process be started new, without reference to any previous maps. It is important for voters to know that EVERY VOTE COUNTS and the only way to do this FAIRLY FOR ALL is without regard to racial or partisan issues. It does not matter which party is in office currently because we know with time, it will switch and the question will turn on the opposite party. Therefore, the fair, just and democratic way to solve this FOR GOOD is to draw the districts by population only. THINK OF THE VOTER AND NOT YOUR RE-ELECTION!!!!
11/07/2019 03:06 PM	Mr. Jeffrey Friedlander		I want to live in a democracy! Please draw the maps fairly with compact, contiguous districts without consideration for incumbents or partisan advantage.
11/07/2019 03:11 PM	Leona Whichard	League of Women Voters Orange Durham and Chatham Counties	New congregational maps should reflect requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting should provide opportunities for in-person public comment and debate of new maps and incorporate feedback in the creation/alteration of districts. The redistricting process should prohibit use of race and partisan bias to drive where and how we vote.
11/07/2019 03:13 PM	Mrs Claudia Thuring		We need an independent non-partisan committee to do the redistricting.
11/07/2019 03:14 PM	Garrett Raczek		The newest redistricting maps appear to protect incumbents and undermine that ability of elected leaders to adequately represent their constituents.
11/07/2019 03:15 PM	Mrs Barbara McKibbin	NC citizen and Taxpayer	My vote and the vote of each NC citizen should carry the same weight. When districts are drawn in order to increase the power of one group over another. My understanding is there are more registered Democrats than Republicans in our state yet look at who remains in control. Obviously my vote has been



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			diluted and I am angry and disillusioned. I no longer trust politicians.
11/07/2019 03:17 PM	Kate Fisher		This is a terrible process. Please pass legislation requiring independent redistricting. No sitting members of an elected body should be on the committee.
11/07/2019 03:20 PM	Kimberly Naff		Maps should be drawn to weigh the opinions of groups of people. They should not be redrawn because two incumbents would have to face off. That's called democracy. May the best candidate get the vote. Districts should also never be drawn in such a way that a candidate couldn't comfortably appear on both sides of their district on the same day if called to do so. A computer can ignore much more bias than a human so that's what should be used for the redistricting.
11/07/2019 03:20 PM	Katharine Griswold		I am very concerned about the map drawing and urge 3 criterion: -draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; -provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and -end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 03:21 PM	Sharon Millard		I am asking for 3 things from the Committee on Congressional Redistrting: 1. Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. 2. Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts 3. End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 03:22 PM	Valerie Crane		Please end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Use a non-partisan committee to draw the maps.
11/07/2019 03:26 PM	Mrs. Sharon Lewis		I would like you to do the following: 1. Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; 2. Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and 3. End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 03:26 PM	Ms Mary Farmer	Citizen	I implore you to :  *draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; *provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and *end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 03:27 PM	Ms. Diane Chadwell		As a resident, I want to see the Committee shape the district map WITHOUT taking into consideration any redistricting processes that use race and party as a guide. I also want you to protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. There should also be an opportunity for a public Q&A so people can voice their concerns. NC's reputation has been marred by all this gerrymandering so the Committee must do a fair job so this matter can be behind us as a state.

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11/07/2019 03:32 PM	Jeff Ellis		Please stop with the gerrymandering and draw the districts properly.
11/07/2019 03:33 PM	Mr. William St. George		The 7th District should be redrawn to encompass most of southeastern North Carolina, as it has been historically. The last redistricting included Johnston County (close to the middle of the state), which had never previously been part of the district. This was done for the sole purpose of including the home county of the current representative, who has done a poor job looking out for the interests of his constituents in the southeast. In fact, he's never held a single town hall meeting in New Hanover County, the most populous county in the district.
11/07/2019 03:34 PM	Fred Martin		Please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 03:34 PM	Michelle Goglia	NC Registered voter	Please: 1. draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; 2. provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and 3. end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 03:36 PM	Dr. SARAH STEIN	NC STATE UNIVERSITY	I am voicing my concern that the newly drawn maps protect the voting rights of people of color and other groups that have been targeted in the unconstitutional gerrymandering that is now being redressed. Those requirements are clearly expressed in both the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment. The General Assembly needs to allow for transparency and public debate of the newly drawn maps, the assurance that the voting rights concerns have been addressed, and the clear end to using race and partisan considerations in determining our voting times and places.
11/07/2019 03:37 PM	Susan Purr		What insanity is this? These districts don't make any sense... to have the map split like this will not allow for better, fairer representation. You folks aren't even trying to hide anymore! Obviously, you still want to keep the partisan gerrymandered maps. These maps here are lame and shameful attempts. Do better. Redraw them again. These should not stand.
11/07/2019 03:37 PM	dr lawrence kaye		draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 03:39 PM	Mr Kevin Dawson	Retired	Let the people elect their legislators, not the politicians! It is ridiculous that this has not been rectified by now. The sheer audacity of Republican lawmakers to "rig" the voting districts is immoral and wrong. Please fix this now!
11/07/2019 03:44 PM	Dr. Carol Gardner	Transylvania County	We urge you to be fair in redrawing the congressional districts. We in the 11th district have not had fair representation for years, and you have a chance to rectify that. Our district maps should provide fair representation in Congress. Give honest voting a chance!

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		Democratic Women	
11/07/2019 03:44 PM	Ms J. Renee Hawthorne	League of Women Voters of Carteret County	<p>Please do the right (and LAWFUL) thing in redrawing the Congressional maps:            (1) draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;            (2) provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and            (3) end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Thank you! This will make a more perfect democracy!</p>
11/07/2019 03:45 PM	Virginia Leslie		<p>Please stop messing around with democracy in NC. We want and deserve fair elections.            Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/07/2019 03:47 PM	Mr simon woodrup		<p>Please follow these guidelines in your redistricting work:            draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;            provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and            end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/07/2019 03:47 PM	Mr. H. Michael McQuown	Private citizen, taxpayer, voter.	NO party or individual should be allowed to "stack the deck"! Despite any and ALL justifications, it's anti-American, anti-democracy, an abrogation of individual's Constitutional rights, and when all is said and done, traitorous. Gerrymanderers should be indicted, incarcerated, and removed from political office.
11/07/2019 03:50 PM	Parish Moffitt		<p>I have noticed in C-Clark 8 and in C-Clark 7 maps, there is a very small section of Cabarrus County that is being subdivided off to District 13 from District 8. This division is not a full precinct and is simply a few (maybe one) census block. There has to be a better way to make the math work. Simply taking 2000 citizens at random from a county will cause great disenfranchisement of those voters. Let's be honest, do you really think the candidates D or R running in the 13th district will come to Cabarrus County to explain their views...for a potential 2000 voters. I suspect not.</p> <p>This all not to mention the nightmare this creates having a precinct represented by two different Congressional Districts. This will do nothing more than create confusion for the voters and in the end discourages voters from voting. I think we all should be focused on improving voter turnout and this map in this one particular area is counter productive to the desired outcome. Please find a better place to get your 2000 citizens!</p>
11/07/2019 03:50 PM	Ms. Deborah Dobson	N/A - NC resident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>- provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>- end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/07/2019 03:54 PM	Larry Naylor		The voters of North Carolina are supposed to be choosing their candidates, not the other way around with gerrymandering.
11/07/2019	Ms Ann Addison		I demand the gerrymandering be stopped at once and an impartial third party be contracted to draw new district lines. These shenanigans by the GOP to "run

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03:55 PM			the clock out" until it's too late for fair maps in 2020 are sophomoric and immoral. Win on your merits I say to every last one of you. Have some integrity and know you were elected not because you're a cheating cretin but because you are fairly chosen by those you will represent. I double dog dare the GOP to finally be morally upright. I shan't hold my breath.
11/07/2019 03:56 PM	Mr William Dingle		It is ABUNDANTLY clear at this point that the legislators cannot be trusted to provide non-biased districts. The Democratic majority has been in the past and the Republican majority is in the present too concerned with their own advantage. This process must be executed without EITHER of their deciding input.  It would make the most sense for the courts (which are non-partisan) to themselves seek multiple independent contractors (let's say three) to put together maps and either select one of those three or put the three maps to a POPULAR vote, which would be independent of legislative district. Being that a popular vote at this point would be difficult to orchestrate in time, the selection of a district map by the court itself is the more feasible solution.
11/07/2019 04:01 PM	Dr. Rosalie Dominik	NC Citizen, Retired statistician	Please take this opportunity to transparently draw maps using a process that reflects the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Evaluate the proposed maps for racial and political bias using a valid, reproducible approach and make all aspects of the process available for in-person public review and commentary. Ask an independent expert such as Nathaniel Persily to review and provide written commentary on the fairness of the process and resulting maps and share their comments with all of NC.
11/07/2019 04:01 PM	Wendy LeBlanc-Arbuckle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/07/2019 04:02 PM	Ms Donna Dupree	Please Select	Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes using race or partisanship to decide where and when we vote.
11/07/2019 04:03 PM	Dr. Joseph Woolley	I'm a concerned and involved citizen and voter.	I urge the Joint Select Committee to consider and adopt these points: -Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment -Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts -End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 04:03 PM	Mr. Gary Kenton		As Retired Judge Billings (Republican) said, drawing fair district maps is not that hard if you are not trying to gerrymander. Give fairness a try.
11/07/2019 04:04 PM	Ms. Roberta Madden	Self	I urge the NCGA to draw districts that follow the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; offer many opportunities for in-person public comment and robust debate of maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 04:04 PM	Meredith Constable	Teacher	I ask you to draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Also, I expect you to provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. Finally, I expect you to end

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			any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 04:05 PM	Redistricting Joanne Durham	Ms.	We all deserve an equal opportunity to be represented. Please adhere to voting rights act and protection in US Constitutional Amendments to give fair representation to minorities and to change the absurd situation of Democrats, with half the population, only viable in a fourth of the districts. That's what got you in trouble in the first place, so please fix it. Also we expect ample opportunities for public input in places reachable by the population affected. Thank you.
11/07/2019 04:05 PM	Joshua Lobe		Please draw district maps that do not take race and partisanship into account. Maps should protect voters' communities and comply with the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. It is extremely important for the health of our country and its people that each vote counts as voting is the most effective way to keep our democracy intact.
11/07/2019 04:07 PM	Ms. Kimberly Coram		Please stop drafting maps that give advantages to any party. This process is about fair elections. If you need to cheat to win, you have lost. Please set the standard of fairness. Lead. Thank you. Kim
11/07/2019 04:08 PM	Nancy Tew		Congressional districts should not be used to further the goals of the party in power. They should be drawn fairly and impartially by non politicians. They should be as equal in population as possible. They should be as geographically compact as possible.
11/07/2019 04:10 PM	Ms Stephanie Biziewski		I want the Committee and the NC General Assembly to end any and every redistricting process that uses race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. I want NC to have Congressional maps of which we can all be proud because they protect voters of color and other targeted populations. What is fair and democratic, right and moral are drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. I am also asking the NCGA to provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. I expect the NCGA to do its job for all us citizens.
11/07/2019 04:10 PM	Dr. Laura Vanderbeck		NC District 6 is so unbelievably gerrymandered that it renders our votes null and void. Many of the residents of Chatham County, which was lumped in with Alamance, are so discouraged because most of us grew up believing we lived in a Democracy, where every vote should count. Ours do not, and we know it. What's the point of voting? Please undo this mess that the Republicans have made that is leaving so many voters out in the cold.
11/07/2019 04:10 PM	Ms Judith Butts		Please continue the process redrawing North Carolina's congressional district maps to protect all voters' rights in accordance with the Voting Rights Act and to provide Equal Protection under the 14th Amendment of the constitution. Please allow in-person comment and debate in the coming weeks and incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts to end any redistricting processes that rely on race or partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Judy Butts, Wilmington, NC
11/07/2019 04:10 PM	Mr Douglas Meacham		Foxes should NEVER guard henhouses! For fair districts to be redrawn, politically NEUTRAL teams must do the untangling caused by partisan gerrymandering. Listen well to Senator Michael Garrett's reasoning for this and good, fair districts will result, and EVERYONE wins.
11/07/2019 04:10 PM	Rachel Goffin		Please use a truly nonpartisan way. Use a program to divide the state up by population, not lumping all the metropolitan areas together. We in NC are sick of the GOP doing anything possible to stay in power even through cheating, which is what gerrymandering is. If you do your jobs, you won't need to draw districts so you can't lose. You work for us, remember!
11/07/2019 04:11 PM	Fair voting districts Panela Franklin		Put the voting rights of NC citizens ahead of party politics and stop gerrymandering practices. Create districts that reflect their communities for fair voting.
11/07/2019 04:11 PM	Mr Jacob Luther Mauney	Retired	Do not let partisan politics or racial issues be your guide



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11/07/2019 04:12 PM	Ms. Carol Thompson	- Select -	New maps must end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Maps should be drawn by a neutral party and not influenced by the majority party. For years we have suffered unequal representation in the GA because of gerrymandering.
11/07/2019 04:15 PM	Ms Astrid Duarte		As you embark on the process of redrawing districts in NC please keep in mind that they must really represent our communities. They must result in real representation in that the will of the people is effectively translated into legislation. Rendering portions of our population voiceless is not what our democratic system was created to do. When people feel disenfranchised they stop voting and maybe that has been the goal of certain gerrymanderers. We are no longer willing to accept that abuse of power  Regards Astrid Duarte
11/07/2019 04:15 PM	Phyllis Applekamp		If you are interested in fair and free elections, a neutral third party should redraw the districts. If you want the status quo, just keep doing what you're doing. Republicans gerrymandering and Democrats gerrymandering. Just depends on who is the majority.
11/07/2019 04:16 PM	ChiLiving, Inc. Katherine Dreyer		Politicians should NOT be creating new districts. They should be created by unbiased outsiders who can be truly fair to voters and should not be gerrymandered to support any political party. I'm sorry we're letting politicians do this work...that just does not make any sense.
11/07/2019 04:17 PM	Rick Lerche		As a NC citizen, I implore you to make the Congressional District maps equitable and fair.  Thank you.
11/07/2019 04:17 PM	Rain Water Solutions Lynn Ruck		I want fair districts that protect communities and ensures each person has a vote that counts! It's so disgraceful that we've been voting for 8+ years in illegally drawn districts.
11/07/2019 04:18 PM	ms. danna mcintock		dear committee members - i am a waynesville, NC resident and am writing to ask you to make sure the districts drawn are fair to communities and that put voters ahead of politicians. thank you for your consideration of this important matter.
11/07/2019 04:19 PM	Mr Joe Detaranto		Congressional Districts should have common sense, logical, geographical borders, which serve the representative interests of the residents living in that area rather than political party whim.
11/07/2019 04:20 PM	Council Town of Winterville Tony Moore		Winterville is split into three House Districts and you allowed ! I spoke in the General Assembly. Hopefully you do not split for Congressional!  I hope you do better with Cong
11/07/2019 04:20 PM	Mr. Peter van Dorsten	Self	Please stop trying to game the system. Create voting districts that are fair to everyone, especially the voters, and do it in a way that is easy to follow and transparent. It is time to stop testing the limits of what may or may not be constitutional and just do what is ethically right. We are fortunate to still have a system that provides for the courts to check your overreach, but there really should be no need for it if the party in power weren't trying to finagle an unfair advantage.
11/07/2019 04:23 PM	Ms Deb Brown		Please put voters ahead of politicians and draw fair districts that protect communities. Thank you very much.
11/07/2019 04:23 PM	Ms Mary Todd	Citizen	It is past time to correct the voting map for North Carolina. No more gerrymandered districts. Voting must be fair. The
11/07/2019 04:23 PM	Mr. William Hunter	Hunter Consulting	I ask that the NCGA  - draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights

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11/07/2019 04:24 PM	Dr. Regina Dancy		Redrawing the NC district maps SHOULD NOT be drawn up by legislators. Politicians should not be choosing their voters but voters should be choosing their politicians. The only way this can be done is if the maps are drawn up by a nonpartisan commission. NC residents are deserving of a fair election that is not tainted by partisan maps. Let each candidate win the election free and clear, not getting in because the maps worked in their favor.
11/07/2019 04:25 PM	2020 Congressional Maps Bertram Montgomery		Draw maps that are not racially discriminatory!!!!
11/07/2019 04:26 PM	Dr Loray Blair-Britt		WE DEMAND FAIR VOTING DISTRICTS THAT GIVE HONEST REPRESENTATION TO VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS!!
11/07/2019 04:26 PM	Michael Shell		Please allow every vote to count!
11/07/2019 04:27 PM	Mr. Christopher Hudson	Law Offices of Christopher A. Hudson	Ladies and gentlemen: Thanks for your efforts to arrive at fairer, less drawn-to-favor-any-political-party Congressional districts, as well as NC legislative districts. As you all know well, the only fair longer-term solution will involve a process not controlled by in-power elected officials. I urge your Committee and both chambers of the Gen. Assembly to fast-track one or more of the well-debated bills intended to do this which were introduced this and previous sessions. Thanks for your review and consideration of my comments.
11/07/2019 04:28 PM	Mr Richard Boulter	Appalachian Drywall Systems, Inc.	To whom it may concern, The voters and citizens of North Carolina deserve to voting districts that are fair unbiased. The right to vote is one of the cornerstones that our country was built on and it ought to be the voters who choose the representatives, NOT the other way around. A system should be put in place that completely neutral in drawing districts, so that regardless of the party in charge, the districts cannot be gerrymandered. Our system works best when there is balance so that opposing views have to work together to find common ground and create legislation that works for the citizens of our great state and nation. The system we have now is badly flawed if not broken and we deserve much better. Our elected politicians need to know that they work for US, not their party leaders, not special interest groups not lobbyists, non-partisan redistricting is an important first step to make that happen. As committee members in charge of redistricting, I implore you to take a long view and think about how you want history to remember you and your work and act in a way that benefits the state of NC and the nation by creating districts such that each vote will count.
11/07/2019 04:28 PM	Caroline Rathgeb		Splitting counties with strangely drawn sections down the middle to divide certain parts into two different districts is unnecessary and looks gerrymandered. We need bi-partisan support here for fair redistricting.
11/07/2019 04:30 PM	Mrs. Carole Schaefer		It is long past time for fair districting to be completed. Stop manipulating the law and let's get it done right this time. How much taxpayer money has been wasted by constantly going back to court while you try to bypass the law and discriminate? Just stop it and let's have fair elections in our state.
11/07/2019 04:30 PM	self Carolyn Fehsenfeld		It is time to make certain that citizens vote in fair districts and that everyones' vote counts!
11/07/2019 04:32 PM	Heather Rayburn		As a NC voter disenfranchised by gerrymandering, I request the following:  *Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;

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11/07/2019 04:32 PM	Dillion Glenn		Been living in NC-12 for many years. I don't even bother to vote anymore. This district is so rigged a green lesbian from Mars would win as long as she is a Democrat. If you're going to redistrict and even pretend to be fair, you have to do something about this district.
11/07/2019 04:35 PM	Dr. Peter Anderson	citizen of Transylvania County, NC	I am writing to ask the N.C. General Assembly to draw Congressional maps that restore the demographic, constitutionally defensible boundaries we deserve, not gerrymandered to protect incumbents. The new districts should reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. The NCGA should provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts.
11/07/2019 04:37 PM	Michael Huttman	Speaking for myself	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like the committee to re-draw our electoral boundaries to produce the most competitive maps possible. I don't want either party to have "safe" districts so that voters will always have a choice for who represents them they can realistically affect. Having more competitive districts will also encourage higher voter turnout, more candidates running for office, and more economic activity generated from increased demand for election services.</p>
11/07/2019 04:39 PM	Daniel Zombek		Three years ago I moved to Charlotte from New York. When looking at our congressional representation I sometimes wonder if I really did move. The NC-12 district is so BIAS towards Democrats it is impossible for ANY other party to win here. We have no representation. The people here are hurting so bad, they need a voice. Someone who cares about them not a selfish elitist.
11/07/2019 04:39 PM	Christina Brandt		Please ensure that districts are created in an equitable fashion, ensuring voting right for people of all races and socio-economic backgrounds.
11/07/2019 04:39 PM	Kathleen Klesh		I just tuned in and there is no way to know what is going on. People are hovering near the front of the room and are inaudible. How are we supposed to to know what decision-making is going on? Please ensure fair maps in the current process and support citizen committees for this process in the future!
11/07/2019 04:41 PM	Prof. Michele Longino		Make it fair! Thanks!
11/07/2019 04:41 PM	Mrs. Phyllis Fulton	private citizen	<p>I have been following the redistricting debate/legal progress to remedy to extreme partisan gerrymandering of our great state. In your consideration of new maps, the priorities I'd hope guide the process are:</p> <p>* draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>*provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</p> <p>*end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>I am a native North Carolinian, and have been ashamed and appalled in recent years by the naked shadiness of the Republican Party. Fix it.</p> <p>Sincerely, Phyllis Fulton</p>
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11/07/2019 04:46 PM	Mrs. Agnes Crews		I urge you to draw fair districts that represent all the state's residents equitably, and not just one's political party affiliations. So far this Republican-led Assembly has been unable to do that. It is costing time and money to correct their mismanagement of this task. If they cannot correct their unfair tactics, then we must go to an independent and politically unbiased group to draw the districts.
11/07/2019 04:46 PM	Md Patti Rogers	Citizen	Why can't maps follow zip codes as closely as possible. Why spend so much time manipulating them to take away voter rights.
11/07/2019 04:47 PM	Me Jon Coates	TFS Field Director	These maps are clearly drawn with partisan support. Please scrap this version and get an independent body to draw new maps.
11/07/2019 04:49 PM	Marsha Walpole		Hello, First, I want to say thank you for allowing public input. I live in Watauga County, and every proposed map I have seen so far divides our county into 2 congressional districts. I think this is a bad idea for small rural counties like mine. I would prefer that no counties be split, but I can understand how it might be helpful for a large city like Charlotte to be split out of the rest of Mecklenburg County. For small counties, a split does nothing but produce confusion, as well as putting an undue burden on local boards of election to print 2 different ballots. I have experienced living in Watauga once before when the county was split as well as in Buncombe, and basically what ended up happening that instead of double representation, we had no representation.
11/07/2019 04:49 PM	Gary Roberts	Private Citizen	I sincerely believe that redistricting cannot be done equably by elected politicians. I believe I'm best represented in the process by a nonpartisan group.
11/07/2019 04:49 PM	Ms Elizabeth AAndrews	University United Methodist Women president	This will be the 4th time you all have worked on redoing the maps and every time the court rejects them because you continue to try to be sure the Republicans win the seats. How about this time, you use help from non-partisan sources so that we don't have more gerrymandered maps that are rejected again by the courts. Time is running out. I can't help but wonder if that is your plan. Please do a fair job this time!!!
11/07/2019 04:50 PM	Ms Kym Whitecar	Ms.	Did you actually find a way to make it worse?!?! I shouldn't be voting for the same reps as people 200 miles away and NOT with the people that I work with everyday of life. Why is Charlotte divided? Apparently politicians can't draw non-partisan district. Maybe create a computer program to draw the districts. The program must FOLLOW THE LAW. All district must be as compact as possible, meaning keep urban areas and rural areas separated unless absolutely necessary
11/07/2019 04:50 PM	Ms. Betsey Granda		I urge the Joint Select Committee On Redistricting draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. I urge them to provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. It is time to end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 04:51 PM	Thom Haynes	Mr.	Please: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/07/2019 04:51 PM	Ms. Irene Lawrence		As a voter in zip code 27529, I and my fellow voters insist that the Committee on Congressional Redistricting draws districts that protect communities, put voters ahead of politicians, and that are both proportional and fair.
11/07/2019	Dr. Heide		I absolutely want fair districts that protect communities and put voters ahead of politicians. I am watching and voting.

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11/07/2019 04:52 PM	Stacey Caskey		Anyone with an understanding of the gerrymandering that we have been subjected to in North Carolina knows that a 9-4 map is still totally partisan in a state with more Democrats than Republicans. It is NOT representative of the NC voters and should have to follow a set of rules where Sen. Berger is not running to his office to check voter blocs and race every five minutes. Fair government by independent map makers.
11/07/2019 04:53 PM	Ms. NOVA SAULLI		I truly hope that a third party is redrawing the maps this time. It never made any sense to me or others why a corrupt Republican legislature would be allowed to take any part in the new map process. Because of their steadfast alliance with a president who clearly deserves to be impeached, the Republican Party cannot be trusted to work in the best interests of the people. They are willfully ignorant and misleading the public every chance they get, despite the fact that many of us are highly informed. We have read the Mueller report. We have read the transcripts. Any Republican who is still supporting a corrupt president is by default, corrupt. Please do not allow them anywhere near those maps!
11/07/2019 04:53 PM	Marnie Ross		As a voting North Carolina inhabitant, it is past time to draw fair maps. We deserve to be represented equally. When you have a state that is is pretty split down the middle in terms of registered Democrats and Republicans, and you end up with and 10 out of the 13 are R, there is something wrong with the current system.
11/07/2019 04:54 PM	Kimberly Israel		There are various algorithms available that maximize the combination of equal population size and compactness while using some reasonable unit, such as U.S. Census Places as the smallest units so that district boundaries don't go right through a neighborhood. Please use one of these and keep the human bias out of it.
11/07/2019 04:55 PM	Linda Hansma		I want fair districts that protects communities and out voter ahead of politicians.
11/07/2019 04:56 PM	Nidhal Rashid		New maps should ensure protection of voters of color by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. This process needs to allow in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback into a reiterative process for editing districts. Do not use any redistricting processes that utilize race and partisan info.
11/07/2019 04:56 PM	Chris Frisz	Democracy North Carolina	The committee needs to make sure that the new maps they draw obey the law--the Voting Rights Act and the 14th Amendment--and don't minimize the voices of minorities or the party that's not on their side. We need fair districts, and we need to have a chance for North Carolina Citizens to see the process in the open and have the chance to comment on it in person.
11/07/2019 05:00 PM	Ms. Muriel Vollum	Myself	I just want maps drawn so that they're fair and that neither party can use them to their political advantage. And I want them drawn such that they are also fair to people of color or any groups that tend to be targeted. In the past, both parties have misused the process so this time it must be different!! We have enough destructive polarization in the country without having partisan divisions destroy the process this time around.
11/07/2019 05:10 PM	Electoral maps Diane Geitner	Self employed rn	Please draw fair maps for the 2020 election and quit playing games you know what you're being asked to do please quit stalling and do it
11/07/2019 05:10 PM	rev. louisa dyer		It is long past time to draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color, as well as other specific populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;  It's also important to provide ample opportunities for in-person public comments and debate of new maps that incorporate current feedback in the creation and alteration of districts;  You must end any redistricting processes that use race, ethnicity or partisan considerations to drive how and where people vote.
11/07/2019 05:13 PM	Judith West	private citizen	It is tempting, probably just human, to want revenge, payback, self protection. No one who has been paying attention will deny that Democrats and Republicans alike have used majorities in the NC legislature to draw districts that are favorable to the party in power. It's like your momma told you, though, someone has to stop hitting! Now is the time.

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			<p>So, I encourage you to</p> <p>draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>• end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you. Can I trust you will do the right thing not the partisan political thing?</p>
11/07/2019 05:17 PM	Ms Janet Flowers		As the maps are redrawn, I respectfully request that there be a fair and transparent process as free of bias as possible. The outcome of the redrawing should be such that each party has an equal chance at election based upon the votes. And, the results especially should NOT result in a disenfranchisement of minorities or the unfair advantage of the party in power.
11/07/2019 05:22 PM	J S		I very strongly believe only a Non-Partisan committee should conduct Congressional Redistricting. Use proven non-partisan research data to make elections 100% fair, with documented proof that redistricting is not gerrymandered. Keep the decision-making out of Republican or Democrat hands. The people should choose their representatives, not the other way around.
11/07/2019 05:25 PM	Ms. Clay Carmichael		I am encouraged by recent court rulings and trying to be hopeful about your present efforts to redraw the NC Congressional Districts in a fair way. These districts have not been fairly drawn in a long while. Unfairly drawing districts is cheating, contrary to our democracy, and not an example and legacy we want to give to our kids. Voters like myself, a children's book author and illustrator, are watching closely and want fair districts that protect communities and put the express wishes of voters ahead of dishonest political gain.
11/07/2019 05:29 PM	Mr Jarvis Washington-Jackson		I really disagree with these gerrymandered congressional districts the Republican reps keep putting forward. Please get a non partisan 3rd party to make it even. Stop making a joke of this process do what's right for the people and not your parties.
11/07/2019 05:31 PM	ms Diane Wynne		<p>draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</p> <p>end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Don't split towns up</p>
11/07/2019 05:32 PM	Brad Brinegar		We have to agree that no matter the party in power, gerrymandering runs contrary to the ideals st forth by our founding fathers and deters participation in one of our most sacred rights as citizens. But because the fight for survival is bred in the bone, we can trust no party to draw fair maps. It is time to set up an independent, non-partisan commission to determine our voting districts.
11/07/2019 05:33 PM	Marla west		Redraw the maps to protect people of color and other targeted populations, redistricting should follow the guidelines of the 14 the amendment for equal protection .
11/07/2019 05:38 PM	Michael Williams		<p>As a citizen who votes in every election, and who cares about free and fair elections resulting in representation rather than gerrymandered imbalances, I want:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- new maps that protect the votes of people of color and other underrepresented groups rather than dilute them by packing them into too few districts</li> <li>- more opportunities for comment and more hearings in public, not hearings in which Republican members of the legislature go off into another room to consult their private counsel before coming back to nudge a line here and there</li> </ul>



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			- new maps drawn free of partisan data
11/07/2019 05:43 PM	Jim Smith		What do North Carolinians *REALLY* want out of redistricting? We want a nonpartisan redistricting commission that works in public and without partisan interference from any party. We want a promise to stop using tactics such as those of "Project Red Map." We want to stop paying for the legislature to fight to protect racist gerrymanders in court. And we want a map that allows our votes to result in representation that reflects North Carolinians' opinions and belief rather than a result that protects incumbents who got there through gerrymandering in the first place.
11/07/2019 05:45 PM	Ms Mary Goodkind		Districts should be drawn to be compact, not based on previous elections or parties of voters and without consideration for incumbent members of Congress. Minority voters should not be packed or cracked.
11/07/2019 05:46 PM	Deidre Duffy		Please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Your process should provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. I really hope the actions you take will eliminate any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Ultimately we will need a non-partisan redistricting commission going forward if we are to protect every citizen's right to vote.
11/07/2019 05:48 PM	Elda Brown		Congressional maps must be drawn as required by the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. We need in-person public comments and public debate of new maps in the next few weeks. The maps should end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 05:49 PM	Ms. Suzanne Edwards		I would like you to correct any redistricting that uses race and partisan considerations to determine how and where we vote. Each district should be have roughly the same number of people in it and be determined by natural geographical boundaries so that communities are not divided.
11/07/2019 05:53 PM	Rachel Long		Please draw new maps according to the Voting Rights Act a d Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment. Also, end any redistricting processes that use race or political party considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 05:56 PM	Gray Lundy		Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 06:00 PM	Robert Dellinger	Retired	How many times are y'all going to let the foxes guard the hen-house? Einstein said "the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over & over again and expecting different results". Why not give us a fair map and districts? Please?
11/07/2019 06:02 PM	Could be better Rex Badgett		I think NC needs fair district maps void of gerrymandering. Balanced representatives from both the Democrats and Republicans in the process, anything else is just a repeat of unfair gerrymandering.
11/07/2019 06:07 PM	Ms April Bundy	N/A	Politicians shouldn't draw maps. A non-partisan commission should draw maps.
11/07/2019 06:08 PM	Mr. D. Rex Miller		This is a bunch of hot buttered elephant dung and every last one of your mamas ought to be ashamed of you for being such a bunch of crooks. I want a truly objective and fair map, not one that advantages one party over another- not even if it were to the benefit of my own party. This entire process is a farce.
11/07/2019 06:09 PM	Rachel Shopper		Voters should choose their representatives. Politicians should not be allowed to choose their voters. Gerrymandering, by either party but most recently and most egregiously by NC Republicans, should be outlawed and perpetrators fined, sanctioned, and/or jailed. It's the worst kind of voter suppression.
11/07/2019	Morris Letsinger	The Outing Guy	I want fair districts that protect communities and put voters ahead of politicians. Please end the embarrassing--and unjust--history of gerrymandering voting districts. Thank you.
			Please please please make the maps bipartisan.

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11/07/2019 06:17 PM	Mr Stephen Advokat		The GOP is dicking around again! You'll see... Nov. 2020 is going to get here sooner than you think.
11/07/2019 06:24 PM	Heather Tracy		I would very much like: -the voting maps to protect voters of color and minorities and reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; -lots of chances to have in-person and public comments, as well as robust debate of the creation of the maps; -an end to voting processes that use race and/or partisan considerations to force how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 06:25 PM	Mr. Steve Jackson		Fair districts are the best way to ensure the future for all North Carolina citizens will include representative government. Do the right thing and vote for equitable districts
11/07/2019 06:31 PM	Ms. Rachel Campbell		Just took a look at the new?? map for District 9 and are you kidding me, nothing has changed. I am a bit tired of this nonsense. I would be glad to make a map for you that would be fair to everyone, that means we the people, not the politicians or parties. I had no representation due to the cheating in the election this year for almost a year and would like to know who is going to repay me for this?? It isn't rocket science to draw fair maps for heavens sake, get the job done, Now, or let me do it for you. And I won't even charge you for doing it.
11/07/2019 06:34 PM	Philip Huffsmith	Retired	Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 06:42 PM	Ms. elizabeth mcmahon		Fair re-districting! No more gerrymandered districts! Elizabeth McMahan, Raleigh, NC
11/07/2019 06:43 PM	Mr Christopher Kubala	Represent Charlotte	We need a fair and transparent redistricting process -- and that means hearings in communities across the state, open to the public, and outside typical business hours. Please do not ram maps through for expediency or political gain - please enfranchise the citizens of North Carolina by allowing reasonable engagement from the public.
11/07/2019 06:44 PM	Mrs Vanessa Crow		1. All Congressional districts need to be redrawn from scratch, not modified from previously drawn maps or taking any previously drawn Congressional maps into consideration beyond the most basic needs for continuity. 2. Maps need to be fair, unbiased, nonpartisan, and drawn from evidence-based principles of drawing districts and in NO WAY taking into consideration race, previous voting patterns, age, or any other partisan demographics into account. 3. The process needs to be transparent, with no map-drawing occurring behind closed doors and with audio of the conversations occurring around redistricting terminals available at all times 4. Public comments need to be disseminated to members of the committee, need to be addressed in some way by the committee, and need to be made available to the public. 5. Maps need to be available for public comment prior to being finalized.
11/07/2019 06:46 PM	Todd Stiefel		Redistricting should be fair, transparent, non-discriminatory and politically impartial.
11/07/2019 06:49 PM	Mr. Mark Rosenberg	N/A	Quite frankly,at this point in time,the Republicans in the legislature should be prohibited from drawing any maps.The matter should be left in the hands of the judge who can get impartial parties to redraw our maps. This ridiculous display by the Republicans continually being taken to task for one obvious gerrymander after another has gone on long enough.

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11/07/2019 06:51 PM	Ms. Lori Martin		Please make sure that the new maps reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The current maps discriminate against people of color.
11/07/2019 06:55 PM	Michele Jones		I have looked at the map, and the new districts do not appear to remedy the gerrymandering that has been struck down by the Court. I hope the 2020 elections will give all North Carolinians a fair vote. Thank you for your consideration. Best, Michele Jones
11/07/2019 06:57 PM	Mrs. Ruth Long		It is so hard to believe that our leaders in the N. C. State Legislature cannot get this problem corrected. Even after coming back with new redrawn maps, they are still so partisan divided and incorrect. The Republican Party is the culprit to blame in this instance. When the Democrats are all in attendance, you refuse to call the vote - for anything. You would rather act like a bunch of teenage boys, playing pranks on the teacher, then do the honest job that you were elected to do. You shame this great state. This is beyond explanation. What are you going to do when the entire state refuses to go to the polls to vote, for lack of you doing your jobs in a Christian and fair way. It sickens me to see this happening. Please, please, in God's name, do it right. Get us over this problem. Perhaps if you treat others correctly, you will in turn be treated with respect and honor. Right now you are all being cursed. You won't be in Raleigh forever. This will dampen any chances of a Republican ever getting elected to office because we will think they are all just like you. Rotten to the core. I am sick of you. I am sick of North Carolina. If I wasn't eighty years old, I would move to another state. This state should bow it's head in shame - and all because of the Republican controlled Legislature.
11/07/2019 06:58 PM	Susan Azar	N/A	Please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 07:02 PM	Robert Schultz		<p>In the 2018 NC congressional races:  One party received 50.9% of the votes statewide (the percentage would have been lower if the party's candidate in one district hadn't run unopposed) and "won" 10 of the state's 13 congressional seats (77%).</p> <p>Another party received 47.7% of the votes statewide (and actually won the majority of the votes - 50.4% vs. 48.3% - in the state's 12 competitive districts); yet won only 3 of the state's 13 congressional seats (23%).</p> <p>So, one party wins just over half the votes and gets 77% of the seats, and another party wins just under half the votes and gets 23% of the seats. And in the competitive races, the "losing" party is rewarded with 75% (9 of 12) of the congressional seats.</p> <p>Something's rotten in North Carolina. This is not how democracy works. This kind of power grab is anti-democratic, it violates the state's constitution, and it's un-American.</p> <p>It's time to end the nonsense that allows one party - regardless of which party it is - to fix the voting maps to its advantage in order to fulfill its own political agenda instead of the will of the people. It's time to end gerrymandering and to provide fair maps that don't reward politicians of any party who are more interested in promoting their own agendas and protecting their seats than in doing what's good for the people of North Carolina. It's time for the people to have fair districts that protect communities and put voters ahead of politicians.</p>
11/07/2019 07:03 PM	Mrs. Ethelyn Hegele		Fair, transparently-drawn maps are long over-due for N. C. voters! Do the credible job you were elected to do and, FINALLY, present fairly-drawn maps for those you represent.
11/07/2019 07:03 PM	Mrs Elizabeth Davis		End gerrymandering in North Carolina before 2020 election! Be transparent and fair to all citizens regardless of race, etc. We, the voters, are watching (and taking names, and voting in mass)!
11/07/2019 07:10 PM	Stephanie Lowder		The people of NC deserve and demand FAIR MAPS and thus fair representation of the will of the people.

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			<p>After two years of endless law suits, appeals, and every means of denying the people fair maps/votes - It is self evident that the NC legislators are INCAPABLE of drawing fair maps. Therefore, the People deserve+demand an Independent Commission to draw district maps -SUCH AS the map already drawn via Duke University!!!</p> <p>We deserve and demand our votes to count and our legislators be chosen fairly by the people.</p> <p>Until and unless we EVER get fair maps, the people of NC cannot trust our legislators or our state govt, period. And we do not consent to be governed by tricksters and tyrants. Period.</p>
11/07/2019 07:12 PM	Cheryl Orengo		The new Congressional maps need to be drawn to protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; you also need to provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 07:21 PM	Mr. A Nonymous		Can you make it so a Republican wins Wake
11/07/2019 07:25 PM	Mrs Mary Stone		Make it fair for our voters!
11/07/2019 07:28 PM	Mr. Pete Medrano		Stop the gerrymandering already! Geez.
11/07/2019 07:28 PM	Elizabeth Mosley		<p>When drawing the new districts, please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>-provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/07/2019 07:31 PM	Redrawing Districts Cassandra McClellan		<p>We need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-the voting maps to protect voters of color and minorities and reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>-lots of chances to have in-person and public comments, as well as robust debate of the creation of the maps;</li> <li>-an end to voting processes that use race and/or partisan considerations to force how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/07/2019 07:33 PM	Mrs. Margaret Martin		<p>Politicians and political consultants should not influence the redistricting process.</p> <p>The Congressional Districts Map should adhere to the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compactness</li> <li>Competitiveness</li> <li>Representational fairness (not favoring one political party over another and mapmaking that reflect the partisan makeup of North Carolina as a whole)</li> <li>Respect for county and municipal boundaries</li> </ul>
11/07/2019	Ms. Sharon		As you draw maps, I am asking that you end using partisan considerations to draw districts. Partisan redistricting leads to gerrymandering that makes a

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07:39 PM	Withrow		mockery of democracy. For example, the current maps in use not only divide the campus of UNC Asheville, they go right down the middle of a dorm on campus. If you live on one side of the hall, you are in the 11th Congressional District, if you live on the other side you are in the 10th. It's hard to think of a clearer demonstration to young North Carolinians that their elected representatives see them as a threat to be neutralized rather than a constituency to be respected.  It's time to end this rotten practice. Partisan gerrymandering erodes faith in the democratic process, and the citizens of North Carolina deserve to know that our districts are being drawn fairly without undue partisan influence.
11/07/2019 07:40 PM	Marcia Boyle	Voter	If the map is fair, why not show us the map and allow public comments? The people of North Carolina deserve fair elections. Every vote should count. Fair and impartial districting is mandatory for fair and inclusive voting.
11/07/2019 07:44 PM	Dr. Cindy Elmore		Your repeated, repeated gerrymandered district lines to protect your own seats was shameful. We want FAIR district lines that protect North Carolina voters and communities-- not what YOU think is best--because obviously that was NEVER fair. We want a NONPARTISAN group to undertake this process. And we are grateful for judges who protect the public -- because clearly you haven't. But you have one more chance to redeem yourselves and put ALL voters and communities first by finally drawing a fair map. We'll be watching.
11/07/2019 07:50 PM	Ms. Carol Perine		This is America! Fair districts that reflect the will of the people is our constitutional right.
11/07/2019 07:55 PM	Mrs. Jennie Murphy		Put voters over politics.
11/07/2019 08:04 PM	Stop cheating the voters! Jennifer Combs		Gerrymandering continues! The voters of NC deserve fair and unbiased maps. We need an independent redistricting committee to draw our maps, not Democrats and not republicans.
11/07/2019 08:05 PM	Ms Emily Keel		Let's avoid any use of partisan or racial factors in making the new maps and influencing how and where we vote. It is wrong and must end. Provide multiple opportunities for public feedback of the maps being drawn.
11/07/2019 08:08 PM	Mrs. Esther Meter		Gerrymandering is cheating - plain and simple. This is no way to try to win. Regardless of party, we must draw fair maps, lest we squander our hard-fought rights and become on par with authoritarian countries.
11/07/2019 08:09 PM	Michelle Price		For starters, the GOP leaders on this committee picked as their base map a map that had been used in litigation by Common Cause. And that map has already been thoroughly analyzed from a partisan standpoint in the process of litigation, with Republicans even referring to it as a 9-4 map in their briefs.  So just with their first step they've corrupted the process with partisan data.  Then, the lead Republican senator spent all day yesterday regularly leaving the room and consulting behind closed doors with unknown counsel, then coming back and making partisan changes that benefit Republicans.  I can't emphasize this enough: This was done over and over again yesterday. Rather than simply implement an entirely new map, they did it in pieces. But the final product was the same: a gerrymandered map. The process and the outcome were clearly partisan.  This sure doesn't serve the purpose of remedying a gerrymandered map. And what will they call this map "Common Cause Map" in an attempt to brand this map as being non-partisan.  Will NC ever have FAIR Congressional Maps? Or will the GOP leaders keep trying to cheat because that is the only way they know how to win?

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11/07/2019 08:12 PM	Liz Sullivan		Both draft maps put forward today (11/7/19) are still gerrymandered - perhaps worse than before. Any map that lumps Orange, Durham, eastern Chatham, and western Wake into a single district is ridiculous, those are 4 of the bluest portions of the whole state - you're clearly carving out the bluest corners of those latter 2 counties to lump them together!
11/07/2019 08:14 PM	Chris Fields		This process should be done WITHOUT partisan data or without previous maps that used partisan data. Additionally, it should be done COMPLETELY in public view. Until our maps are drawn by an independent group, we must be able to see what partisan state representatives are doing to our districts.
11/07/2019 08:16 PM	Nancy Elble		I implore you to take the lead for North Carolina to show this nation equality for ALL voters. I respectfully request your action to draw Congressional maps to protect voters of color and other targeted populations and draw districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. In addition, North Carolina must provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and detailed debate of new maps to incorporate this feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. Finally, in respect to human kind, North Carolina must end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 08:16 PM	James Bengel		I get that Republicans are a bit thick, but do they really imagine that we aren't watching?
11/07/2019 08:16 PM	Jill Jerez		I understand the desire to build a strong voter base. Each party wants to have representation in State Congress to ensure their ideas have a path to becoming policies that will benefit the citizens of North Carolina. Unfortunately, both parties have shown that they cannot resist creating "gerrymandered" districts. I believe, like many other states, it is time to create an independent third party to oversee the design of districts to fairly represent the voters.
11/07/2019 08:22 PM	Dr. William Blau	(private citizen of Carrboro, NC)	Fair and non-partisan state districts for the U.S. Congress are essential for democracy and to foster confidence of the electorate in our political system. We want our representatives in Washington DC to fairly represent the interests of the people of North Carolina. For these reasons I request that Committee (1) draws Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; (2) provides ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and (3) ends any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 08:25 PM	Dr Stephen Weinrib	Dr.	Since this is the 3rd or 4th time that the NC Congress is unable to create a legal legislative redistricting map, it is time for a neutral academic party from a local university to create one for us. This has been a NATIONAL embarrassment. SW
11/07/2019 08:30 PM	Emily Moose		<p>Dear Committee Members,</p> <p>Thank you for considering the important matter fundamental to our democracy: whether all of our votes count equally. I am writing to ask that through this process you:</p> <p>Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</p> <p>End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>I like living in a democracy and hope we can manage to keep it.</p> <p>Thank you, Emily Moose</p>



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11/07/2019 08:35 PM	Shaun Murphy	Mr.	<p>I am writing to asd the N.C. General Assembly to draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>We also need the NCGA to provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts as well as ending any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>
11/07/2019 08:35 PM	John Wiles		<p>I would ask the committee to draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</p> <p>end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/07/2019 08:39 PM	Elizabeth Lewis	voter, tax payer, NC resident	<p>It is important to draw Congressional maps that are fair. Fair. For all residents and voters in NC, not the Democrats, not the Republicans, not the Independents, but for everyone! Stop gerrymandering these crazy districts.</p> <p>Issues to consider are to protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; make sure you provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and most importantly end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/07/2019 08:39 PM	Ms Elizabeth James		<p>I have reviewed the proposed map that was submitted for consideration as a RESPONSE to a court declaration finding an unconstitutional gerrymander. And yet the redistricting does NOT address that problem, only moving boundaries to again crate an unconstitutional political gerrymander. Enough! We want fair maps- and an independent committee brought in to submit a new map that more adequately represents the voters. I've voted under illegitimate maps for too long.</p>
11/07/2019 08:40 PM	Holly Reiling		<p>I ask the NC General Assembly to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>- provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>- end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/07/2019 08:41 PM	Nicole Robinson		<p>Please start from scratch when drawing the new maps so that any concerns of discriminatory practices can be removed. Let's be fair for all North Carolinians.</p>
11/07/2019 08:46 PM	Mr. Stephen Boletchek		<p>We ask the N.C. General Assembly to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> </ul>

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11/07/2019 08:46 PM	Rob Axtell		NO MORE RACIST MAPS. This is 2019. EVERY vote matters, everyone MUST have a voice. Draw maps that have NOTHING to do with party or race. Draw them based on population. That is what Democracy is about. WE pick our elected officials, you do NOT pick us. Do your job or resign.
11/07/2019 08:57 PM	Draw a fair draft Jen Woods		The draft of the map that is currently being drawn up is wrong and should be drawn fairly as the courts ordered NC to do. The voters are watching. I would like to be able to vote Republican again in this lifetime but not until the party begins to act with integrity.
11/07/2019 08:58 PM	Martha Edwards	Democracy North Carolina	<p>As you begin your consideration of Congressional Redistricting, I ask that you do the following to protect the rights of all voters in our state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>- provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>-end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Martha Shore Edwards 3651 Will Scarlet Road Winston-Salem, NC 27104</p>
11/07/2019 09:09 PM	Linda Smathers		Public hearings must be held across North Carolina before these congressional maps are redrawn.
11/07/2019 09:11 PM	diana barefoot		I want to see the congressional districts to be drawn by an independent, non partisan committee. There is no way in which one party or the other should have jurisdiction over the drawing of the maps. For example, currently, the map not only divides the campus of UNC Asheville, they go right down the middle of a dorm on campus. If you live on one side of the hall, you are in the 11th Congressional District, if you live on the other side you are in the 10th. It's hard to think of a clearer demonstration to young North Carolinians that their elected representatives see them as a threat to be neutralized rather than a constituency to be respected. Let the maps be drawn by independent cartographers, not by partisan stake holders.
11/07/2019 09:11 PM	Non biased Congressional James Quaintance		<p>In reference to the NC Redistricting I would suggest that, although computer software can be manipulated to provide the results wished by the programmer, this is a less likely scenario than the partisanship that will inevitably be encountered when individuals of both parties vie for a congressional map that will benefit their own interests. Please take a look at the computer program referenced in the article below as a means to draw a map that will ultimately allow the citizens of NC to pick their representatives as opposed to the inverse. Thanks very much for your consideration.</p> <p><a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2014/06/03/this-computer-programmer-solved-gerrymandering-in-his-spare-time/">https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2014/06/03/this-computer-programmer-solved-gerrymandering-in-his-spare-time/</a></p>
11/07/2019 09:12 PM	CORY FINNERON		Although partisan gerrymandering has a long history, the extent to which the vote can be controlled through the use of technology and data has rendered the use of partisan data to be discriminatory to our right to vote. Do not consider racial or partisan data when drawing district lines. Do not begin with maps based on where incumbents live. If incumbents find themselves in a new district, they need to run in that district as the current districts are unfair.
11/07/2019 09:20 PM	Mr charles Winter		I request that the Congressional Redistricting be fair and not based on race.

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11/07/2019 09:21 PM	Mr Robert Gross		I sincerely hope the the resulting redistricting will reflect the real diversity of North Carolina and not allow any party to be represented unfairly. Natural boundary districts make sense inso many ways, and I hope that is the working rule in defining districts. Keep counties intact wherever possible.
11/07/2019 09:21 PM	Ms Carol Carlson		We must have transparency in regard to redistricting!!!! Hold open hearings before finalizing redistricting. Be committed to fair redistricting
11/07/2019 09:28 PM	Deborah Roth		I urge the Committee to do the following: (1) draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; (2) provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and (3) end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 09:29 PM	Mr Gary Kanady	Granville County GOP	It isn't fair to rural counties to be linked to the urban counties who needs are different, and whose overwhelming population would suppress the voice and needs of the rural counties.
11/07/2019 09:30 PM	Mrs Barbara Benson	N/A	I demand public hearings on the new congressional map. The maps need to be fair and not gerrymandered.
11/07/2019 09:41 PM	Elaine Williams		Please connect Nash County back to Congressman G.K. Butterfield
11/07/2019 09:42 PM	ChrisC Cain		Do not try and steal the election from North Carolina voters.
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11/07/2019 09:44 PM	Dr. Todd Irwin	OrthoCarolina	I demand public hearings across the state before redistricting maps are finalized. Gerrymandering should not be allowed and is an enormous stain on our our state and local communities.
11/07/2019 09:45 PM	Ms. Sylvia Williams	Human	We, the People should choose our representatives NOT the representatives choose their people!!! The Congressional lines should be drawn indiscriminately by a non-partisan source without regard to race, wealth, or party. You can not leave the mouse to guard the cheese!
11/07/2019 09:47 PM	MICHI VOJTA		I see no reason that NC must remain a laughing stock throughout the nation. Please correct the gerrymandered system y'all have created by replacing it with a fair and balanced (ahem) way for our citizens to be represented.
11/07/2019 09:48 PM	Mr Christopher Loftis USN/Ret		Hey, and now what. The Nation is at hazard and we still have to endure patent gerrymandering? It is unAmerican to defeat the will of the people. And to those who are bent on Corporations taking the topmost, a pox upon you and your offspring, and it is a sad day for the future of the USA.
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11/07/2019 09:51 PM	Glenn Peters	Habitual voters, Guilford County	Thank you all for your dedication to the task. Much to do, and limited time. My concern addresses US House districts. NC is allotted 13 districts for 10.5M residents, or roughly 850K population in a district. Only 2 counties exceed this: Wake and Mecklenburg. Logically, they will be divided among 2 districts each, taking in neighbors. No other county needs to be split.
11/07/2019 09:53 PM	Ms B Clendenning		No. More. Corruption.!!!! Voters deserve to choose their representatives....NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND

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11/07/2019 09:57 PM	Michael W. Magnanti		To include rural counties such as Granville County in the same district t as all of Durham and a portion of Orange County is telling Granville County that our needs are of no consequence. A district drawn with those boundaries will ensure that Granville County never is represented. Please reconsider this grouping.
11/07/2019 10:02 PM	Lucy Butler		Please make every effort to generate fair maps so that everyone's vote counts. Gerrymandering is unconstitutional and must stop! The GOP perfected cracking and packing in our state and must not be allowed to continue this nefarious practice.
11/07/2019 10:03 PM	Bill Spencer		We need a non-partisan process for drawing district lines. This is the only way the districts are going to be fairly drawn.
11/07/2019 10:08 PM	Mrs. Leanne Cunningham		All maps need to be drawn strictly without regard to race or party affiliation strictly by population. It is your responsibility to be sure that North Carolina have fair districts now and in the future. The map I have seen has a divided district and that is stupid unless you are trying to cheat.
11/07/2019 10:28 PM	susan whitledge	Please select:	North Carolina has spent a large part of the past ten years in various courts fighting over legislative and Congressional District lines - and wasted a great deal of money in the process. Yes Democrats' redistricting favored Democrats but nowhere near so ridiculously as what the GOP did when they finally got control. The GOP has made itself a joke because of their extreme gerrymandering. I fervently hope Democrats will not behave so stupidly when they retake the majority in the Legislature. Meanwhile with computers it seems reasonable that fair and logical districts could be draw very quickly, and we could get on with trying to run fair elections and stop making North Carolina a laughingstock in the national news.
11/07/2019 10:33 PM	Mr. Mark Taylor		We, the people, want a system as fair as possible. Simple. Isn't that what America is all about?...Should be about? NONPARTISAN.
11/07/2019 10:51 PM	Mr. John White	Self	I have been watching the redistricting computers, when in use. The process appears to be the same--politicians choosing their voters.  Why not just have more compact districts?  Clearly, the process I am observing will be in the courts.  North Carolina deserves better--with an independent redistricting commission!
11/07/2019 11:00 PM	Dr. Tracy Feldman		I am a concerned citizen, and I am very worried that we are losing our democracy through redistricting. Please preserve our democracy. Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/07/2019 11:12 PM	Ms. Anne Cotton		As a retired NC public school teacher I taught children from all walks of life. At one of my last schools, a small elementary school, there were 27 languages spoken by our students and their families. This is what I wish for them and for all of us: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color, immigrants who have become citizens and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li><li>• provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts;</li><li>• end any redistricting processes that use race, ethnicity and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li></ul> I don't think it's too much to ask for full voting rights for all eligible citizens. I don't think it's too much to ask for Honesty and Fairness in drawing our electoral map without any sort of game playing in the process.

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			This has been going on far too long!
11/07/2019 11:13 PM	deborah sternberg		Please have public hearings prior to voting before any redistricting maps are finalized.
11/07/2019 11:31 PM	Sarah LeRoux		I have looked in on the map making process over the past two days. I am concerned about how much attention is being paid to double bunking. The current Representatives are based off unconstitutional maps. I do not think keeping each Rep in their own district should be a top priority as that just seems to continue the gerrymandering. I have seen some crazy things to keep Bishop out of Adams district. If you need to create a weird peninsula to keep him out of her district then you seem to be missing the point.
			I am also concerned how much some counties are being broken up. Guilford county should be in one district. I can potentially see it being in two if Greensboro is grouped with Winston-Salem and the areas outside of Greensboro are another district. I believe I saw one map at one point that had Guilford county in three different districts and did not include Winston-Salem. This seems like it is just trying to dilute the vote in Guilford county. At one point someone did attempt to make sure A&T was not split and I do appreciate that. There are only a few maps online at this point so it is hard to give specific comments. From what I saw though it still seems like some maps are trying to gerrymander the vote.
11/07/2019 11:40 PM	Dr Sandra Berg		Gerrymandering, by either party, is wrong. In order to prevent bias or outright gerrymandering when districts are redrawn, there should be a standardized process that determines fair districts for the entire state, and politicians should NEVER be in charge of drawing the district maps. Inherent or outright bias can only be prevented if lawmakers or administrators not aligned with any political party are in charge of this process. Thank you.
11/08/2019 12:01 AM	Mrs. Evelyn Morehead	None	I am so tired of the shady dealings done by politicians who are supposed to be doing why is best for me and the citizens of NC. Create a map that will support FAIR elections.
11/08/2019 12:38 AM	MaryAnn Ingram	NC citizen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul> Put aside party lines and stand up for the people of NC. Fairness, impartiality - isn't that what you and I teach children in the sports arena? Surely, the same must be for the adult arena of VOTING - our right to have our vote be recognized as the constitution intended.
11/08/2019 01:17 AM	Mr. Lonnie Carrington		Congressional districts is one the basic parameters for a honest democratic society, it should be no question to allow public review and comment as to the honesty of the states district maps. Every effort should be made to ensure the citizens of the state of North Carolina that our Legislatures are honest and serving all the citizens of this great state.
11/08/2019 01:23 AM	Mr. Carl Lang		Democracy works when voters can make a difference. Districts should be competitive.
11/08/2019 02:26 AM	Edith Simpson		Districts should be drawn by an independent impartial panel, not by whatever party is currently in power. Every vote should count, and that doesn't happen in gerrymandered districts.
11/08/2019 05:11 AM	William Stanton		Anyone who has to relie on gerrymandering to get elected Is probably not worthy of the job. So, follow the court order and see if you really are.
11/08/2019 05:28 AM	Ms. Leila Daly		I am a concerned long time NC citizen who urges you to end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. It is a tricky deal having legislators redrawing maps that impact them. Please adhere to the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment as you elected to do.
11/08/2019	Mr. Armin		The Republicans must not be allowed to create a map that will result in fewer than 6 Democratic-leaning seats. A potential map to be used is here:

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05:36 AM	Thomas		<a href="https://davesredistricting.org/join/85033b34-789b-4f87-a5bf-ce29accc66bc">https://davesredistricting.org/join/85033b34-789b-4f87-a5bf-ce29accc66bc</a>
11/08/2019 05:51 AM	Redistricting Maps Michael Davidson	None	This process has been a sham from the beginning. Let an independent committee do this work. Currently the wolves are guarding the hen house! North Carolinians deserve fair elections! It's the foundation of democracy!
11/08/2019 05:52 AM	Mrs Elaine Thomas	Just a rural voter	Please do not split up Chatham County and do not send us off into Chapel Hill + Cary!! We live in Chatham for a reason and my rural vote will not count for anything if Cary's huge population is allowed to control my district. Yesterday's draft maps were obviously designed to give Walker a safe district by getting rid of east Chatham voters. Leave Chatham in one piece and leave us in Walker's district!
11/08/2019 05:59 AM	Zachary Downes		Who are the 7 consultants secretly advising on this process?  The NCGA should not be drawing these districts - we need non-partisan redistricting carried out by an independent commission. The current process is a sham.
11/08/2019 06:00 AM	Matthew Mauzy	Voter	Provide more opportunities for public comment. Increase transparency in the proceeds. Draw maps free of the influence of racial profiling or partisan data.
11/08/2019 06:04 AM	Diane Peltz		Please stop the illegal jerrymandering of our district maps. Win by your own merit not by tricks.
11/08/2019 06:07 AM	Mr Michael Eisenberg		Politicians should by no means have any say so in how districts are drawn.
11/08/2019 06:15 AM	No bias Daniel Klein	Independent	For the sake of true democracy, we need to have voting districts that are selected in a process totally free from any bias to give any political party advantage in our election process.
11/08/2019 06:17 AM	Carol Sloan		Drawing voter district lines to manipulate election results should have never been allowed. It is past time to correct this. I live in the most western tip of District 9, in Mint Hill, in Mecklenburg County, touching the Charlotte city limits and yet for years I have voted in a district with a majority of people who live closer to Fayetteville or even Wilmington. Let's keep it simple and straightforward and vote in our own county at least. There is no reason except election result manipulation to divide counties into different voting districts. Election manipulation, even attempted manipulation of the election process is against the law. Please do not try to just come up with a new way to manipulate election results. Keep it simple, straightforward and legal.
11/08/2019 06:24 AM	Mr. Donald Barker		Do the right thing!
11/08/2019 06:26 AM	Mr. James McILROY	Private Citizen of Granville County, NC	I understand that the overall population of NC-1 has been declining, but is that truly a reason to add thee most or nearly thee most liberal section of Wake County and the rest of Durham County to the district, along with extending the district along the border with Virginia, beyond Gates County, our current eastern border, to the coast ?? This action would be very bad for representation of the rural counties along the NC/ Virginia border area and absolutely guarantee the election of a democrat representative for years to come, particularly with the inclusion of the remains of Durham County and the portion of Wake County being considered for inclusion. As a body of Government that is controlled by the GOP, why are you really considering sacrificing this district ??
11/08/2019 06:29 AM	stephen anderson		draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/08/2019	Mr Kenny		I urge you to finally create fair voting maps in our state, maps that protect and honor the voice of all citizens protect Black and Latino voters. Maps must be



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06:33 AM	Dalsheimer		guided by the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. I also urge you to make this a public and transparent process and provide opportunities for public comment and citizen input and debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the map making process. Finally, I ask that legislators end redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Thanks for your consideration.
11/08/2019 06:34 AM	Capt Bud Wegner	Bud W Wegner Builder Inc	I think it's ridiculous that the committee would think that linking dissimilar communities together by redistricting is a good thing. Not sure how you think the needs and wants of the rural areas will ever be heard over a more densely populated urban area residents. Get your head out of your rectum and use common sense to give all citizens of NC the ability to be heard.
11/08/2019 06:47 AM	Deanna Valeo		Why is Charlotte grouped with counties near the coast? Why arent MSAs grouped together? Randomly splitting areas up isnt logical.
11/08/2019 06:47 AM	Chris Heavener		<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>I'm an 9 year resident of North Carolina. Fair electoral maps are essential to the integrity of our democracy. While redrawing the maps I urge the committee to include these following considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li><li>- provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li><li>- end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li></ul>
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11/08/2019 06:54 AM	Mr Eric Marsh		We have seen the courts for several years reject the voting districts drawn my the majority. How can we feel that this iteration will be any different with Representative Lewis still involved?
11/08/2019 06:55 AM	Bridget J Dunford		I DEMAND FAIR DISTRICTING FOR ELECTIONS. PEOPLE'S VOTES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN PROTECTING POLITICIANS!
11/08/2019 06:57 AM	Ms Suzi Leonard	Voter, Henderson County, NC	It's truly ludicrous that we must express our consternation at gerrymandering! WHY oh WHY would the Republicans not want fair and honest elections? Are they so certain they would lose by equalizing every vote randomly, and counting each equally? One Person One Vote, no more, no less. I have lived in WNC for 3 years now and have never felt my vote counted because it hasn't. If we continue to be gerrymandered under Republican rule, it never will.
11/08/2019 07:05 AM	Bridget J Dunford		VOTING IS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT AND ALL VOTES NEED TO BE COUNTED EQUALLY. SUPPORT FAIR AND EQUITABLE VOTING DISTRICTS. PROTECT VOTES, NOT POLITICIANS.
11/08/2019	John Bromer		The process needs to be completely in the open, and politicians should not be the ones drawing the districts. Impartial outside experts should be given the

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07:37 AM			job. Gerrymandering goes against the stated values of this state and nation and the time to end it is now.
11/08/2019 07:50 AM	Douglas Neely	n/a	Fairness, compromise and trust are critical components of a successful democracy. This country and state are fraying at the seams due to partisan divide. Redistricting offers current leaders the opportunity to demonstrate long-term interest for all, not just their party. I urge North Carolina's Legislative leaders to (1) see beyond party, (2) represent all North Carolinians, (3) have faith in the democratic process and (4) seek to institute as fair and impartial as possible redistricting process.
11/08/2019 08:17 AM	Vicki Howe	Progressive Alliance of Henderson County	Please pay strict attention to the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Let's make NC a shining example of fair and accessible voting.
11/08/2019 08:23 AM	Ms. M.A. Lobo		<p>Dear Committee Members,</p> <p>We are relying on you to draw maps that will reflect the diversity and interests of the members in any given district/community. As a voting member of the public, I would like to see districts drawn where no matter who has control of the State House or State Senate has absolutely no power over re-drawing districts to ensure their seat in office. Elected officials should work for the people who put them in office and not the other way around. Please ensure that as you go through this process that you keep the citizens of this great state in mind regardless of party affiliation.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/08/2019 08:28 AM	Ms Lynn Weller		<p>I am writing to request that when you draw Congressional maps, you protect voters of color by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>I also request that you provide opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and discussion of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/08/2019 08:29 AM	Cynthia Hatfield	Citizen of Buncombe county	<p>Please do not pass the current redistributing legislation. Put your maps before the public in a transparent way and take our comments to heart. It is your job to represent ALL of us fairly.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
11/08/2019 08:55 AM	Redistricting Barbara Welanetz		Please make it fair and easy to understand. Use city and county lines wherever possible, so it makes sense. One last chance....
11/08/2019 08:55 AM	Carina Barnett-Loro		<p>Dear Senator Hise,</p> <p>I am writing as a North Carolinian concerned about protecting democratic ideals and equal representation in our state. I remember accompanying my parents to vote as a young child, and understanding early on what an honor and privilege it is to participate in our government. I take that responsibility very seriously, and have voted in almost every election -- from municipal primaries to presidential ones.</p> <p>As such, it has been troubling to hear more and more over the last decade about how the drawing of districts across our state have diminished the value of each individual's vote, perpetuating harmful beliefs that we do not live in a country that is truly by and for the people.</p> <p>I urge the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting to consider its charge in re-drawing our state's Congressional maps in a way that protect voters of color and other targeted, marginalized populations and reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>I hope you will also provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts.</p>

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			<p>And finally, I hope the Committee will end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>As a dedicated politician, you deserve to represent your constituents with the knowledge and confidence that you hold that seat because you are the best, most-qualified candidate -- not because the districts are drawn in such a skewed way as to limit the competitive American spirit that forces us all to be and to do our best (whatever our professional and personal pursuits) in order to succeed.</p> <p>Thank you again for taking on this task, and appreciate your commitment to incorporating public comments.</p> <p>Best, Carina Barnett-Loro -- 404 Cecil Street Durham, NC 27077</p>
11/08/2019 08:56 AM	Nancy Wehling		I want to see Congressional Districts that fairly represent the people of North Carolina. I want my vote to count. I believe an independent commission is more likely to produce fair districting than politicians.
11/08/2019 08:59 AM	County Commissioner Thomas Pahl		<p>Honorable Members, I am County Commissioner in Hyde County. Serving in this position is a great honor. I'm sure that all of the members of this Committee feel the same way about your service as elected representatives of the people. This issue, the establishment of Congressional Districts in North Carolina, is one of the most significant of the many honors that have been given to you by the people of North Carolina and by the Constitution of the United States. It is indeed a weighty matter and I suspect you are being lobbied heavily by people from up the political ladder even more than by the likes of myself. But let me make an appeal to your sense of duty to Democracy and to fairness and to those old-time values that are fundamental to America's history and America's greatness.</p> <p>For the love of those democratic values that our military has fought and died to preserve, over the last (nearly) 250 years, I implore you to set aside party politics and do what is right for the people. What is right? Create districts that allow the people to speak freely, to elect representatives who will debate the issues on their merits and to vote how the Founding Fathers intended - as representatives of the will of the people; to express the needs and aspirations of their constituents. Understood, since the Founding Fathers spoke on this process, the definition of "The People" has changed, and rightfully so. But the definition of "Fairness" and "Democracy" remain the same and I beg you to yield to those values. Please don't let the short term agendas of party leaders, campaign donors, and lobbyists take away your chance to wear comfortably the honor bestowed upon you by The People. Create districts that you know in your heart will allow, indeed encourage, the free flow of Democracy. In short, stop the gerrymandering: if it looks like a gerrymandered district and it quacks like a gerrymandered district, it's probably a gerrymandered district.</p> <p>In creating these districts, you are effectively casting votes on issues that no one now can know, on matters so weighty and so far into the future that we can't imagine their import to America and to our children of the future. Whatever argument you may be hearing in your left ear or your right ear, whatever promises of access or support is being held out, whatever appeal is being made on behalf of powerful interests in Washington, please listen to your heart, listen to the Founding Fathers, work hard to assure the continuation of this great experiment called America.</p>
11/08/2019 09:32 AM	Cindi Ferguson		Is there no one in the General Assembly who has thought of just placing an evenly distributed grid over the state and divide districts according to the grid? It doesn't seem that those in power can do this fairly without counting votes for themselves. Either this, or, let the courts do it!
11/08/2019 09:32 AM	Mr Roger N Kirkman	None	Gerrymandering of the degree practiced in the last decade indicates mainly that its authors know their ideas are so useless that they cannot win on a level playing field. The Latin word for this is "cheating." Its authors have not attended West Point, or they would have learned not to lie, cheat or steal, which is in their honor code. As Lenny the Sloth in Ice Age noted, "Dignity has nothing to do with it." He could have said "honor" just as appropriately. These guys are big

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			on imposing maximum sentences. Let's see how they like it applied to themselves.
11/08/2019 09:34 AM	Renee Mazurek		As you begin the process of creating voting maps again, please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/08/2019 09:34 AM	Anthony Cope		We need fair & cleanly drawn voting maps based on population & geography, not political partisan preservation or protection of incumbents.
11/08/2019 09:34 AM	Ms Ann Harrison		We the people are OVER the republican attempts to skew the NC congressional district maps to favor their party. If you are soooo afraid that you will be defeated in the elections unless you cheat, it is well past time for you to resign. Actually, Phil Berger and Tim Moore cannot go quickly enough!!! Play fairly and work for ALL the people of North Carolina or get out.
11/08/2019 09:35 AM	Willa Mays		Please use a common-sense approach rather than the biased and crazy current map. Not even a jigsaw puzzel has so many twists and turns. No one is fooled by such a self-serving map. Where is your integrity? Where is your sense of fairness? The current map is an insult to the idea of fairness. Fix it!
11/08/2019 09:43 AM	Ms Lesley Wischmann		I am writing today to thank you for going forward with the necessary step of redrawing NC's congressional districts. All North Carolinians will benefit from fair maps and representatives that truly represent the diversity of our great state. The 3 judge panel that ordered the redistricting effort in Common Cause v. Lewis laid down some well-thought-out, intelligent and clear guidelines for your current efforts. I hope you will continue to focus on creating fair maps that respect communities of interest and gives all citizens a fair opportunity to promote and work for (and be represented by) candidates who represent their point of view. We will do much better as a state when all points of view are heard, debated & discussed so that the best ideas can prevail. Excessive partisanship in gerrymandering, and then in governing, has seriously weakened our state. I appreciate your diligent efforts to get NC back on track with fair maps and fair representation.
11/08/2019 09:45 AM	Mr. Jeffrey Egerton		We need an independent, nonpartisan commission that will draw fair district maps. Voters should be able to choose their representatives, not the other way around. Gerrymandering is a scourge on our democracy.
11/08/2019 09:49 AM	Henry Droege		The maps should not be drawn by the NCGA. We need a non-partisan 3rd party to design maps that are fair and represent all NC voters. Both political parties have played games with these maps and this has been proven over and over, most recently by the state Supreme Court. The people of NC should continue to demand a fair and transparent process.
11/08/2019 09:52 AM	Carolina Manual Therapy Carolina Candelaria		I appreciate the live feed on redrawing our districts. It does reinforce the fact that this process is bothersome and difficult and would be best handled outside the political arena. Instead of wasting legislators time and energy trying to figure this out, let us bring forward a bill which would establish a fully nonpartisan independent commission such as that in Arizona which would then have enough time to give full and fair attention to the process. I beleive HB 69 and SB 673 would be a great step in that direction. Thank you for your service
11/08/2019 10:01 AM	mr mike butler	michael j. butler	It is not fair to rural counties to be linked to the urban counties whose needs are different, and whose overwhelming population would suppress the voice and needs of the rural counties. Granville does not need to be saddled with all of Durham County and the most liberal part of Orange County.
11/08/2019 10:05 AM	Elizabeth Elliott		This is a very important issue for our democracy and fair elections.
11/08/2019 10:06 AM	Julia Fiore		As a lifelong North Carolinian, I am concerned about the fairness of the congressional maps. Democrats and Republicans have both taken advantage of unfair maps in the past, and voters are fed up with this game. It is important that we protect voters of color, and other populations that have been disenfranchised, by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.
			Voters want a say in this process. Please provide plenty of well-advertised opportunities for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps. Incorporation of public feedback in the creation and alteration of districts will help citizens have more confidence in the system and the integrity of the

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			lawmakers. Using race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote has no place in the redistricting process.
			Thank you for your time.
11/08/2019 10:39 AM	Teresa Lineback		In the interest of democracy which includes fair voting options, I request that the districts be drawn with the primary intent of allowing voters easy access to voting . Also, the voter should expect their vote to be part of the democratic process which means their vote is not sidetracked into some partisan agenda.
11/08/2019 10:44 AM	Bill Boyarsky	Orange County resident	Folks It is a foundation principle that our representation in all elected bodies should be proportional to the vote as much as possible. I urge y'all to put aside partisan interests (BOTH sets of interests), and construct voting districts that produce as direct a reflection of the vote as possible.
11/08/2019 10:51 AM	Kirstin Ringelberg		I would like the districts to be redrawn by independent, non-partisan experts please.
11/08/2019 10:59 AM	MR & MRS William S.T. Holcomb	Mr.	Please, PLEASE return Polk County to District 11. Retain the 2010 CD lines, and return District 11 to its previous boundaries.  Thank you.
11/08/2019 11:13 AM	Olivia Martin		We should redistrict compactly based on county borders: <a href="https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting-maps/north-carolina/#Compact">https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting-maps/north-carolina/#Compact</a>
11/08/2019 11:14 AM	Janet Blanchard		Why is the proposed District 12 so large, and District 11 so small. Shouldn't McDowell, Yancy, Avery and Mitchell be in McHenry's district 11?
11/08/2019 11:16 AM	Bettina Patterson	AIRL	Having transparency during the process of redrawing the district maps is VITAL. Otherwise the outcome is likely to be unfair.
11/08/2019 11:26 AM	Rev. William Garrard		I understand you are redrawing congressional districts in anticipation of court rulings that partisan draw lines are unconstitutional. I implore you to make our congressional districts integral to the connections people have as larger communities keeping counties and cities and their surrounding areas in the same districts. Do not disenfranchise voters by making them such a minority that they do not have a choice as the election of a partisan is the foregone conclusion. This will enhance voter participation as well as give people in real stake in who is elected and build up our democracy as we work together to solve problems and promote the common good.  May God guide and bless you in your deliberations.
			Rev. Bill Garrard, Retired ClergyThe United Methodist Church; 472 22nd Avenue NE; Hickory, NC 28601-1502C - 828-962-7566
11/08/2019 11:28 AM	Redistricting Robert Binner	Business owner	The history of this activity of apportioning electoral districts is shabby at best. Our State seems to hold little concern for the appearance of these things. The legislators of North Carolina, historically from both party's have demonstrated little interest in presenting an equitable balance to the people of North Carolina. Always aligning interests with the majority party. It would be a different day in North Carolina if our legislative redistricting showed a level playing field where the people's democratic action (voting) could ordain who and what it is that a majority intended. To connive, and deceitfully pre-ordain electoral outcomes as has been demonstrated by the courts, should hasten those who are attempting to make all of this right, to shake off the burden of prejudice and come out in the light of day with a new proposition which we as North Carolinian's can be proud of before an entire nation. Respectfully submitted
11/08/2019 11:31 AM	MARTHA MCCORMICK		I am writing to request the Congressional Redistricting project be conducted in an open and fair manner to benefit the citizens of North Carolina. I want to see communities protected, not split up to divide people from their roots. I want to see redistricting be made blind to party affiliation, color, creed, religion, age, and ethnicity. I want the VOTERS TO SELECT THE POLITICIANS and, not as it has been, that the politicians select their voters.
11/08/2019	Dr. Anthony		I believe in democracy and the principle of equal value of each voters ballot. Gerrymandering is contrary to democratic principles and should be abolished. A

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11:35 AM	Morgan		nonpartisan redistricting commission, which other states already have, would solve the problem and would restore democracy to North Carolina.
11/08/2019 11:35 AM	Council Member Denise Adams	City of WS	After watching the process on live stream yesterday all I can say is this. The attempt to make the process appear fair isn't working. Your job is not to protect incumbency. Your job is to draw fair maps. That means allowing voters to be represented without the surgical knife of incumbency.
11/08/2019 11:35 AM	Andrew Havens		<p>I appreciate the efforts of the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting to broadcast its deliberations online. However, it's difficult to understand how this can be considered a transparent process when committee members seem leave the committee room to consult with private advisers, outside of public view. Similarly, I find it concerning that Committee leadership have thus far refused to publish their proposals online for public review.</p> <p>I understand how the upcoming candidate filing period constrains the time frame to conduct this redistricting process. Nonetheless, lawmakers should value public input and participation. The Committee should encourage public participation with in-person public hearings and opportunities for in-person public input.</p>
11/08/2019 11:42 AM	Stephen Spaeth		I appreciate that drawing fair districts is exceptionally complex. I also am aware that there are at least several metrics that can evaluate the impartiality of district maps, such as efficiency gap. With the abundance of data and computing power at our disposal there is no excuse for gerrymandering today. I would love to see districts drawn by computers with audited, impartial algorithms. A non-partisan or bi-partisan committee could select from the top candidates produced by AI. This may be a lot to ask before the 2020 elections (or not?), but no doubt it could be done for 2022 or 24 and beyond. For 2020, please conduct an open process, allow ample time for public comment, and make every effort to eliminate partisan and racial gerrymandering. This is a large driver of the rancorous divide and extremism infecting the politics of our state and nation. That North Carolina is at the center of this scandal is an embarrassment.
11/08/2019 11:56 AM	Jacquelyn Goldberger		The latest iteration of the state maps are as gerrymandered as previous ones. They need to be redrawn using a non- partisan group to do so as with the Congressional map.
11/08/2019 12:03 PM	The Rev. John Branson		We hope that you will adhere to basic principals of fairness without political/racial bias in the re-drawing of maps for the Congressional districts in North Carolina. Thank you.
11/08/2019 12:24 PM	Mr Steven Rundle		I would encourage you to please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts, andend any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/08/2019 12:27 PM	Mr Paul kilcarr		For a LONG TIME you have had control and not representing your constituents, so please draw a fair map so we determine who we want.
11/08/2019 01:05 PM	Mr. John Garris	Citizen of Halifax of County	It is time for politicians in both parties to stop using redistricting to gain political power. Counties should be left whole and combined with other counties with a commonality . Coastal counties have different priorities and interest than rural agriculture counties as does the Triangle area and mountain regions. When a rural agriculture county is combined with parts of Wake or Durham counties the elected public servant for that district will overlook rural concern in favor of the bigger city . Warren, Halifax, North Hampton, Hertford, or Bertie have nothing in common with Wake or Durham counties. To continue the partisan fight for political power is to do a great disservice to the citizens of the great state of North Carolina
11/08/2019 01:28 PM	Mr Christopher Storm	Voter	The North Carolina legislators have been asked to redraw maps repeatedly with similar biased results. It is time for a master to be brought in so that for once in a decade the citizens can choose there representatives instead of the reverse. We need real fair maps.
11/08/2019 01:33 PM	Ms. Cheryl Tung		I have observed this committee over the past 4 days. I appreciate the live-streaming. However, NC has a long way to go to make this process transparent. My concerns are: 1) Racial and partisan data had already been released to the public for the 'Common Cause' base map. whether or not legislators had accessed this data is irrelevant. 2) This 'transparent' process was only transparent in that it provided me the opportunity to watch maps being gerrymandered in public view. I watched as legislators walked in and out of the committee drawing room with several copies of printed maps only to go directly behind closed doors. Cell phones were openly used while sitting at computers. It was difficult to observe 4 computers simultaneously. This isn't the process North Carolinians deserve. Let's work together to create true redistricting reform!



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11/08/2019 01:57 PM	Dr Gloria Kirby-Green		Redistricting must be done with fairness and honesty.
11/08/2019 01:59 PM	Ms. Nova SAULLI		Just hire an impartial third party to draw the maps! It's a no-brainer.
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11/08/2019 02:03 PM	Dr Michie Dew		I am very upset that I am forced to vote in districts designed to favor one party over another, thereby making the outcome of our elections primarily predetermined. It's time to pass a FAIR Congressional map!!! During the map redrawing phase, there should be public hearings to allow citizen input instead of waiting until AFTER the maps are drawn! After these hearings, the maps should be drawn from scratch rather than minor changes made to highly gerrymandered previously existing gerrymandered maps! Anything less is an insult to our democracy!
11/08/2019 02:05 PM	Paul Feldman		<p>My congressional district was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of the politicians in the General Assembly intentionally drawing our district lines so that they can pick their voters, rather than the voters picking their representatives. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should: Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities. After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over. It's ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p>
11/08/2019 02:07 PM	Susan Williams		<p>North Carolina has drawn national attention for its blatant gerrymandering by the Republicans in the GA. My home county, Haywood, was affected by the changes, so that I lost the opportunity to vote for a home-town political servant of high quality, a Democrat. I have lumped in with Madison County (red) and it took away my right to vote for a candidate who truly represents my family. Republicans in the General Assembly have manipulated our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <p>Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities. After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.</p> <p>It's ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p>
11/08/2019 02:07 PM	Mr Everett Lacey	NA	It's time to stop making it most difficult for the disenfranchised and African-American voters to excersize there Constitutionally right to vote and have that vote fairly counted. Do the right thing demonstrate a decorum of decincy by drawing fair maps for Congressional elections. America should be the stalwarts

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			for showing the globe what true democracy looks like.
11/08/2019 02:08 PM	Dustin Ingalls		This process has been an utter sham. It's clear partisan intent is front and center in the redrawing process, and there has been no public input. You should scrap any maps drawn this week and cede your authority to the court so we have a fair map for 2020 under which we voters can actually choose our representatives instead of you.
11/08/2019 02:14 PM	Dr. Russell Martin		<p>I am frustrated by voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I am tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.</li> <li>2. After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.</li> </ol> <p>It is ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same things this congressional redraw. Have you not learned anything?</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p>
11/08/2019 02:19 PM	Ms Saroj Primlani	Citizen	<p>It is very important that public input is given before any map drawing process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Please hold public hearings across the state demonstrating the different potential map options based on the required criteria, this is important for the public to understand who would be representing them</li> <li>2) Based on the public input have a unbiased 3rd party draw the maps, not the members of general assembly who have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo or something similar</li> </ol> <p>Bad map is a bad map and will again end up in litigation. I have been involved in helping with generating maps so I know it can be done.</p>
11/08/2019 02:25 PM	Susan Chapman		I feel that there should be open public meetings throughout communities of our state to make comments & give input about about the proposed Congressional maps. The redrawing of maps should be nonpartisan so that every vote counts equally. There should not be any gerrymandering that benefits any party no matter which one is in control. I think N.C. should look at other states to see what is working fairly for all peoples and use their process for drawing maps. For example, Iowa is one state that seems to have a nonpartisan process. Please put your partisanship aside and work for all the peoples of N.C. It is time to stand up for what is right & fair. Thank you for helping to make N.C. a welcoming place for all.
11/08/2019 02:29 PM	Mrs Judith Pigossi		You in the General Assembly are flaunting your "power", wasting taxpayer money holding on to your positions, keeping the legislature in session. You neglected to hold a public hearing before you made a mockery of diddling the state legislative maps. Minor changes are not enough but you sneaked by. Now your task is the congressional map redraw. You must start from scratch, show your constituents that you hear feedback and that you understand what it is to live in a democracy, to hold a position of decision making in a democracy. Show that you do know how to do the right thing!
11/08/2019 02:32 PM	vk kent		Please protect our democracy. Voting districts without partisan manipulation are the foundation. Without that, we are not free.
11/08/2019 02:34 PM	Mr Walter Kross		OPEN this process to the public, citizens across the state.
11/08/2019 02:36 PM	Susan Edelstein		I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.

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11/08/2019 02:37 PM	John Jacobson		<p>Please set Congressional Districts in a non-partisan manner.</p> <p>Thank You</p> <p>John Jacobson</p> <p>Greensboro NC</p>
11/08/2019 02:37 PM	Jenny Kotora-Lynch		<p>I submit these remarks as a citizen from Apex and a longtime observer of the redistricting fights in NC. I'm heartened that the court requires new districts for the 2020 election. If only I could be sure that the process were transparent and fair, I would be thrilled.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I am concerned about this process in several points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Public notification of this meeting came far too late.</li> <li>* The time period may be short, but the maps should have been drawn from scratch. The "Common Cause" map is built using race data, and it builds in a history of partisan gerrymandering. The new maps must comply with the Voting Rights Act and avoid partisanship.</li> <li>* I am very concerned that, because the court did not explicitly rule out behind-the-scenes meetings, the map-drawing process is more translucent than transparent. Sen. Hise has repeatedly left the room with a stack of maps, spent time conferring behind closed doors, and then returned asking for new changes. In light of the history of the past 10 years, I find it difficult to trust that this is better than conferring with Dr. Hofeller behind the scenes.</li> <li>* Why does incumbent protection get a special pass in designing these maps? As your criteria list notes, members do not have to reside in their districts. More important, the shape of a district should bear no relation to the addresses of the members who currently serve. People who work in private industry know that we have no lock on a job: we see no reason why elected officials should expect one.</li> <li>* When you debate these maps in session, will you commit to explaining them to the public? Will you tell us your rationale for one set of maps over another? Will you allow time for actual debate?</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for your consideration of these and other comments from the public. Will the comments be posted to the ncleg.gov website? Will members have time to read them? Will they have any effect? I hope the answers are all Yes.</p>
11/08/2019 02:41 PM	Judith Walsh		<p>Redistricting has to favor the voters and not the political parties.</p>
11/08/2019 02:41 PM	Everett Baucom	none	<p>Redistricting should (1) Reflect the partisan distribution in the state as closely as possible. If the state is divided 50/50 Republican/Democrat then each district, as nearly as feasible, should reflect that distribution. It is clearly absurd to have 10/3 split in Representatives when the R/D split across the state is</p>

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			closer to 50/50. (2) Race should not be a factor. I objected to that criterion when the D's used it in the '90s, and I object to it now. (3) Boundaries should follow county and/or precinct boundaries as much as possible. (4) The process should expeditious to allow all steps to be completed well before ballots are to be printed. Allow ample time for absentee ballots to be distributed. (5) Future redistricting should be done by a non-partisan committee, not the legislature. (6) Gerrymandering is as American as apple pie, but it's a pie made of rotten apples. It lies at the heart of the growing divisions in the country. When gerrymandering rules candidates worry more about being "primaried" by their party than they do about representing all of their constituents.
11/08/2019 02:48 PM	Mr. Zed Director		Please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/08/2019 02:48 PM	Ms. Lynne Walter, MSW		<p>As a North Carolinian, I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map that allows North Carolinians' voices to be hear and our votes to count!</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hold public hearings across the entire state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.</li><li>- After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.</li></ul> <p>It's utterly ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that North Carolinians like me have a voice!</p> <p>Sincerely, Lynne Walter, MSW Raleigh, NC</p>
11/08/2019 03:01 PM	Dr Brenda Fairfax		<p>Why is discussion continuing about map redrawing? I for one, am tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I thought this map redrawing was over when the 3-panel superior judges deemed the previous maps were unconstitutional? Why are we having to endure this again ... the politicians in the General Assembly keep manipulating our district lines so the elections are already known due to their redrawing. When is the General Assembly going to finally pass a FAIR congressional map?</p> <p>We were told the map-drawing process would include public hearings across the state to ensure citizens such as me could advocate for our communities. The General Assembly should start from scratch in drawing a map.</p> <p>Let's get this done correctly so the citizens can have their say "fair and square" ... stop playing with the maps!</p>
11/08/2019 03:08 PM	Mr Andy Jarrell		<p>I'm incredibly concerned that congressional districts are drawn to favor one political party. Such gerrymandering is works counter to democracy. It is time for the benefit of our state that the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <p>Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.</p> <p>After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old</p>

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11/08/2019 03:15 PM	Mr Donald King	none	Protect people of color and draw districts that reflect the requirement of the voting right act of the 14th admendment.
11/08/2019 03:20 PM	A Rao		<p>I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should: Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities. After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over. It's ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p>
11/08/2019 03:31 PM	Mr Michael Lewandowski		Do a fair job. Your seat depends on it.
11/08/2019 03:32 PM	Mary Sewell		Compact districts provide easier access to our representatives. Competitive districts provide better testing of ideas and more working together. Drawing districts must be done in a transparent way, with most emphasis on true citizen representation. Not slicing up counties reduces election costs for all and reduces confusion for voters. Please make citizen participation as easy as possible. (And don't think we don't notice you slipping off to confer with unseen folks. We see you and that has to stop!)
11/08/2019 03:33 PM	Mrs Terry Alston		Please make a sincere effort to draw maps that are fair for all and drawn on a non partisan basis.
11/08/2019 03:34 PM	Mrs. Angela Flynn	Self	<p>The Honorable Ralph Hise; The Honorable Destin Hall; The Honorable David Lewis Co-Chairmen North Carolina General Assembly Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting 300 N. Salisbury Street Raleigh, NC 27603</p> <p>Submitted online, via: <a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/RequestForComments/32">https://www.ncleg.gov/RequestForComments/32</a></p> <p>Dear Senator Hise and Representatives Hall and Lewis:</p> <p>The October 28, 2019 preliminary injunction regarding the State's apportionment of Congressional Seats handed down by North Carolina Superior Court</p>

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			<p>Judges Ridgeway, Crosswhite, and Hinton, strongly recommended the State General Assembly redraw the 2020 Congressional District maps in anticipation of a ruling finding the current districts violate the State Constitution. As such, the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting, in its effort to be impartial, set forth a list of criteria and principles to be used in the drafting of new maps.</p> <p>While I commend the Joint Select Committee for its attempt to be a neutral selector, I question its ability to do so. Even the slightest semblance of impartiality can taint the Joint Select Committee's process. In fact, there has already been a question after Senator Hise was repeatedly observed leaving and reentering the room where maps are being re-drawn with what seemed to be specific premeditated changes to proposed district lines.</p> <p>Several legislatures throughout the United States have successfully chartered independent commissions to draft Congressional maps. They execute on their charter transparently and create district lines that are not skewed toward political party, incumbency, race, or any other specific demographic. Those are the criteria that must be used by a body working to determine accurate proportional representation.</p> <p>If the Joint Select Committee were to use an Independent Redistricting Committee of some kind now, it would lay the foundation for future maps to be drawn fairly after the next census rather than continued back and forth gerrymandering driven by whichever party happens to be in the majority. Additionally, such a committee would minimize the basis for continued litigation, saving valuable resources for other vital services which taxpayers count on from the State, such as improvements to infrastructure or investments in education.</p> <p>I urge this Joint Select Committee to commission such an independent taskforce to remove any unfairness or bias to the mapmaking process. The voters of North Carolina deserve accurate proportional representation in Congress that has been set using a fair, impartial, nonpartisan, and transparent process.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Angela Flynn Pittsboro, NC</p>
11/08/2019 03:51 PM	Ms Ann Bromberg	None	I know the latest map that you put in the floor is the ultimate gerrymandered map. You can't get away with that. There should be a hearing so that the public can attend
11/08/2019 03:54 PM	Mr Garrett Nelson		It would be much more transparent if it were possible to press a button on your PC which delivered an electric shock to anyone sitting at a computer who was doing something stupid. Not sure I feel like being a spectator is sufficient given the circumstances.
11/08/2019 03:56 PM	Jawanna Bell		I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.
11/08/2019 04:00 PM	Stanley Fri		Districts should be roughly square or circular with no obvious indentations, extensions, curves, or turns, ideally subdividing as few counties as possible.
11/08/2019 04:10 PM	Mr. David Dunn		<p>I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I am also tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hold public hearings across the state to make sure all citizens can advocate for their communities.</li><li>2. After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. Making minor changes to major gerrymanders are not</li></ol>



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11/08/2019 04:15 PM	Tom Young		<p>enough. It's time to start over.</p> <p>It is ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that all people have an equal voice.</p> <p>1. Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;  2. Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and  3. End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.  Thank you</p>
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11/08/2019 04:17 PM	Mr Bentley Erickson		I urge you to use all lawful methods to maintain conservative leadership and control of our state and Federal government. Gerrymandering techniques were used to effectively keep liberals in office for decades, and I see no reason to change things now.
11/08/2019 04:23 PM	Mr Richard Klett		Gerrymandering makes elections unfair.
11/08/2019 04:26 PM	Joy Haldeman-Englert		<p>As a resident of North Carolina who is passionate about voting rights I very much appreciate this opportunity to provide feedback on the creation of new voting maps via the public comment portal. In the coming weeks I hope that the the NC General Assembly also provides opportunities for in-person public commentary and debate regarding the creation and alteration of districts.</p> <p>In drawing new Congressional maps, I urge the NCGA to put a stop to any redistricting measures that use race and partisan factors to dictate how and where we vote. Rather, new maps should reflect a non-partisanship sensibility. I also believe that the newly draw voting maps should protect voters of color and other targeted populations by creating districts that are in-line with the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>Sincerely,  Joy Haldeman-Englert  Black Mountain NC</p>
11/08/2019 04:29 PM	Do it by computer Howard Thirtle		You should let a computer set up the districts so that it can be impartial. Whoever draws the districts should not be associated with any political party.
11/08/2019 04:34 PM	Marsha Luhrs		Hopefully this is the time that you will FINALLY develop FAIR and realistic districts for our State. The whole nation is watching. Thank you.
11/08/2019 04:36 PM	Dr. Richard Honeycutt	EDC sound Services	I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.

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11/08/2019 04:37 PM	Ms Virginia Underwood		Why are legislators with "skin in the game" allowed to draw the lines? This begs the corruption that the NC GOP imposed on us after the 2010 census. Do NC Republicans believe they can ONLY win by cheating? Maybe they should remember the last Governor's race results. Lies, gerrymandering and supporting Trump will cost you your jobs.
11/08/2019 04:42 PM	Mrs. Charlotte Sprawls	independent	Districts need to be evenly distributed according to their party affiliation counts, not according to one or the other party's demands.
11/08/2019 04:49 PM	Jonathan Rollman		As a resident and constituent of NC, I ask you to draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/08/2019 04:49 PM	Dr. Homer Edward Price		I live in the 11th Congressional District, and in past decades I have had the opportunity to vote for Democratic candidates who had a chance of winning, and sometimes did. Now the district has been gerrymandered to make it a safe Republican seat. It is held, not by a typical Republican, but by the chair of the far right Freedom Caucus. Consequently, I have no representation in Congress at all and no voice in its deliberations. A map of compact districts would much better represent the people of North Carolina, because it would not pack supporters of either party into noncompetitive districts.
11/08/2019 04:50 PM	Mrs. Cama Merritt		Draw fair districts that keep city, town and counties intact, not split, as much as possible. Do not use partisan data. Don't start with the Common Cause map. Start from scratch.
11/08/2019 04:53 PM	Liz Sullivan		Both of the maps posted today 11/8 are gerrymandering District 4. You are lumping as many Democrats as possible into that district. I am a Chatham resident and I object to the fact that you are taking my vote away by gerrymandering me into a hard blue district. Currently as part of district 6 I feel my vote can count in a competitive election! Please stop doing these maps by hand and clicking around on the computers like you are playing a game - this is not a game. The Democrats in the room don't seem to know enough to even defend the status quo - the Republican consultant on the other hand knows exactly where to draw the lines to maximize Republican seats. The districts being drawn are gerrymandered even worse than before, back to 2016 or even worse. Please use the automated software to draw fair non-partisan districts with minimal splitting of counties!
11/08/2019 05:00 PM	Karen Floyd		<p>To my representatives:</p> <p>We need maps for 2020 to ensure that all who vote in North Carolina are represented fairly.</p> <p>Required for this current, and hopefully final, round of mapmaking, we need for our legislators to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment</li><li>2. provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the</li></ol>

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11/08/2019 05:06 PM	James McCown		I appreciate the opportunity to comment on redistricting of North Carolina congressional districts. It is wrong and unAmerican to draw district boundaries to favor any candidate or party. They should reflect the political affiliations of our citizens, be competitive, and use county boundaries, rivers or other widely recognized geopolitical features. Gerrymandering has contributed to the political divide that is so evident in our state and country today. Be statesmen and stateswomen and end gerrymandering. Signed: A registered Republican
11/08/2019 05:12 PM	Ms. Bobbi Allison	Ms.	We need fair, nonpartisan electoral maps. I am concerned that we will rush the process and not give citizens enough time to attend a meeting where all can express an opinion. I encourage the Committee to be transparent, to listen to citizen concerns, and to incorporate our concerns into the map-drawing process. Without these actions, an independent panel will have to draw our districts to assure fair elections. i would like to have our votes actually count, rather than the outcomes being predetermined by unfair maps. It would be a pity if we could not trust our legislators to follow court guidelines.
11/08/2019 05:30 PM	Mr. Michael Barrett		I hate gerrymandering. It has NO place in a country that purports to be a democracy. Draw the new districts without any bias of any kind so as to make the US Constitution's requirement of 1 person 1 vote as close to reality as possible. Politicians should never choose their voters. For a democracy to function as such, districts must be drawn so voters choose their representatives in fair electoral contests. Do your job and do it right.
11/08/2019 05:33 PM	Honorable Brian Sisson		Please be sure that you use the power of the legislature to make our state as Red as possible. The Democrats did it for 100 years, now they bitch and moan because it is our turn!
11/08/2019 05:35 PM	Ms Judith Womack	None	Politicians must stop choosing voters. Allow us to choose the best candidate. End the slicing and dicing of the maps/districts. You lawmakers act like we are stupid. Do you get it that gerrymandering leads to extremism, sets up hate & animus? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>During the 2012 election, following your aggressive Republican gerrymander in the state, more than half of North Carolina voters cast ballots for Democratic candidates for Congress. Nonetheless, Republicans took 70 percent of seats. How is that fair?</li></ul> Why are you still: Cracking, Stacking and Packing? GOP legislators are paid by all North Carolinians, but deliberately employ "Jim Crow" tactics against voters of color. A "Plantation Nation" turns companies and investors away, hurting our revenue base. It is time to come together--play fair. We teach our children to play well with others. The NCLEG is made up of adults. It is time to act like grown-ups.
11/08/2019 05:50 PM	Shannon Teel		I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.
11/08/2019 05:58 PM	Leigh LeClair		I hope this is just a first pass before a non-partisan committee looks at them. Still looks like the Democrats are packed into interesting looking districts and why is NC-02 ONLY in Wake County. That seems suspect to me. I will never trust ANY system where the politicians are picking their voters.
11/08/2019 05:59 PM	Linda Brinkley		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li><li>provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li><li>end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li></ul> We must create an amendment to NC constitution that requires voting districts to be created by a nonpartisan, independent commission which consists of

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			members who represent the full range of diversity of NC citizenry (no legislators). Non-partisan redistricting is essential for democracy.
11/08/2019 06:06 PM	Mr. Eugene Riley	none	the districts are out of proportion and favor Republicans to much. North Carolina voters are not being given a true representation.
11/08/2019 06:09 PM	Ms. Catherine Stadelman		It is not a good idea for elected officials to be drawing their own districts or districts of other elected representatives. This should be done in a thoroughly non-partisan way by an independent commission with impartial experts, strict rules and full transparency. Both parties have gerrymandered and this needs to stop for districts to be truly fair. The entire political process will be better if people choose politicians instead of vice versa.
11/08/2019 06:16 PM	Sandra Bickham		<p>I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:  Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.  After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.  It's ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p>
11/08/2019 06:24 PM	Ms. Mary Elizabeth Voss		Please do not allow partisan redrawing of the districts. Please use the census and be sure the redistricting will be completed by the 2020 election. Thank you
11/08/2019 06:25 PM	Mr Odell Dillard		We need fair maps not drawn by politicians
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11/08/2019 06:42 PM	Linda Arrigo		I believe these maps need to be drawn without using any partisan data and without consideration of double bunking. I truly believe that an independent party would be best to draw fair districts without any type of gerrymandering.
11/08/2019 06:59 PM	Donna Hamilton	Retired atty	I strongly support redrawing maps without regard to race or partisan purposes. The past processes make a mockery of the right to vote. Furthermore it is very shortsighted to think that one party will always be doing the redistricting. Give us a clean process that restores our faith in the democratic system and let's everyone's vote count
11/08/2019 08:13 PM	Mrs Barbara coulson	none	Legislators should not be drawing maps; this should be up to an independent commission such as the Iowa model where legislators have no part in drawing districts. I want a fair, nonpartisan map that allows me to vote for a candidate knowing that the map is not rigged to favor one candidate over another. In other words, fair maps that give me a choice.
11/08/2019 08:27 PM	2019 Redistricting Kay Wagner	N/A. Just a voter -want my voice heard	Funny thing When Democrat/Liberals were in control for 40 years they got away with much worse gerrymandering!! Now the hypocrites are complaining!!
11/08/2019 08:28 PM	Julie Koppang		Please use common sense and integrity when you redraw the congressional maps. Stop making the citizens of NC look like a bunch of racist hayseeds. Use county lines and other normal boundaries. Dividing a HBSU in half to dilute their vote is beyond despicable. We can't continue like this. This isn't a Democrat or Republican issue. This is a NC problem. You were elected based on biased mapping and districting. Now fix it, like you were going to present it to God.

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			Your job and our democracy depend on you doing everything the right and honorable way. Favor no political party. Get elected on the merit of your service and the quality of your character, not on manipulation of voting patterns.
11/08/2019 08:41 PM	Miriam Chu		Districts should be drawn based on the majority views of the communities & should only represent the numbers of citizens present, not non citizens.
11/08/2019 08:43 PM	Fair Districts eleanor dillard		The Democrats need to draw fair districts that reflect the values of the constituency. The GA members have followed the laws, yet Democrats cry foul. Maybe they should follow the law. Only persons who are legal residents or citizens should be considered.
11/08/2019 09:13 PM	Andrew Pardue		Please make a fair and nonpartisan districts map. It's vital to our democracy that we are fairly represented and that representatives are reflective of their constituent's values.
11/08/2019 09:16 PM	Chowan County Commissione Larry McLaughlin		Please keep Chowan County and all the finger counties in District 3.
11/08/2019 09:20 PM	Margaret Arbuckle	GUilford County	It's unconscionable that legislators are drawing the congressional election maps Behind closed doors. Please be transparent and remove your political bias and draw districts that are equitable by population. Thank you
11/08/2019 09:40 PM	Dr. Theodore Fuller		It is imperative that the General Assembly create fair maps that allow voters to vote for representatives who will truly represent the voters! It is unacceptable for the legislature to create districts where it is pre-ordained that 10 of 13 congressional seats will Republican seats. Let candidates compete on the basis of their ideas and let voters decide which ideas they want to select.
11/08/2019 09:55 PM	Mr Thomas Austin	Onslow County Republican Party	All the maps need to be drawn according to population density of United States citizens living in North Carolina and unique geographical conditions. There should be no listing of race or party affiliation or gender. Illegal aliens and legal migrants should not be included in this count. They are not allowed to vote so why would they be included?
11/08/2019 10:04 PM	Mr Jeffrey Hoover		Use county lines - easy You can not find answers everyone agrees, looking to this or that that, always someone is left out, or discriminated or feel that way anyway. So use county lines this is 100. Then a few counties can be split but only once and use rivers or creeks that divide about north, south, east or west. Or use school zones to split it in half. But most counties need only one representative. Don't look at other things! County lines are good for all. All agree or if not agree they can not fight it. Easy! We have done dumb things to split on race, sex, den, and rep, all are bad. All leave out independents and others. Don't gerrymandering anything. Don't use anything controversial or population, race, sex, party, etc. Simple answer use county lines!
11/08/2019 10:49 PM	Fair voting district maps Joseph Tanzini		We need fair maps that are drawn by a separate nonpartisan organization.
11/09/2019 12:23 AM	Mr. Christian Cano		All of Charlotte and all of Fayetteville should have their own Congressperson and voice in DC.
11/09/2019 02:55 AM	Barbara Benson		I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map. Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities. After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.

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11/09/2019 06:31 AM	Susanne Walker Wilson	Circle of Mercy United church of Christ	I write to you today imploring you to no longer use race as part of the determination of redistricting decision making. Protect our democracy. Follow the law. Choose integrity over the longing to control or win or protect your political interests. Trust that the people of our good state will speak through their votes and that leaders can focus on leading rather than rigging. I say this to both Democrats and Republicans. Choose courage over fear. Thank you. Susanne Walker Wilson Asheville NC
11/09/2019 07:14 AM	Cynthia Montgomery		I feel it is of extreme importance that districts are drawn up fairly. They should not be drawn up by whatever political party is a majority.
11/09/2019 07:51 AM	Lauren Livingston		Start with public hearings. Then start from scratch with new maps; no minor changes to the previous maps. Cities and college campuses should not be divided.
11/09/2019 08:05 AM	Ms Elena Carleo		Would y'all please stop screwing around and just do the right thing? Stop trying to cheat the system in order to win more seats. By creating these unfair maps, you are going directly against the idea of a democracy. You are choosing who gets to be in charge instead of letting the people choose.
11/09/2019 08:44 AM	William Richardson		Why can't the districts contain an X amount of counties, whole counties, not parts of counties? It's simple and easy to do. You have roughly 5 districts that does that.
11/09/2019 08:46 AM	--None-- Adam Versenyi		<p>Dear Senators and Representatives,</p> <p>I urge you to draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Adam Versényi 205 Oleander Road Carrboro, NC 27510</p>
11/09/2019 08:57 AM	LtCol (ret) James Wheeler	Jim Wheeler	Here's an approach that I've always thought made sense: do the districts by including "contiguous" counties. That shouldn't be too hard to do. Divide the total voting population of NC by the number of counties to get the approx. number of folks desired in each district, start at one end of the state and select contiguous counties until you get the desired number and begin again. Yes, there may be one or two exceptions to dividing a county but those should be rare exception.
11/09/2019 09:01 AM	Mrs Jeanne Stancil		It has become an embarrassment to me, a native, to see the brand of our state ruined with this continuing agenda of rigging elections. Self regulation is a joke. If you have to cheat to win perhaps you should examine your policies. There should be a committee formed whose interest is not self serving.
11/09/2019 09:14 AM	Adrian Quattlebaum	NC Voter	I am writing to urge you to draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. I also urge you to provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. Finally, it is essential that the Committee end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/09/2019 09:22 AM	Ms Michelle Soule		Where the public should have the opportunity and write for Comment on the new Maps. The gerrymandered way is the old way and I am tired of living in a district That has been so skewed In the favor of the republican party. I asked for fairness and public comments and input.
11/09/2019 09:57 AM	Dr Gavin Dillard		Be honest. Get this done properly. Get it done NOW. And get this idiot McHenry out of our business!



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11/09/2019 10:26 AM	Mr. Bobby Padgett	private citizen	<p>I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.</li><li>• After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.</li></ul> <p>It's ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p>
11/09/2019 11:19 AM	Dr. William Busa	EQV Analytics	<p>With great sadness, I conclude that a more appropriate name for this committee would be the 'Joint Select Committee on Congressional Regerrymandering.'</p> <p>No one watching this process unfold via the livestream can fail to come away with the understanding that the legislators who are actively involved in map drawing all display keen understandings of exactly where their own voters, and the opposition's voters, live. It's simply table stakes for any politician to know their state's political map; to know, for instance, that Moore County is solidly Republican, that Durham County is solidly Democratic, that major city downtown ('inside the beltline') voters are predominantly people of color, that outside-the-beltline suburbanites are predominantly whites. To know where the universities are, where the farm country is, which are the poor white rural counties, which are the poor black ones. And, most of all, to know what all of that means for the partisan and racial composition of every district these incumbent politicians draw.</p> <p>Where is the honest politician among this committee's members who will come out and admit what we all know: that the committee's Plan Criteria are a cynical sham? To pretend that "data identifying the race of individuals or voters" and "partisan considerations and election results" are not at the heart of every click of a mouse directed by these map drawers is, simply put, to make a mockery of the concept of 'fair districts.' Data does not cease to be 'data' when it migrates from a hard drive into a politician's head to inform his or her understanding of the political playing field. And, like all humans, keenly partisan politicians are all but incapable of resisting the urge to call upon on their understanding of the physical world around them when they are fighting to win - as each and every one of this committee's members most certainly are.</p> <p>The committee's Plan Criteria document is notable for jumping straight into the minutia of the rules that will govern this regerrymandering effort without any preceding consideration of the First Principles upon which those rules should properly be grounded. Article 1, Section 35 of our Constitution states plainly (and wisely) that "A frequent recurrence to fundamental principles is absolutely necessary to preserve the blessings of liberty." So let us recur. Why do we *have* geographically based districts in the first place? We could, after all, simply randomly assign each individual voter to one of 13 abstract groups, not tied to a map. So what is the public good that geographically based districts are intended to serve? Surely that public good is the principle that *communities of interest*, with members physically bound together in time and space, exist, are fundamental to the individual human experience and the commonweal alike, and should be represented by members of those self-same communities. There was once a time when county boundaries represented something like the borders of such communities of interest, which is reflected in our constitution's provision that "No county shall be divided in the formation of a [state legislative] district." But those days are no more.</p> <p>Legislators who draw maps that continue to blatantly promote the principle of political advantage over what *should* be the guiding principles of communities of interest and the commonweal merely represent their parties, not the people. The process now underway cynically substitutes strategically misplaced web cams for smoke-filled rooms, legislators' memories for spreadsheets of partisan and racial demographic data, and "bathroom breaks" for caucus meetings. It makes a mockery of our democratic principles.</p>

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11/09/2019 11:28 AM	Mrs. Michelle Swart		It is well beyond time for North Carolina to have fair voting maps, both state and federal. I believe you should turn this over to an independent entity to do it, but I don't see that happening. So just be aware that people are actually watching you and will vote to oust you if you continue to gerrymander.
11/09/2019 11:33 AM	Dr. Karen Hodges		Gerrymandering has become a major threat to democracy, as well as to our citizens' trust in government. This needs to be corrected before irreparable damage is done, and the only way I can see that happening is for the process of drawing districts to be taken out of the hands of politicians and managed by objective third parties with detailed knowledge of local demographics. Our ancestors took the radical step of entering into the Revolutionary War because of lack of representation in government. If we allow Americans to lose the fullest possible representation for all, it would be a tragic loss and a betrayal of all those who have fought and even died to maintain that right. How long are we going to play the pointless game of redrawing, resubmitting, and getting bounced back by the courts?
11/09/2019 12:04 PM	Mr. Dan Faris	Retired public school teacher	Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other marginalized populations to adhere to the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment!
11/09/2019 12:51 PM	Sharon Gilbert		The people of North Carolina deserve fair voting maps. The time for pettiness and "we're going to gerrymander because they did it first" should be over. You folks are supposed to be grown men and women - it's time to start acting like it.
11/09/2019 01:26 PM	Ms Beverly Nadelson		Voting is a privilege, please redistrict fairly not by partisanship. It is your constitutional obligation to be fair.
11/09/2019 01:47 PM	Ms Theresa Nash		It is extremely important that Congressional district maps be drawn by impartial, nonpartisan group or commission, without any advantage to any party or candidate.
11/09/2019 02:19 PM	Use pure numbers! Frank McNutt	None	If you, as a committee, fail to use ONLY pure numbers and NOT any demographic data, then YOU have FAILED the citizens of NORTH CAROLINA and the democratic process. Period!
11/09/2019 02:22 PM	MR. RONALD SZYMANKOWSKI		I call for accessible public hearings across the state before any final voting on redistricting maps.
11/09/2019 03:05 PM	Mrs. Megan Kasten		Redistricting must always be absolutely non-partisan and can never be fully representational of the voters unless it is done by an independent, completely non-partisan commission. Anything less runs the risk of disenfranchising voters and taking away our most sacred right as American citizens, and would be utterly unacceptable.
11/09/2019 03:16 PM	Dr Audrey Stelloh	P.A. Henderson County, NC	Throw out all the old maps. Bring in strangers from far away. Make the districts according to groupings of population in a region. Do not give the strangers any information about race, political affiliation, college universities, churches or economic prosperity.
11/09/2019 03:29 PM	Moore County GOP NC Adelle Park	Moore County GOP NC	Fight redistricting now. With all we have let's make NC GREAT AGAIN!!
11/09/2019 03:39 PM	Mr Jesse Michael	Self	As an independent voter and life long resident, I believe it is time to allow an independent commission to do the work of drawing Congressional Districts in NC. I believe it's the only way to insure fairness in our elections.
11/09/2019 03:55 PM	Ms. Dianne Layden		The "finger counties" of northeast NC should remain in one district. These counties and people share so much in common. We have a common economic, social, employment, and organizational basis. Being small it is these commonalities that allow us to function as a region. Be it public health, EMS, regional development, involvement with Virginia (our neighbor to the north), hospital systems, educational systems, etc. we do follow a regional approach in many things. If these counties were to be divided between districts all the good work that is done for the residents would suffer greatly

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			Please keep the counties of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, and our neighbor to the east Dare together in one district. Hopefully that district will be the Third since we also share many commonalities with other counties in that district ..
11/09/2019 04:26 PM	Janae V		<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I think it ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace. That is not democracy in action.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice. Voters are meant to pick their politicians, not the other way around. We the people will not tolerate anymore unjust interferences into our elections. We'll be watching your decisions closely and take action if you do not do what is right.</p>
11/09/2019 04:31 PM	Mr Peri Alletto	citizen	The 9th Congressional District should not be gerrymandered. Union County should not be part of that district. There should be a a second Charlotte district.
11/09/2019 04:41 PM	Mr. Peri Alletto	cutizen	The maps need to be nonpartisan. The base map used is the same map that was used in the Federal Court case.
11/09/2019 04:41 PM	Mr. Neil Brown		The NCGA has spent the past 9 years forcing a false and reprehensible district alignment on the voters of North Carolina. It is time to stop the the games and deceit. Organize the map according to the number of citizens - easy and defensible.
11/09/2019 07:45 PM	Mrs Carol Ann Minor		<p>I have a right to have my votes count.</p> <p>???????????? ???? ?????????? ?????????????? ?????????????? ?????????????? ?????????????? I am lodging a complaint with your committee. I'm very concerned about the lack of meaningful transparency and maps being drawn by those who benefit by them.</p> <p>I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <p>Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.</p> <p>After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.</p> <p>It's ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p> <p>We need transparency</p>

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			<p>A committee vote will help determine which map is used to redraw our congressional districts -- and there's a strong chance it will be a gerrymandered one. I am furious!</p> <p>You took that bad map and managed to make it worse. And now this ultra-gerrymandered map could be the one the committee will try to use for a final vote!</p> <p>It's egregious that legislators were drawing maps LAST NIGHT and now they're fast-tracking a committee vote BEFORE the public has had a chance to give feedback.</p>
11/09/2019 07:47 PM	Ms emily keel		The public needs fair representation in congressional districts avoiding partisan and racial influence on the boundaries. This is equitable and is do able and should be the process from now forward.
11/09/2019 08:18 PM	Mike Rizer		I have been advocating for fair and impartial districts for many years. Gerrymandering is wrong whether done by Democrats or Republicans. Please put people ahead of politics and create districts and a system which is far to all in NC.
11/09/2019 08:32 PM	PEGGY DEPAS		<p>I am requesting that the NCGA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li><li>2) provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li><li>3) end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li></ol> <p>Thank you!</p>
11/09/2019 10:24 PM	Rev. Justin Hall		<p>Dear Sirs and Madams,</p> <p>In regards to the Congressional Redistricting. I would like you to please consider taking a common sense approach and consider all possibilities to making districts that include full counties, and counties that are economically and culturally connected. I live in the Gray's Creek community in Cumberland County. We are currently in the 9th Congressional District that stretches from East Charlotte to Eastern Cumberland County. We are worlds apart from each other, making it difficult for any one person to truly represent the populous of the district. It would make more since for districts to be more localized so the person elected would have a fair understanding on the majority of the area and it's people.</p> <p>Thank you for all you do for North Carolina!</p> <p>Sincerely, Rev. Justin Hall</p>
11/10/2019 07:20 AM	Barbara Browning		<p>I object to voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I object to politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <p>Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.</p> <p>After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. Some legislators try to make minor changes to old, unfair congressional maps, but minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.</p> <p>The process the General Assembly used in September for state legislative maps failed to address the court's direction for a transparent process with opportunities for public input. In fact, the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn and just before a vote to</p>

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11/10/2019 07:25 AM	MR Joe Buchanan		<p>Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/10/2019 08:00 AM	Ms Mariann Benway		Please draw the lines to comport with the values of the residents AND please consider LEGAL CITIZENS only.
11/10/2019 08:14 AM	Ms Gwen Shafer	Indivisible Wilkes	Never before in our history has it been more important for every citizen’s vote to count. Let’s get this redistricting done right by an unbiased group.
11/10/2019 09:15 AM	Mrs Patricia Kersey	Chowan County Board of Commissioners	<p>Removing Chowan County from District 3 where we are culturally and regionally established would be detrimental to our community. Please pay attention to the unintended consequences of your political considerations. Beyond party demographics, please consider what “works” for our NE communities— we are rural, agricultural and sparsely populated. Our tax base in comparison to our neighbors on the coast is small. Never-the-Less, We all pull together to leverage our strengths and weaknesses. We are not Wake or Mecklenburg... and request not to be “formulated” as such. Historically, we’ve looked eastward for growing our economy—we are part of the “Albemarle” community of counties! Please reconsider your motives for splitting us apart. Thank you for your attention on this very important matter.</p>
11/10/2019 09:49 AM	No gerrymandering Jenni Park	None	Please make the districts fair. If you want to win elections, you should have platforms that speak to citizens needs. Then gerrymandered districts will not be necessary.
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11/10/2019 10:03 AM	Ms Betty Lawrence		<p>Please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/10/2019 10:20 AM	Dianne Layden		Just a reminder that the finger counties of northeast NC (Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck all share so much in common be it the economy, the jobs, the social structure, and organizations both NGO and governmental.
11/10/2019 10:41 AM	David Bartholomew		I want maps not drawn by partisans - Republicans or Democrats. Stop depriving citizens of the right to fair elections.
11/10/2019 10:52 AM	Ms Kate Torrey	n/a	As an NC citizen, I write out of deep concern that the result of a legislatively drawn district maps will fail to be impartial—regardless of which party is in the majority. Now is our opportunity, as a state committed to justice and equity, to put in place a suite of mechanism that will not merely get us through the

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			upcoming elections, and the next round of wrangling, but will be a model for the future. To insure that outcome: racial makeup, voting history, and protecting incumbents cannot be part of the line-drawing process. Our process must insure the provisions of the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and the Voting Rights Act are followed in every sense (especially in not disadvantaging people of color and other targeted individuals) Further: We must put every incentive in place to encourage participation: no knocking folks off the roles if they haven't voted recently; providing automatic registration of every 17-year old; increased early voting hours and days; protecting absentee ballots so that fraud and manipulation are no longer possible; a mechanism for same-day registration and voting for those who have recently moved or recently moved in-state; and a retrievable, human-read, paper record of every vote cast in case of a recount or charge of irregularities. Finally,providing ample opportunity for robust public review and discussion of the new maps is essential so that we insure that voters pick their representatives not the other way around.
11/10/2019 10:57 AM	Jacqueline Epley		Do not split Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba counties between multiple congressional districts! We are one region with a unique voice and perspective in comparison to many other parts of the state and our voices shouldn't be suppressed by splitting us between two or even three congressional districts.  Additionally stop gerrymandering for crying out loud, I don't know how y'all do it but y'all are. Use partisan data to ensure a representative map, or better yet, hand this process off to the citizens since y'all seem determined to not do it right.
11/10/2019 11:02 AM	Mrs Donna Charneskie		Protect participatory democracy. I want to know that my vote counts. Gerimandering is toxic for our democracy! Draw fair districts regardless of which ever party is in power. Country before party!
11/10/2019 11:14 AM	Tessa Pendley		I'm with Democracy NC on this: 1) Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; 2) Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and 3) End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.  Fair elections are the foundation of democracy. Get it together.
11/10/2019 11:20 AM	Teacher Alex Grove	CMS	It is an absolute travesty the way that the GOP is holding teacher raises as a bargaining chip. Not only are they doing this the raises that you are providing meager at best. Give the raise to all of your teachers not just a few! We deserve better and pretending to give us a raise and then raising our premiums is a low blow! Teachers deserve a liveable wage!
11/10/2019 12:08 PM	Mr Lawrence Turk		GOP, stop throwing away our money, defecating on democracy and spitting on NC voters, just stop.  Hendersonville, NC
11/10/2019 01:26 PM	Melissa Oakley		Our registered voters vs amount of voters who actively vote is already showing to be less and less each election. As we are actively promoting voting in a nonpartisan method to increase participation in the voting process, we as citizens continue to see setbacks. That's for either side of the political party lines. Re-districting should be fair and unbiased with citizens participation involved to ensure fairness in all aspects, by demographics, geographical, social needs, and political policy issues alike. It appears as nothing more than a case of gerrymandering to be destructive to one party and voters who support the principles they identify with through choosing to vote. Districts should not be shifted to put in an area where there shows to be little to no voter turn out. It appears to be a ploy to shift power between party's and not power to the people! It would seem to be a wiser choice to invest in encouraging a higher voter participation in areas that lack than redistribution of districts that only hurt the people who are already actively voting. This is why we are hearing more of the younger generations say that voting doesn't matter because it's controlled by the government. The districts should be left as they have been and focus on increasing participation in the voting process if we are truly about the people of the great state of NC that I'm proud to be a native of.
11/10/2019	Ms. Kimberly	NCAE	Let impartial courts redraw the maps. Republicans are obviously congenitally unable to be impartial and fair.



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11/10/2019 03:31 PM	Mrs Patricia Kleinmaier		I find this to be an absurd waste of time and money. Just because the Democrats can't win. It must be the maps. This constant whining will end up costing the citizens of NC extra money by forcing us to have 2 elections if the maps are suitable by Dec 1. How can candidates prepare to run for an office that is undefined? How can citizens get to know their representatives when their districts changed every other year. How do you decide how the mass number of unaffiliated will vote? It's no wonder people don't want to be associated with either party. Just stop! If you want to win then work for it.
11/10/2019 05:03 PM	Mr. Daniel Patterson		All state and federal voting districts absolutely need to be drawn fairly by an independent, non-partisan committee. History has shown that no partisan political party can fairly draw voting districts. I strongly support and encourage the courts to mandate that now and henceforth districts be drawn by a non-partisan, independent committee and that such a non-partisan map be in place in time for use in the 2020 elections.
11/10/2019 08:06 PM	Dr. Susan Parker		There is no reason a non-partisan approach could not be taken, as other states are using such methods. As a native North Carolinian, I can say I have never been so upset with our NCGA as I have been since 2010.  If our legislators don't reflect our people, our state is lost. It seems Republicans have decided that they must retain power by any means necessary. This is not the Republican party I remember.
11/10/2019 09:46 PM	Carolyn Riggs		The counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan are a natural grouping of counties that share many common issues. Historically, these counties have worked well together. Churches share associations, public assistance groups are run by a combination of the counties serving all. Our major transportation corridors are the same. Our largest industry is the same. To separate these counties would be a major mistake. We need to share the same legislator who will work for our good without having to coordinate with a second legislator on our combined issues. Our geography strongly shows that we are a natural grouping being tucked between the Albemarle Sound and the state of Virginia. Our economically struggling counties will be disadvantaged to be separated into different federal election districts. I call on you to not allow the division of the Third District's northeast counties.
11/10/2019 10:30 PM	Mr. Jay Helms		Districts should be based on population alone. Focus ONLY on equal access to the polls. Ignore all demographics other than the voter's likelihood of being able to transport themselves to the polls. Maybe then we will meet in line and realize we have more in common than not. Justice is Blind.
11/11/2019 02:51 AM	Miss Angela Bridgman	Angela For NCGA	I moved to NC in 2014. I have lived in the same place since moving here, yet, without even being here yet in a Census year, I will be in my third different Congressional District. We need passage of legislation like HB-69, which would create a nonpartisan citizens commission to draw these maps. The map-drawing should not be left to elected officials who have a vested interest in the outcome.  Virginia had a nonpartisan citizens commission draw its lines in 2011-2012 and the lines have not had to be redrawn. Gerrymandering, no matter which Party engages in it is wrong, and deprives citizens of one of the most basic and precious rights...the right to cast a ballot that matters.
11/11/2019 03:22 AM	Mrs Betsy Webster		Please get nc back on track. Districts should be made as non political as possible. My 13 th district changes at every election
11/11/2019 06:58 AM	Dewey Botts	Tuesday's with Tillis	The maps are STILL gerrymandered. A Master needs to take this out of the hands of the Fox-in- the-Henhouse!!!
11/11/2019 07:07 AM	Ms. Kellie Capps		As a resident of Pleasant Garden, NC, I feel strongly that redistricting maps should be drawn using non-partisan means. Maps should be established that follow the principles established under the federal Voting Rights Act. As a citizen, I have been embarrassed by our state's current gerrymandered and extremely partisan maps. It is unethical and goes against the concepts of integrity and fairness that are principles valued by the citizens of this state.
11/11/2019 07:09 AM	Mrs Katherine Dall	Teacher	I firmly believe that districts should be comprised of adjoining counties. There is no logical reason to draw lines in a haphazard manner.
11/11/2019	Redistricting	None	I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our

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11/11/2019 08:42 AM	Miles Jones		<p>NC has used the laws and rules provided to them for redistricting. These are the same laws and rules Democrats have used for nearly 100. Years. What is different now? The Democrats have lost Congressional seats that's what.  There is an ebb and flow to who is in control which should come from the voters, NOT SOCIAL JUSTICE JUDGES! The Judiciary should follow the constitution.</p>
11/11/2019 09:06 AM	Mrs Laura Love	Private citizen	It's time to get the legislature out of the business of drawing up districts. They've already demonstrated that they cannot do it fairly. Stop throwing the process back into the hen house.
11/11/2019 10:26 AM	Cynthia Mastro		NC citizens deserve fair, non-partisan districting maps, not the illegal ones drawn by the GOP legislators -- maps which have been struck down by the courts. Partisan districting lines are an abomination and a dilution of democracy. Elections must be won fairly, not by fraud. NC must redeem its recent reputation as a state where elections are won by outright fraud and illegal, partisan districting maps.
11/11/2019 10:57 AM	Edward Zilewicz		Please stop the gerrymandering process, and allow fair elections.
11/11/2019 11:47 AM	John Blanton		<p>Allowing politicians to draw their own districts will never solve the problem of gerrymandering. It will only fan the flames of BS from both sides complaining about maps being unfair. To allow David Lewis to be involved in the process should invalidate any map he has input on immediately. To allow members of the House and Senate to leave the room, consult with GOP mapmakers and consultants and then come back into the room and tweak borders is bullshit.</p> <p>Form an independent commission and use updated GIS and the latest census data to draw maps that make our congressional districts 7-6 Dem to GOP because that is what the make up of the electorate it. You guys are clowns.</p>
11/11/2019 12:18 PM	Mrs. Mary DeCoster		Thanks for your service on this challenging task. As you know well, both parties have been culpable in the past of gerrymandering, and this is an opportunity for a fresh start! In particular I would encourage you to make sure this process is entirely above reproach by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. I know this will be difficult, but by taking the high road and setting a good example I believe you can begin a process of restoring trust in our elective process and elected officials.
11/11/2019 12:31 PM	Mr. Michael Carter	None, I am a United States Citizen	<p>My comments on setting up thirteen Congressional districts for North Carolina. I believe the population of North Carolina will continue to increase. First I ask you to ask each of your members on the Joint Selection Committee why do they live in North Carolina. I believe you will find the answers as follows: born in North Carolina, job, military, spouse or other; and why did they choose to live in their neighborhood that they live in: born there, military base, job near by, it is safe, like the house, near their church, schools or other. I doubt you will find the answer to either question to be because of their Congressional representative.</p> <p>I believe every citizen and registered person has the right to vote. I believe ever person that meets the qualifications for office has the right to file to run for</p>

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			<p>such office. I believe every registered voter has the right to vote and select the candidate he/she feels will best serve the office and State. I do not believe the districts should be gerrymandered for any political party, race, gender, religion or any other reason. We have thirteen representatives to serve the 100 counties within the State of North Carolina. There is no easy answer. Is it easier for a representative to serve 750,000 people in one county or to serve 750,000 in 16 counties? As I stated before North Carolina is growing, people are moving here for jobs, retirement, or military; as well as birth. My suggestion is to divide the State into thirteen districts with as equal population (764,920 plus/minus) as possible without cutting up the counties. Exception being Mecklenburg and Wake Counties. Divide them by Interstate Roads, Rivers, or natural barrier.</p> <p>District A: Wake County 764,920 divided with District K 233,771</p> <p>District B: Mecklenburg County 764,920 divided with District G</p> <p>District C: The counties of Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Clay, Macon, Jackson, Transylvania, Henderson, Polk, Buncombe, Madison, Haywood, Yancey, Mitchell, McDowell and Rutherford</p> <p>District D: Avery, Caldwell, Alexander, Burke, Catawba, Lincoln, Cleveland, Gaston</p> <p>District E: Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry, Stokes, Rockingham, Forsyth, Yadkin, Wilkes</p> <p>District F: Iredell, Davie, Davidson, Rowan, Randolph, Moore</p> <p>District G: Cabarrus, Stanley, Montgomery, Union, Anson</p> <p>District H: Richmond, Scotland, Hoke, Lee, Harnett, Cumberland, Robeson</p> <p>District I: Caswell, Guilford, Alamance, Chatham</p> <p>District J: Person, Orange, Durham, Granville, Vance, Franklin, Nash, Warren</p> <p>District K: Johnston, Wilson, Greene, Lenior, Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Gates</p> <p>District L: Wayne, Sampson, Duplin, Bladen, Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender</p> <p>District M: Onslow, Jones, Carteret, Pamlico, Beaufort, Pitt, Hyde, Washington, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Tyrell, Dare, Craven</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/11/2019 12:47 PM	Mary Helen Boone		Redistricting should be done on a non-partisan non-racial basis. It should be based exclusively on population distribution and should be done by an impartial third party.
11/11/2019 01:25 PM	Caroline Talbot	NoC	Draw voting map that protects persons of color and meets the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause requirements. Allow the public to comment on your new maps.
11/11/2019 01:27 PM	Mr Ali Bahmanyar		People are not herds of sheep to be divided by fence and get directed to achieve results
11/11/2019 01:28 PM	Clayton Robinson		<p>Gerrymandering has always been an ugly part of politics. It takes away the voice of the people (despite what some may say). It allows politicians to choose their voters instead of the voters choosing their politicians. It is a disgrace to our political system. While both parties are guilty of this, the NC Republican Party has been the most egregious in this desecration of democracy. It is obvious from looking at the proposed maps that they have NO intention of drawing fair maps. It is obvious that they are scared of fair maps and losing any control. If you truly care about the state and the country, if you truly care about democracy and the voice of the people, and if you truly care about finally doing what's right after all these years, then you will actually take the time to draw fair maps. A TRUE politician, a TRUE representative of the people should not have to have a court appointed babysitter to make sure they do what is right. Before you vote on yet another heavily gerrymandered map, take the time to think about how history will view your legacy. The Bible says "What's done in the dark will come to light". The passage of time will reveal the slights against democracy committed by those who support the gerrymandered maps as they currently stand and those who take part will not be viewed favorably.</p>
11/11/2019 01:30 PM	Catherine Shoemaker		<p>I urge you to please adhere to the following as you go through this process:</p> <p>* Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p>

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11/11/2019 01:31 PM	Catherine Shoemaker		I urge you to please adhere to the following as you go through this process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li><li>* Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li><li>* End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li></ul> The citizens of North Carolina are counting on you!
11/11/2019 01:31 PM	Taylor Cooke		Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/11/2019 01:32 PM	Susan Hester	Self	Voters in NC deserve for their vote to count. Please draw districts based on population numbers and not on partisan affiliations and race of our voters. I urge Republicans to do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
11/11/2019 01:36 PM	Dr. Dennis Nagy	Neighbors on Call	The original unacceptable districts crafted by the GOP to, as they proudly said when they did it, "create 10 GOP majority districts and only 3 Democratic-majority districts because we couldn't figure out how to make it 11 to 2" (!! ) (in NC where the mix of voter registrations is much closer to 50-50) need to be fixed and I frankly don't trust the current gerrymandered Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting to make much progress.
11/11/2019 01:42 PM	Ann Humphreys		Don't forget--the eyes of the world are watching. I demand fair and representative districts--in accordance with the precepts of the Voting Rights Act--in my beloved home state.
11/11/2019 01:51 PM	Ms. Amy White		Dear NC Lawmakers:  We must ensure that our state functions as a true democracy. Lawmakers must adhere to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Maps must be drawn to protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li><li>* Transparency and inclusive citizen participation are paramount: ample opportunities must be provided in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of the new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li><li>* An END must be brought to all redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li></ul> It is time for North Carolina to serve ALL of its citizens.  Sincerely,  Amy White

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11/11/2019 02:05 PM	Herb Amey	Neighbors on Call	Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/11/2019 02:15 PM	Mr Robert Herford	None	The inclusion of parts of Orange and Durham counties in the first congressional district will deny all the other very different rural counties of any voice whatsoever. This does not create representative voices in our government. Further, as a white person I have been deliberately denied my opportunity for representation for many years which has resulted in electing incompetent representation. In short I am being racially gerremandered.
11/11/2019 02:22 PM	Mr THEODORE GRISSOM	Mr	The General Assembly is currently revising the congressional district map and public comments are needed. The proposal for the congressional district in which many conservative residents reside does not serve the overall population well, For example, the proposal would add a large part of Durham county and the most liberal part of Orange County, thus would not be population competitive with the addition of the small coastal counties east of Gates county. The legislature needs to be advised that it isn't fair to rural counties to be linked to the urban counties who needs are different, and whose overwhelming population would suppress the conservatives voice and needs of the rural counties.
11/11/2019 03:13 PM	Jo Ann Amey	Neighbors on Call	As you draw new maps to replace the ones which were found to be biased and unconstitutional, I ask that you complete this work as fairly as possible. Rather than drawing"ten Republican districts because you couldn't figure out how to draw eleven," please draw them in a manner that represents all citizens of our state. If our state is split nearly 50/50 between Republicans and Democrats, the districts should be drawn to represent those percentages. Stop disenfranchising our African-American citizens.
11/11/2019 03:31 PM	Elizabeth Kawabata	Neighbors on Call	Please give all of the people of North Carolina an equal voice in their representation by drawing congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/11/2019 03:31 PM	Therapist AJ Threatt	State employee	Make what you are doing open for all to see and fair that my vote counts. This is not about saving political jobs but what is right for the people.
11/11/2019 03:34 PM	Suzanne Lowe		Let's make sure that NC's awful gerrymandering days are over. I encourage the NC General Assembly's redistricting committee to:  Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/11/2019 03:51 PM	Amanda Murray		I call on the Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting to end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. This is essential to ensure fair elections as guaranteed by the NC constitution. Thank you.
11/11/2019 03:53 PM	Ms. Maureen Kelly, LCSW	Neighbors on Call	I call upon the committee to: 1. Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; 2. Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and

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			Our democracy depends on fair representation, please put the civic health of our state and nation before partisanship and do right by all of us!
11/11/2019 04:11 PM	Ms Chris Chato		Please: - Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; - Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and - End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote
			Thank you
11/11/2019 04:34 PM	Mrs Amee Stewart		Congressional Redistricting maps should be drawn by an independent entity with no political or racial animus, period! There should also be no consideration of incumbency. Voters are supposed to pick their members of Congress not the other way around. We in Chatham County have been stuck with a sucky representative that never comes around, doesn't listen and pushes and votes for his own agenda. We're sick of Mark Walker and gerrymandering!
11/11/2019 04:35 PM	Alex Gwenn		Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;  Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and  End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/11/2019 04:36 PM	9195934568 Vivienne Jacobson		Let us show the country that North Carolina redistricted with a moral compass. There can be no democracy without equal protection under the law. Please cooperate and come up with a sound and righteous solution.
11/11/2019 05:11 PM	Dr. Elizabeth Burpee		Esteemed Committee members:  I am a citizen of North Carolina. I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.  During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should: • Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities. • After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.  It's ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state



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			<p>legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p> <p>Sincerely, Elizabeth Burpee</p>
11/11/2019 05:16 PM	Ms Judith Lynch	Citizen	<p>Partisan politics have NO place in redistricting. Districts should be impartially drawn by a disinterested committee, and created fairly to deliver a level playing field. Blatant discrimination and unequal representation is a gross injustice to the public. "If you can't win fair and square, cheat!" seems to be the new ethic. Citizens United has delivered the best government money can buy, and those who distorted our voting districts so blatantly should be ashamed of themselves. They are not fit to decide, or govern. We need impartial districts NOW!</p>
11/11/2019 05:20 PM	Dianna Wynn	President, League of Women Voters of Wake County	<p>The League of Women Voters of Wake County (LWV-Wake) has carefully monitored every day of the current congressional redistricting process. We have concerns with the lack of full transparency and the nominal role public input has played in the process. Contrary to how redistricting has been repeatedly approached in this state, voting maps are not for politicians. These are the people's maps, and the people of North Carolina should have a greater voice in this process.</p> <p>The committee provided an online portal for public comment. During the legislative redistricting process, LWV-Wake requested that public comments be made public on the website. We appreciate that comments are now viewable as part of the current process. The portal, however, was insufficiently publicized to voters. Furthermore, we do not know if committee members bothered to consider the public's concerns throughout the process. The public must be assured that their comments are not going into a virtual black hole, never to be seriously reviewed or considered by our elected officials.</p> <p>I don't know if committee members have reviewed the comments submitted by the public. I did. I read them all. North Carolina voters want a much more transparent process and an end to gerrymandering. If committee members read the public's comments, they will find that voters want:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No incumbent protection drawn into the maps.</li><li>• No use of partisan information.</li><li>• No disadvantaging communities of color.</li><li>• No use of base maps pre-populated with districts.</li><li>• More public hearings across the state before and after map drawing.</li><li>• More notice prior to a committee meeting.</li><li>• Maps drawn by some form of nonpartisan commission and not by politicians driven by self-interest.</li></ul> <p>We do appreciate the addition of an audio component to the live-streamed video of the computer terminals. This is something LWV-Wake requested during the last round of legislative redistricting. However, it is impossible for a voter at her computer across the state to simultaneously watch, as well as listen to, what is happening on four computer terminals. We encourage you to explore better options for transparent map drawing that allows the public to see and hear the entire process as it occurs.</p> <p>Finally, the League of Women Voters has long contended that political data should not be part of the process. We have no assurance that committee members or staff did not consult political information outside the room at any point during the last several days. At the very least, we suspect that knowledge of political leanings in different parts of the state was considered, which is certainly counter to the spirit of an impartial map-drawing process.</p>

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			<p>Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dianna Wynn President, League of Women Voters of Wake County</p>
11/11/2019 06:04 PM	Shayne Muelling		<p>please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/11/2019 06:06 PM	Redistricting Michael E Beech	Self	<p>The right to vote is the sacred act that defines democracy, it is our birthright as Americans. Rigging the voter districts to assure outcome is not only unconstitutional and immoral. These maps must be drawn to assure equal representation and not to disempower minorities. The Republican maps MUST be rejected and non-partisan districts must be developed.</p>
11/11/2019 06:07 PM	Ms. Ulla Reeves		<p>I am deeply concerned about gerrymandering and how unfairly it has segmented and misrepresented the people of NC in recent years. I urge you in your deliberations to:</p> <p>*Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>*Provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>*End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
			<p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
11/11/2019 06:13 PM	Ms Susan Kilzer		<p>Fair is Fair. Fair Congressional Maps. You want fairness when you don't have power, right?</p>
11/11/2019 06:15 PM	MS.. Caryl Brt	Self	<p>Fair redistricting please.</p> <p>When Democrats and Republicans in NC are roughly 50/50 and the maps guarantee 10 districts are Republican and 3 are Democratic, THAT IS WRONG! PLEASE draw maps that are NOT based on race or partisanship.</p>
			<p>Thank you</p>
11/11/2019 06:20 PM	Heidi Krutek		<p>Please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>Please provide more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps.</p> <p>End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/11/2019 06:20 PM	Reverend RUTH Gibson		<p>Over and over again, the legislature has failed to manage to draw up fair and sensible voting districts. Over and over again the Republican majority insists on maps that gerrymander to their advantage, in spite of the fact that the voting population is more evenly balanced. Over and over the courts advise that the newly drawn districts as as bad as the previous maps. With an important primary election coming up, since the legislature is still unable to get the job done as justice an the law require, please assign the task to a non-partisan body, qualified to identify appropriate boundaries.</p>

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11/11/2019 06:21 PM	Nancy Clapp-Channing		draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;  provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and  end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/11/2019 06:24 PM	Mr. Donald Krue		Make the maps correctly as they should be done, and whazam!, you'll have equity in N.C. voting .
11/11/2019 06:28 PM	Dr. Susan Attermeier		It's beyond me why you have to be reminded of this but in a Democracy the voting process must be transparent. That means that no matter who you are your vote will count. Of course you know that - however you seem to be more intent on holding on to your own personal power rather than being a true public servant. It's quite obvious. Why not try getting re-elected by doing the right thing?
11/11/2019 06:34 PM	Mary Ellen Sweeney		Please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/11/2019 06:41 PM	Mrs. Tiffany Kinnaid		Please put a stop to the partisan practice of gerrymandering.....it is bad for our democracy and I am against it whether the Republicans or Democrats are making the maps.  Since I know that you will not do this because it might diminish some of your precious power, here are my other comments:  1) Please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.  2. This committee should provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate citizens' feedback.  3. Put an end to any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote....that didn't work out well for NC in the courts last year for good reason.
11/11/2019 06:45 PM	Brandon Trump		North Carolina needs in state citizen-led independent redistricting, creating an independent redistricting commission for map-making that would emphasize public input and transparency, and take away the incentive to rig maps regardless of who's in power.
11/11/2019 06:45 PM	Ellen Thompson		I support drawing the district maps in such a way that the Voting Rights Laws and Equal Protection are supported. We can't afford to lose the talent and energy of a portion of our citizenry. Thank you.
11/11/2019 06:59 PM	Lynn Archbold		Enough with this nonsense, ask the courts to assign special masters to draw fair maps.. this has been drawn out, bandied about to infinitum.....it's time to get this over and done with, FAIRLY!
11/11/2019 07:00 PM	Ms Linda Thomas		The voters of NC deserve better. Stop dinking around and do the right thing to address the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the 14th Amendment. Stop splitting counties wherever possible. Stop drawing these geographically nonsensical districts. We have got to make these maps right and time is running out to get them finalized before the 2020 primaries. Or is that the GOP's strategy - delay, delay, delay? How many times do the courts have to tell them that the maps are wrong and to draw them again? Gerrymandering is just plain wrong, by either party. We must have a system where every vote counts and voting is fair for ALL citizens of NC.

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			Why can't we have a professional non-partisan commission conduct all redistricting in this state? Both parties have done it poorly in the past. It is very sad that the voters of NC cannot trust the legislature to protect the voting rights of all citizens. We need districts that are not based, in any way, on partisanship. Incumbents do not deserve "protection." We need free and fair elections where the candidates compete on a level playing field to earn votes based on their platforms, policies and abilities. Let's get this done!!!
11/11/2019 07:04 PM	Ms. Betty Gunz		Stop the manipulation of districting maps now. I know both parties have done it in the past but you are in a position to be the ones to do the right thing. Step up and see that we have fair voting maps. Thank you.
11/11/2019 07:12 PM	Dr. Mary Ellen Brown		The districts as drawn continue to show evidence of gerrymandering. The courts have directed you to redraw the congressional districts without reference to race or party affiliation. The people of this state want free and fair elections. Stop standing in the way of our right to a democratic election.
11/11/2019 07:14 PM	President Robin Ellis	Yancey/Mitchell NAACP	We, the people, should vote for the candidate. You, the general assembly, should not be choosing the voters.
11/11/2019 07:14 PM	mrs Jennifer Parker		targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</li> <li>• end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/11/2019 07:21 PM	Mr Jeff Dektor	NA	This is an important action. If you expect the citizens to support your work the district's in the map must be done in a manner that conforms to the 14th amendment NOT gerrymandered. I would hope there is ample time for public comment. The Committee must create something all North Carolinians can be proud of. The entire nation is watching what is achieved through your actions. Show the nation that this is truly a GREAT STATE.
11/11/2019 07:22 PM	Mr Michael Hall		It is time North Carolina get honest with representation. When it's not honest, it's taxation without representation and that's thuggery. Cheating cheapens the entire state. I grow weary of watching thuggish behavior in the state I live and love.
11/11/2019 07:25 PM	Wayne Schnackel		Now is the time to *draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; *provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and *end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/11/2019 07:29 PM	Phil Fonville		As a taxpaying NC citizen concerned with social justice, a fair and responsive political system and the rule of law, I am very weary of ongoing efforts to disenfranchise a broad class of NC citizens. Accordingly, I strongly urge you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>*provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback;</li> <li>* end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote; and</li> <li>* do all the foregoing without foot-dragging, minimal compliance and dirty tricks.</li> </ul>
11/11/2019 07:30 PM	Dr Judith Butt	19YY4H	Fairly drawn districts are vital in a democracy where all votes count. They should never be drawn to give one political party an advantage.

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11/11/2019 07:37 PM	Lee Lichtenwalter		<p>Now is the time to</p> <p>*draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;            *provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and            *end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/11/2019 07:37 PM	Ms. Sarah Gary		<p>Please use the current opportunity to thoughtfully:</p> <p>draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/11/2019 07:38 PM	Dr. Christina Hugenschmidt		<p>I am a lifelong NC resident and registered independent voter. I remember when the Democrats were gerrymandering and had questionable ethical and financial issues. This prompted me to vote more Republican, one of the worst decisions I have ever made. This gerrymandering situation is outrageous. We must ensure fair representation of all - people of color, all parties, rural and urban constituents, mountain and beach-dwelling folks, and people in between. The diversity of our state is its strength. Both parties need to aggressively protect our voting rights. I am not sure why a court has not mandated an outside map given the number of times these gerrymandered maps have been struck down. This process has been a disgrace to our state, undermines the legitimacy of our government, and is incredibly wasteful of taxpayer money that we desperately need to improve state services and support state employees. I want fair maps that represent people of color, rural and urban residents, and both major parties. As our current legislature has repeatedly shown it is incapable of doing this, I want the maps drawn by outside party.</p>
11/11/2019 07:49 PM	Gesche Wuerfel		<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I urge you to draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Additionally, I ask you to provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback. I also urge you to end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Thank you for taking my comments into account. Sincerely, Gesche Wuerfel</p>
11/11/2019 07:50 PM	James Thieman		<p>Hire an outside, non-partisan third party to draw the maps and be done with it. Stop trying to do things like split HBCUs.</p>
11/11/2019 07:50 PM	n/a Julia Kennerly		<p>Please make the effort to draw maps fairly, without consideration of the race or political party of the voters. Compacting is a reasonable technique. A mnon-partisan committee should draw the maps!</p>
11/11/2019 07:56 PM	Dr. Faith Crosby	Human Race	<p>The maps continue to show gerrymandering to preserve incumbencies and impede the voting process, especially based on race and party affiliation. There are decent maps out there. USE THEM. For a group of mostly white men and women who like to talk about family values and call themselves Christians, you have shown yourselves to be false witnesses to what Christians should be. You continue to waste our time and money.</p>
11/11/2019 08:01 PM	Nan Friedman		<p>I think we deserve district lines that are drawn fairly and I emphatically believe lines should not be drawn based on the racial or partisan makeup of an area. Also there should be ample opportunity during this entire process for in person public comment.</p>
11/11/2019 08:21 PM	Geri Goldstein		<p>draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p>

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11/11/2019 08:25 PM	Ms. Nell Allen		These proposed congressional districts are still long and skinny with weird boundaries, the very definition of gerrymandered. Time after time, the Republicans have been asked to draw fair maps, but it seems they just can't bring themselves to do so. No more chances – primaries are approaching and we need fair maps! It is clearly time to move to some type of non-partisan redistricting to achieve fair representation for all people in North Carolina. Thank you!
11/11/2019 08:35 PM	Philip Huffsmith		<p>You need to insure the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>2.) provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</li> <li>3.) end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ol>
11/11/2019 08:44 PM	Ms. Jeannette Cabanis-Brewin		Districts ought to consist of counties or areas that have interests and problems in common, so that people can band together to seek solutions and the common good. In the 11th District, taking Asheville--our only urban center and the site of Federal buildings, the VA, and our only major airport--out of the district was just idiotic. Asheville is part of WNC ... and has common interests and environmental concerns with all our mountain counties. Put Asheville back in the 11th!
11/11/2019 08:48 PM	Erin Hutchison Martin		Every time I read the news that the district maps are going to be redrawn in order to mitigate the very obvious GOP gerrymandering I am hopeful. Then I realize the gerrymandering is never going to stop unless an impartial entity is given the job of redrawing the maps. Please do this. Please stop taking away people of color's voice with these maps. Please do the right thing.
11/11/2019 08:52 PM	Ziya Gizlice		Given how partisan the legislature in drawing the maps in the past and getting elected from these illegally gerrymandered districts, I have ZERO faith and trust in especially current majority in coming up with a fair map. The redistricting should be done by a non-partisan commission with inputs from citizens who are the SOLE STAKEHOLDERS in this process to make every vote count. That is the starter for democracy!!! There are many ways one can combine counties and divide as needed. This partisan body should RECUSE itself from any redistricting (combining and dividing counties) because they have conflict of interest!
11/11/2019 09:01 PM	Dr. Tracy Raines		<p>I am writing to comment on the map drawing process. I am writing to demand that lawmakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>- Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>- End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/11/2019 09:03 PM	Mr. Donald Harland	NC citizen	<p>North Carolina deserves 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>We need even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate our feedback.</p> <p>The new congressional maps must end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. We need an independent commission to determine Congressional maps. Public office holders should not be drawing Congressional maps due to the inherent conflict of interest.</p>
11/11/2019	dr claudia koonz	Duke University	The blatant refusal of Republicans to carry out redistricting as the court ordered is not only a violation of citizens' rights but a national embarrassment. After



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09:10 PM		History	the Bathroom Bill fiasco our reputation for retrograde Republicans legislators is further damaged by cheap tricks to run out the clock prior to the next elections.
11/11/2019 09:13 PM	Rebecca Zerkin	self	<p>To the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting,</p> <p>I'm very concerned about the process that is currently unfolding in the select committee.</p> <p>You began producing maps before asking for input from the public. As we all know, the map will affect federal policy that will directly impact us, and I urge you to consider the following:</p> <p>Citizens must be provided many opportunities in all parts of the state to communicate our concerns, both generally and about specific maps.</p> <p>Race and party must not be considered. I'm tired of endless lawsuits followed by disingenuous efforts to produce a map that will squeak through without actually offering us a chance to have our votes count. Make it truly fair this time.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
11/11/2019 09:13 PM	Mrs. Beatriz Lothrop	None	Why aren't we using non-partisan professionals to handle this problem of gerrymandered districting ? Keep the politicians, most who have biased opinions, out of the process. How about following the laws of NC for voting rights for all.?
11/11/2019 09:14 PM	Chris Nobblitt		<p>These new districts do not comply with the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. I.E. you are drawing these maps in a way that disenfranchises and removes electoral power from poor people, especially communities of color.</p> <p>NC citizens know you do not have our interests at heart, so we demand that the citizens be given the power to draw our districts and make sure ourselves that feedback is incorporated.</p> <p>Finally, stop using race and other demographic data as a means to split these districts. Using proxy data, like income , is equally immoral. Take the power out of the hands of any politician, red or blue.</p>
11/11/2019 09:18 PM	William Alley		Stop gerrymandering and make it fair for all parties. Eliminate parties on the ballots. Give teachers a raise while reinstating steps for teachers with over 15 years experience.
11/11/2019 09:24 PM	Mr. Harry Taylor	None. Private citizen; businessman	<p>As a voting citizen of North Carolina - I ask in the strongest possible terms – that the 2020 Congressional maps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment, especially with regard to voters of color and other targeted populations.</li> <li>• That you give we, the citizens of North Carolina ongoing opportunities for public comment and conversation on the maps. Most of you were elected under maps recently ruled unconstitutional, so it might be appropriate to remember that this is our state, not yours.</li> <li>• Put an end to unethical and dishonest redistricting practices that use partisan and race considerations. We, the citizens of North Carolina deserve and demand fair districts.</li> </ul>
11/11/2019 09:27 PM	Lee Barrows		Can we please just leave it alone? This constant changing has served no purpose. No matter what you change, someone is going to say it's not fair. I have been a part of the 3rd district and we have a strong district. Counties such as Onslow, Carteret. And Craven, are all coastal towns and we need one representative to cover all of us on the eastern seaboard of NC. By splitting Onslow from the rest, you are diminishing the need of our counties. We need this settled so as to have one primary in 2020. Once again the congressional race will be hurt by all of this. Voter turnout will suffer.
11/11/2019 09:33 PM	Dr. Pat Webster	Concerned Private Citizen	We are all trusting each of you to assign the re-districting in a way that is fair and representative to all. We are counting on you to do the right thing to protect and preserve our democracy, envisioned by the forefathers, and sacred to all of us.

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11/11/2019 09:35 PM	Erica Burns		I am watching closely how you are redrawing the congressional maps. It is imperative that you draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; that you provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and that you end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Anything short of this denies all of the citizens of NC, of both parties, true democracy.
11/11/2019 09:43 PM	Mrs. Dena La Rue		I do not agree with this push for redistricting. Onslow County needs to remain in the 3rd Congressional District!
11/11/2019 09:44 PM	Donna Kaye	Citizen of North Carolina	<p>I would like you to consider the following when redrawing these maps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>2) Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>3) End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ol>
11/11/2019 10:02 PM	Cynthia Thompson		I believe that fair and impartial districts are crucial to a functional democracy and fair elections in NC. Please proceed with resolving this blatant gerrymandering.
11/11/2019 10:06 PM	Marcia Sobel		I don't understand why counties have to be divided and/or cities split. Surely any fairly drawn maps would keep citizens with similar problems together. These maps are supposed to protect people of color and diversity, not penalize them. Do your job the way it is supposed to be done, not politically. We need transparency if this process is not to end up in the courts once again.
11/11/2019 10:20 PM	Becky Barger		Please stop gerrymandering maps!
11/11/2019 10:50 PM	Robert Frederick		When I see maps that place every current (gerrymandered) Representative in a separate district, I wonder if the point has been lost of redrawing maps. Do not draw maps to do this. An incumbent has the trappings of office and name recognition, which is an enormous advantage in an election. Instead, draw maps in ways that adhere to all the laws, including the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. These are not laws to “get around” but laws to follow. We want to choose our representatives, not have you all chose them through gerrymandered districts and especially not with incumbent (gerrymandered) politicians. Use mathematics and computer algorithms wisely. Employ mathematicians and computer scientists to help you. Take heed that if you don't know what you are doing or don't really understand the math and algorithms you can actually make maps much worse. To understand this point, read this article from the magazine I work at— <a href="https://www.americanscientist.org/article/slicing-sandwiches-states-and-solar-systems">https://www.americanscientist.org/article/slicing-sandwiches-states-and-solar-systems</a> — and learn of some of the pitfalls of how a little knowledge is dangerous and how you really need to employ the aforementioned type of experts to help you. From the public comments I've read, it looks like we citizens are watching your work and wish for multiple opportunities to weigh in and comment. Give us those multiple opportunities, too. It's way past time for our state legislature to start earning back our trust regarding maps (among other things). Start now. Thank you for your consideration.
11/11/2019 10:58 PM	Diane Jettinghoff		No good. Why are counties still so split? Why would you split Buncombe up? Look at #4!!! Are you kidding. Get an independent committee. How can a Republican led Congress do this fairly?
11/11/2019 11:07 PM	Dr. Andrea Vizoso		As a citizen of NC I am watching the process of map drawing carefully. I am discouraged by what is transpiring. I urge my representatives to draw fair maps in a more lawful and transparent manner than is being done presently. These drafts do not allow for one man one vote and are not giving voters a choice in elections. Our democracy is damaged when elected officials ignore constituents. Please understand that there are citizens across our state who are watching the process and will hold our elected officers accountable. Gerrymandering such that a candidate in Alamance is cut out of his own district is the classic undemocratic form of using maps for power rather than to permit elections by the people for the people.

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			<p>I expect our elected representatives to stop their illegal map drawing process and begin to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>2. provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</li> <li>3. end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ol>
11/11/2019 11:07 PM	Shirley Phillips		Please draw the districts fairly without regard to race especially people of color. We want our state to become a democracy once again !
11/11/2019 11:24 PM	Ms Carole Labrum	Concerned citizen	<p>These new districts must be fair and reasonable, unifying the people in their communities. Crazy hieroglyphics and outlier segments that divide and segregate our neighbors and community members will not suffice. Open inclusion in the process matters as well as fair &amp; reasonable maps drawn with citizen involvement:</p> <p>Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</p> <p>End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/11/2019 11:38 PM	Stacye Leanza		GOP, please consider this: If you were actually offering your constituents valorous leadership - fulfilling your duties as public servants to the people of NC - YOU WOULDN'T NEED to WASTE ALL THIS TIME & MONEY GERRYMANDERING the maps! If you behaved like conscientious representatives of the People, THEY WOULD ACTUALLY VOTE FOR YOU! & Gerrymandering wouldn't be necessary. Such a simple solution. How about we get a non-partisan team of cartographers to make the maps, thus: "draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment" & LET the PEOPLE DECIDE if you are worthy of office?
11/11/2019 11:46 PM	Alice Reed	League of Women Voters	My vote has not counted in the past election because my congressional district is so gerrymandered. Specifically, it is gerrymandered to put my very liberal neighborhood with another democratic area on the complete other side of town to decrease the power of our votes. Suppressing the voices/votes of those who you do not agree with is not democracy, and I hope that you will listen to your outraged constituents rather than your big donors on this issue.
11/11/2019 11:57 PM	Chris Purcell		Maps have always been the purview of the party in the majority. Like everything else it has only now become a major issue because one side is not benefitting from it anymore. Let the elected officials draw the maps as they have done for decades. When the situation get horrible throughout the state the current majority party will be voted out as it has always been in the past.
11/12/2019 12:03 AM	Commissioner Robert M. (Bob) Kirby	Chowan County Commission and Delegate to the Albemarle Commission COG	<p>As a Chowan County Commissioner and a Delegate to the Albemarle Commission Council of Governments I am appealing to the committee to kindly reconsider the redistricting of Chowan, Perquimans, and Pasquotank Counties out of the 3rd CD and into the 1st CD. My reasoning here is multifold, but in essence can be summarized by a desire to continue to group all of the Counties on the Northern Shore of the Albemarle Sound into a common Congressional District. We share a common culture especially with Camden, Currituck and Dare Counties. Collectively, we are fighting to secure federal funding for the proposed I-87 which will connect the Hampton Roads Virginia area with Raleigh. The proposed route of I-87 traverses through these counties. Keeping these counties in a single CD will provide a more unified and cohesive posture in Washington DC.</p> <p>In addition, my fellow Chowan County Commissioners have only just begun to celebrate the recent announcement by Congressman Greg Murphy that he will</p>

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			<p>be opening a Congressional Office right here in Edenton, the County seat of Chowan County. This will be the first time in memory that Edenton has been afforded such a great honor. Putting Chowan County into the 1st CD will mean that this office will probably close even before it is opened! There is just not a lot of good news that a small Tier-1 County like Chowan gets to enjoy, and pulling the rug out from under us on a gem like this is literally like a punch in the gut.</p> <p>Finally, it is noted that at least one iteration of the November 8 map shows that the CD-3 boundary is drawn so that Congressman Murphy, who was elected less that 3-months ago, will now be living in CD-1.</p> <p>Candidly, I look at the redrawn districts, roll my eyes, and see this as yet another instance where the folks in Raleigh continue to ignore the plight of those of us who live East of I-95. Sure, many would say that, "Into each life some rain must fall." Well, I'm a Professional Engineer and a licensed Master Plumber, and professionally, I know the difference between rain and a typically yellowish fluid stored in the bladder and discharged through the urethra. This proposed action is by all appearances an intentional application of the latter.</p> <p>Bob Kirby Chowan County, NC Commissioner</p>
11/12/2019 12:03 AM	Mrs Yvonne Moody		It's important to try to give equal weight to each vote.
11/12/2019 12:29 AM	Ms Alisa Weathersl	Self	This is gerrymandering and it is disgraceful and cheating. I will be keeping this in the nations eyes By not being silent about it.
11/12/2019 01:15 AM	MR Edward Bassett	League Of Women Voters	Please make the new Congressional Drawn Districts fair to all citizens of North Carolina.
11/12/2019 01:23 AM	Ms Margaret Yocis		I implore you draw districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The map must be fair and equal for all regardless of political affiliations.
11/12/2019 04:21 AM	Fair drawing of maps Lisa Cockrell		<p>NC residents need and deserve fair district maps so that all people can vote. Too many people of color are being excluded from exercising their constitutional right to have their voices heard through voting.</p> <p>Voter suppression by gerrymandered maps, and moving/closing voting sites ensures that voices are not heard. Thereby depriving people of color their constitutional right to be heard.</p> <p>Please support fairly drawn district maps for ALL NC residents and not just the white residents.</p>
11/12/2019 04:39 AM	Ms. Myron Williams	Voter	I believe the map should be reinstated as it originally was before any changes.
11/12/2019 04:49 AM	Karen Mallam		Your process is not as transparent as it should be; it would be helped by more opportunities for the public to comment in local hearings, ideally in every county. You need to draw 2020 Congressional maps that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection clause of the 14th Amendment. It is very important to me that communities of color and other populations that have been targeted in previous, gerrymandered maps be protected in the 2020 maps. You should also end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. These maps should allow the people to choose their representatives, not the other way around.
11/12/2019 05:23 AM	Mrs. Pat Butler	private citizen	We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. We want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the

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11/12/2019 05:30 AM	Robert Allen	NC Citizen	Make them Fair and Representative of all the people of NC
11/12/2019 06:25 AM	Deborah Beroth	Citizen	I have looked at how they are drawing these maps and the party in power is again trying to draw them so they have an advantage. What has happened to fairness and decency. A computer model could do this easily but they want to keep their advantage. The courts need to hire someone that is independent to draw these maps. It will certainly be better than what they are doing.
11/12/2019 06:26 AM	Ms. Anne Hummel	Common Cause, League of Women Voters	Thank you for working to adopt fair Congressional districts with a transparent online process, but we are not there yet. So far only Democratic-drawn maps have been posted for citizen review. I've noticed that some of the districts that show up on YouTube videos of the Republican sessions, such as NC09, just won by Dan Bishop, still runs from Mecklenburg to Robeson. It also looks like other gerrymanders still divide up my city of Greensboro, leaving many of those voters in unfair Congressional districts. I urge you to help us get fair maps in which communities are kept whole. Most of all I urge you to use a process that will ensure that citizens have real input into the process. That is the best way to produce constitutional maps the first time. What we REALLY need is a citizens' commission to draw the maps and approve them. Voters, not politicians, should draw the districts we vote in.
11/12/2019 06:44 AM	Concerned citizen Barbara Clare		I understand that the current NC congressional maps still reflect partisan gerrymandering. Please ensure that the new maps are fair representations of NC constituencies.
11/12/2019 06:48 AM	Ms Bridget Dunford		Protect all votes and draw voting districts for people, not political parties. Make 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback.  End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/12/2019 06:55 AM	Sarah Johnson	League of women voters	We need fair and non partisan districts in north carolina. Please draw districts that allow all people to vote in districts where there vote will count.
11/12/2019 07:03 AM	Elaine Syres	Private Citizen	I am concerned that the process for drawing Congressional maps, which is currently ongoing, is not fully open and transparent. Yesterday, Sen Hise repeatedly left the room, returning with subsequent changes to the map, made without explanation. If the process is supposed to be open, the public has a right to know his reasons for making changes, and who he is (presumably) receiving input from when he is outside of the room. This is NOT what an open process should look like. I ask the Court to give weight to the serious lapses of transparency in the process that are being observed by citizens, irrespective of whatever praise legislators may ultimately give to the process. It IS an improvement from the past, but is still woefully inadequate. I understand that as a matter of law, our legislature must draw the maps. But I question their willingness and ability to do so in good faith, as evidenced by Sen. Hise's behavior during the work session on Nov. 6th. Since this is the case, I believe that this responsibility should be given to a non-partisan committee.
11/12/2019 07:06 AM	Esther Lusk	Rutherford County Democratic Party	Please DO NOT split counties when drawing the new maps. Dividing a county into two separate Congressional Districts DREMATICALLY HINDERS the effort of county parties (BOTH Republican & Democratic) to get good information to the voters.

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11/12/2019 07:09 AM	Marian Abernathy		As a long time North Carolina constituent, I am eager for our state to finally have voting districts that make sense and in which we, the voters, have a real voice to select who represents us. Once again, a panel of judges has said our voting districts are unconstitutionally and unfairly drawn and they need to be redrawn to constitutionally mandated norms - QUICKLY. The 2020 filing season is approaching in weeks and we don't have time to go through this process multiple times before we Tarheels once again vote in unconstitutional districts. We need a process that will produce fair maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. We need redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts.
11/12/2019 08:02 AM	Sharon Welch		Why does District 2 still look like the ring of fire? Is it all Republican again? When will my district finally reflect my vote at least half way. George Holding has said he represents himself and no one else.
11/12/2019 08:06 AM	Ms. Judy Lotas	League of Women Voters of Dare	Re-drawing our district maps looks like a tedious job; I thank you for doing your best to make the maps fair. But it would be more honest and good if a Citizens' Commission were formed to do this work. If we voters draw and approve the maps, 'politics' can't tip the scales. And I think we all agree that, to make democracy work, citizens must do their part. Our state, our country, need citizens to be involved with democracy beyond merely voting. . Creating a Citizens' Commission would make us more responsible and more accountable.
11/12/2019 08:06 AM	Mrs. Deborah Miller	LWV Henderson County	Thank you for making the process public. But I am wondering why only Democratic maps have been posted while Republican maps have been hidden from view? Is it because Republican redrawn maps look strangely similar to the ones they were meant to replace? We need fair maps the first time. We need a committee of citizens not politicians drawing the districts. Citizens need their voices heard. Never forget we're a government "of the people, by the people, for the people..."
11/12/2019 08:11 AM	Kevin Foy	Lawyer	I'm having a hard time following this process. I would like to see it be easier to follow; and I am concerned about the chair leaving so often to consult with someone outside the room.
11/12/2019 08:12 AM	Elizabeth Hill		Thank you for adopting a more transparent process to redraw these maps. Know that citizens care and are watching closely! I do wonder why only certain maps have been posted publicly? And I see that a few districts look strikingly similar to the old gerrymandered districts. Our faith is in you to do this in a fair way that will result in more voter participation and MAKE OUR VOTES MATTER.
11/12/2019 08:14 AM	Mr. Doug Livoni		Hi. I strongly request (demand) that you do a fair job this time in ensuring all constituents have the same voting power. Living in gerrymandered districts in NC for 18 years has been painful as our representation are out of synch with the local community desires and needs. All we are asking for is fairness and the data show that is not currently close to the case. Voters rights over party this time, please. Thank you, Doug
11/12/2019 08:15 AM	Fair drafting of maps Patricia Bass	League of Women Voters	It is incumbent on this committee to give all voters in our state equal representation, as the courts have instructed, to avoid further costly legal battles. You must redraw the maps fairly for all.
11/12/2019 08:16 AM	Mrs. Barbara Gregg		As you draw new Congressional mays, I appreciate your efforts to abide by the criteria specified by the court for drawing the legislative districts. It is imperative to provide a transparent process and work for redistricting reform as we move forward. I support the establishment of a commission with citizen representation to draw future maps. Politicians should not be doing this task.
11/12/2019 08:18 AM	Ms Lesley Wischmann		Today, I learned that the committee will be taking public comments tomorrow. Unfortunately, of course, many, many interested people will have no opportunity to participate in that public process because there has been virtually no public notice of this opportunity and the vast majority of North Carolinians are in no position to simply uproot their lives on short notice to be in Raleigh to comment. The legislature, if it is acting in good faith, must commit to holding public hearings with more advance notice along with more opportunity to review the maps at issue. Even with the live-stream, it is nearly impossible for the public to follow what is happening with this process. Ideally, fair maps would be drawn with extensive local input but if you insist on a Raleigh-centric process, you must allow the concerned citizenry a realistic opportunity to make informed public comments.
11/12/2019 08:20 AM	Alisa Genovese		I object to voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I object to politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.



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			<p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:            Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.            After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. Some legislators try to make minor changes to old, unfair congressional maps, but minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.            The process the General Assembly used in September for state legislative maps failed to address the court's direction for a transparent process with opportunities for public input. In fact, the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn and just before a vote to adopt them was taken. The process was inconsistent with the court's requirements and unacceptable to North Carolina voters.</p> <p>Yet, the very same process is being used, right now, to redraw our state's unconstitutional Congressional maps. Enough is enough.</p> <p>I strongly urge you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to the political interest of your party and yourselves. Scrap the current process and develop a new one that is complies with the court's and voters' requirements for fair maps and fair elections. Draw maps that enable every voter to have a voice.</p>
11/12/2019 08:22 AM	Elizabeth Havice		<p>I am concerned with the outcomes of prior map drawing exercises in North Carolina. In this most recent redistricting exercise, I expect that my legislators will :</p> <p>Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;            Provide ample opportunities for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and            End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. These steps are essential for protecting our democracy.</p> <p>Elizabeth Havice</p>
11/12/2019 08:28 AM	Jane Williams		<p>Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;            End any redistricting practices that use partisan advantage to drive how and where we vote.            Do not consider where current office-holders live.</p>
11/12/2019 08:29 AM	Cynthia Campo		<p>Stop all the gerrymandering and have the guts to draw fair district lines. If the only way, you can win votes is by cheating the lines than maybe you're not as popular as you think.            We want our votes to count fairly or is this state now run by the Russians and Putin.</p>
11/12/2019 08:34 AM	Michael Kohnle		<p>Please draw new districts that are fair. The best way to do this is by geographical consideration foremost, as in keeping cities and counties whole to begin with, and align them with other cities and counties that have a natural affiliation. Eliminate all racial and party considerations and make it fair for everyone. Make the new districts with no "flagpoles or keyholes or snakes". Thank you.</p>
11/12/2019 08:37 AM	Ms. Jane Kestenbaum	NC citizen	<p>Thank you for adopting criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results, requiring improved compactness, minimizing split counties and precincts (VTDs), and running a more transparent process than has been the case in the past.            I am wondering why only Democratic-drawn maps have been posted so far?            I noticed that some of these districts look very similar to problem districts from the current map, such as NC09, just won by Dan Bishop, which runs from Mecklenburg to Robeson.            We very much need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. North Carolina Citizens want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts. Please make my vote count.</p>
11/12/2019	Ms ANN	None - I am an	<p>I wish to ask the N.C. General Assembly to:</p>

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08:40 AM	SARGENT	ordinary citizen of North Carolina	<p>~ draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>~ provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate any feedback; and</p> <p>~ end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
11/12/2019 08:42 AM	Ms Claire Stone	public	<p>When redrawing maps, please stress improved compactness, minimize split counties and precincts (VTDs), and run a transparent process. Why have Democratic-drawn maps have been posted only so far?</p> <p>Problem Districts are still part of the map (NC09). Why? We need a process that will produce constitutional maps now and give citizens real input into the process.</p> <p>We want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a CITIZEN'S COMMISSION that draws the maps and approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>
11/12/2019 08:42 AM	Foye Joslin	Voter	<p>I simply want ALL of you to be FAIR so that EVERY vote matters. Gerrymandering has created such ugliness. It has to stop!</p>
11/12/2019 08:53 AM	Mr. and Mrs. William Altreuter	Brunswick County Residents and voters	<p>Thank you for serving on this committee. We think you should invite some ordinarycitizens to also sit on this committee. It has cost taxpayers in NC big bucks to have to fight battles in court to get Gerrymandering for political advantage out. Election districts on every level should be drawn with geographically sensible lines. Keep districts as compact as possible to allow candidates to "get around" to, and get to know, their constituents most efficiently. Keep political advantage out of the process as much as possible. It is cheating and it costs us money. Thank you</p>
11/12/2019 08:56 AM	Mrs. Patti Ulirsch		<p>Once again, not a fair map to represent the PEOPLE of NC. Enough of legislators choosing their voters!</p>
11/12/2019 08:56 AM	Helen Livingston		<p>Thank you for adopting criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results, requiring improved compactness, minimizing split counties and precincts (VTDs), and running a more transparent process than has been the case in the past. We appreciate your putting it all online.</p> <p>I have concerns that some of these districts look very similar to problem districts from the current map, such as my district, NC09, just won by Dan Bishop, which runs from Mecklenburg to Robeson. Please put emphasis on clearing up this problematic district.</p> <p>We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
11/12/2019 09:16 AM	Mrs. Gina Ingraham		<p>I fear that these comments will fall on deaf ears, as fair redistricting is almost never supported by politicians who fear they have something personal to lose. But it is our imperative as citizens to speak up and hold our representatives accountable for actually representing the people (not just creatively carved slivers of people). Representatives are citizen servants. Your job is to allow fair and equitable voting to take place so that the people end up with representation that accurately represents the population - the whole population and all its organic parts and pieces, not manipulated sections of the population to serve a narrow purpose. People move, people change opinions throughout their life, populations grow and shift. Regardless of political party, it is in the long-term best interest of ALL North Carolinians to have a congressional map that allows for true representation and unfettered voting that reflects the changes and growth of the state. Our current districts are a disgrace of manipulation and fear. They are brazenly undemocratic and oppressive, and there is not excuse for it. This</p>

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			nation's experiment in democracy is at a critical juncture. We must have congressional maps that represent the actuality of the people of NC. Carving out huge chunks of rural areas and adding them to city populations to skew voting is not okay. It is not democracy in action. Allow areas to be accurately represented. Do the moral and just thing - allow areas to vote as they actually exist. A balanced, fair map will make sense to anyone looking at it, regardless of age or education. It will not include tails and hooks and carved out groups that are clearly not part of the central geography of a region. A manipulated map is obvious to all. Do what is right, for the sake of everyone!
11/12/2019 09:16 AM	Wesley Hogan		Please protect one person one vote — it is the core of our democracy by drawing 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendmeant.
11/12/2019 09:21 AM	retired Lawrence Morse		For the sake of preserving democratic process that ensures non-partisan voting districts please do you duty to design districts that do NOT use party affiliation data.
11/12/2019 09:22 AM	Mrs. Valerie Klyman-Clark		Clearly, the GOP has had its thumb on the scale during elections because they're afraid they'll lose if elections are fair, including-but not limited to their gerrymandering maps all over the country. The GOP, both locally and nationally proves over and over again it cannot govern the many; it does not know how.
11/12/2019 09:23 AM	Elizabeth Eidenier	League of Women Voters	As you draw the extremely important fairly distributed maps for Congressional races, please pay close attention to keeping communities together. When a town, city, county needs Congressional help, that ability to consult and collaborate with one strong individual not only is efficient but it also saves money and time, with better results for the community.
11/12/2019 09:26 AM	Mr. Andrew Clark		End gerrymandering now!
11/12/2019 09:28 AM	Joe Hollowell	Chowan County Citizen	I respectfully ask the committee to keep the counties bordering the Albemarle Sound in Congressional District 3. These counties are coastal counties and have historically been aligned with the other coastal counties of North Carolina. Have the courage to stand up for the people of this area Thank you
11/12/2019 09:29 AM	Stephanna Tewey	League of Women Voters LCF	My request and comment is: Because re districting is so partisan the maps should be drawn by an independent commissioner who is working with a person who has technology expertise and understands fairness standards. This should be done as soon as possible.
11/12/2019 09:30 AM	MS. Nancy Halloran		Partisan gerrymandering must stop now so that citizens of NC are fairly represented, which they currently are not. Thank you for opening up the process and allowing for input from citizens.
11/12/2019 09:30 AM	Dr Ann Geers	scientific consultant	Buncombe County should be again a part of WNC because they have more in common with and are the entrance to western Appalachia
11/12/2019 09:33 AM	Ms. Carolyn Guckert		The people who elect you want FAIR maps drawn. We want to be able to vote without knowing it's a foregone conclusion as to who will win. Why are you afraid to be fair? Isn't this what democracy is supposed to be about? "May the best man (woman) win" has to have meaning. Gerrymandering hurts us all. If you continue to screw up the process, we have to keep paying thousands of dollars for your foolishness in the courts. And if you don't draw fair maps, we will end up with an independent redistricting commission (hallelujah!), and you'll be even worse off then.
11/12/2019 09:39 AM	Ms Victoria Daniel		Please draw a fair map for Congressional districts.
11/12/2019 09:41 AM	David Albert		The maps need to be nonpartisan. The process needs to be transparent. To say that the NC legislature is undeserving of the public's trust is an understatement. We are the example the rest of the nation points to when explaining how bad gerrymandering has become. A patriot would not allow this to go on.
11/12/2019 09:46 AM	Robert O'Connor		We need fair elections for a change, where voters pick the candidate, not the candidate picking his voters thru illegal districting.

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11/12/2019 09:46 AM	Ms Christine Roberts		It is time for NC to stop the gerrymandering of votes. Good lord, we embarrass ourselves with this . After that nonsense bathroom bill we need to get a better reputation for our state Now
11/12/2019 09:47 AM	Marla West		Redistricting maps must be FAIR this time, no more gerrymandering.
11/12/2019 09:48 AM	Susan Singer	YAP	We need fair Districts in NC. The lack of fair districting costs our State time and money. Do it right and impartially this time. Voters should choose their politicians, politicians should not their voters.
11/12/2019 09:48 AM	Mr. Nick Strange		I'm not so naive to believe my comments will make one iota of difference in how Republicans manage the redistricting process. But I believe how they've managed the process for the last 9 years is totally unconstitutional. If the votes cast are evenly split between democrat and republican candidates, then the representation should be as well; not a 9 to 3 majority. It really demoralizes voters to have this disparity. So draw fair maps that represent the will of the voters!!
11/12/2019 09:58 AM	sylvie delaunay		Stop playing these weasel games and wasting time and money beating around the bushes, finding loops to stall the fair process and start doing your job by engaging in true democracy to give all people their right to vote regardless of party lines. Give more time for people to engage in the political process and comment instead of pretending to gather info by limiting the time. ensure that all voices are heard for ever by passing laws that will for ever prevent gerrymandering. Thank you for your undivided attention to these issues.
11/12/2019 10:14 AM	Ms. Roberta Madden	League of Women Voters	We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. We want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how our districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts.
11/12/2019 10:15 AM	Dr. Nancy Grebenkemper	private individual	I am horrified by the process that our NC legislators, many from illegal gerrymandered districts, are now in charge of drawing the districts for our NC Congressional Representatives! They have managed to divide up counties, particularly Wake, Mecklenburg and Guilford into multiple districts instead of keeping the counties preserved. In the 4th district, they included a small southern tip of Durham and the middle of Wake County. This is egregious and goes against what the court has ruled in the past.
11/12/2019 10:20 AM	Karen Novy		Please consider what's fair and right: draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide more opportunities for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps and END any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/12/2019 10:21 AM	Betty Byron		Please construct fair voting districts. Americans, North Carolinians deserve fair representation.
11/12/2019 10:22 AM	Dr. Larry and Janet Wolf	retired	To NCGA redistricting committee:  We realize that both political parties have been using their map drawing powers to gerrymander districts for both state and federal elections.  At some point the legislature needs to say it is time to stop gerrymandering and return to equal power of each vote in the state. We urge this legislature to bite the bullet and set the example for the future. In addition, they should also vote on legislation that would establish an independent redistricting commission.  Redistricting maps should be drawn using no data on political affiliation or race/ethnicity of voters. A few simple rules about compactness of districts, equality of population per district, and maintenance of geographic entities to the extent possible (e.g., counties, cities, towns, etc.) would seem to suffice.  Now is the chance to change the current, illegal system to one that better reflects the wishes of individual voters. Please take full advantage of this opportunity.

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			Larry and Janet Wolf 284 Fieldtrial Circle Garner, NC 27529
11/12/2019 10:23 AM	District11 Farm/ButterMap Bailey Stinson		The breadth of District 11, as proposed in the C-Farmer-ButterfiledA-1-2-TC map, is absolutely absurd. As a resident of Yadkin County it would take 4hrs 15min to travel the distance of my Congressional District (to reach Cherokee County). Because of the massive distance between the furthest points of this district it is glaringly obvious that there are distinct differences in constituent needs across this proposed district. With this diversity of needs, it would be impossible for any one representative to accurately and appropriately vote in the best interests of the majority of this district's constituents. Therefore, as the proposed 11th Congressional District currently stands it would hinder & further oppress voter representation. District 11 should instead be comprised of all counties from Mitchell, McDowell, & Rutherford west. With District 5 being Watuga, Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany, Yadkin, Surry, Stokes, & Forsyth.
11/12/2019 10:24 AM	We need fair maps Sabine Schoenbach		I object to voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I object to politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass FAIR congressional maps.  I urge you to draw maps that enable every voter to have a voice.
11/12/2019 10:27 AM	Rachel Poller	League of Women Voters Henderson County	Thank you for more transparent process—including turning on the sound this time— and for adopting criteria that excludes partisan data. This is a good start in truly reaching out for citizen input in how districts are drawn. Fair map drawing needs to be legislated creating a process which prevents future manipulation of districts. Communities need to be kept whole; all efforts should be made to keep counties and districts intact. Please make sure these new maps actually meet the criteria, i.e. compact districts drawn with no partisan info involved, so that you can get back to the business of good governance. Thank you.
11/12/2019 10:28 AM	Karen Macklin		Thank you for adopting criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results, requiring improved compactness, minimizing split counties and precincts (VTDs), and running a more transparent process than has been the case in the past. I have a few concerns: 1. I wonder why only Democratic-drawn maps have been posted so far.. 2. I have noticed that some of these districts look very similar to problem districts from the current map, such as NC09, just won by Dan Bishop, which runs from Mecklenburg to Robeson. 3. I believe that we need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. NC citizens want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts. Thank you again.
11/12/2019 10:29 AM	Mr. Charles Drake	None	I want to urge lawmakers to lay aside political games, and redraw congressional district maps in a fair and honest way. You were elected to represent the rights and best interests of the general public, not your or other special interests. Stand up for Good Governance and redraw Congressional lines so that minority and other disadvantaged groups of citizens are given a chance to make their voices heard. These Citizens do not have the clout afforded to the wealthy and other advantaged groups that you do represent. Democracy demands that ALL Citizens be heard fairly and equally under the law. Thanks for you stewardship of our Democracy!  Charles Drake Proud, Native North Carolinian
11/12/2019 10:30 AM	Melissa McCullough		We want fair and independent maps that will result in fair representation. Voters should choose their reps, not vice versa.
11/12/2019	Mr. Dean Ness	Common Cause	I find it frustrating that North Carolina is approximately 50/50 Republicans and Democrats yet Republicans hold 10 of 13 congressional seats. Our

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10:34 AM			Congressional delegation does not represent the views of North Carolinians. Let's make sure the new maps are fair.
11/12/2019 10:34 AM	Mr Stephen Stallings		<p>Thank you in advance for your efforts,</p> <p>Please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. It's past time that we allow the voters to determine the outcome of elections instead of the unfair maps loading the districts to protect one of the parties and their majority. Allowing one party to rule without impunity is not democracy at work. It has become one sided without any thought to public opinion.</p>
11/12/2019 10:38 AM	Dr. Laurel Voelker		<p>I have been present in LOB 544 for committee meetings and map drawing sessions. I appreciate the fact that we can see the computer screens and sometimes hear and understand conversations. However, the process has several shortcomings. There are a number of conversations taking place at once, and it is difficult to understand any of them and to link specific conversations to projected maps. In addition, conversations between legislators are clearly taking place away from the computers and microphones. This is unacceptable and those conversations should also be recorded.</p> <p>I am most concerned about the fact that we have seen legislators, notably Ralph Hise, printing numerous maps, leaving the room with them, then returning to the computer terminals to make changes. This is unacceptable, and indicates that conversations are taking place outside the room and certainly raises suspicion of continued partisan gerrymandering.</p> <p>In addition, there have been numerous maps drawn,saved, and printed. However, there are only a few maps posted online. This is also unacceptable, as the public should have time to study any proposed maps.</p> <p>I appreciate the opportunity for written and in-person public comment. I would like to see this committee actually discuss and address the public comments. Having read over a many of them on the online portal, there are common themes that the committee should be able to address in a timely fashion.</p> <p>Finally, any map that is approved should be released with a complete report that explains why that particular maps is better than all the others. Does the map split fewer counties, provide more compact districts, etc? The report should also include common measurements of district quality. If the proposed maps are truly fair and nonpartisan, the committee should easily be able to present a clear and robust justification.</p>
11/12/2019 10:43 AM	Mr. Marc Pendergast		<p>I would like to formally request maps that favor neither major political party, preferably drawn by a 3rd party with no ulterior agenda. I would also like to see maps drawn in a manner that will not disenfranchise voters, but convince all eligible voters to vote. Voter turnout in this country is embarrassingly low, and needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
11/12/2019 10:44 AM	Ms. Patricia Forrest	League of Women Voters	<p>Spend the money--hire IBM'S Watson to do the redistricting . Our state government can't seem to come up with a fair balanced comm. to do the job so get a machine to do it &amp; I don't mean a political machine !</p>
11/12/2019 10:45 AM	David Baker		<p>I am concerned that the Republican redistricting plan has not been posted. Please make every effort to redraw most problematic districts designed to perpetuate incumbency.</p>
11/12/2019 10:48 AM	Ms. Anne Dachowski		<p>We need to end this gerrymandering. We can do that by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, and end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. We can achieve these things by having districts drawn by an independent, nonpartisan entity.</p>
11/12/2019 10:52 AM	Dr. Deborah Belcher		<p>About Redistricting. It's pretty much common sense. Set it up so it supports EVERYONE in living in a "land of the free".</p> <p>Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>Provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p>



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			End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Please do this now. Thank you!
11/12/2019 10:55 AM	Dr. Nancy Walker		I believe that any map must protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The map must have ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and a thorough debate of new maps that incorporates the feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. The map should end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/12/2019 10:59 AM	Dr. Dwaine Phifer	Retired Mental Health Therapist	<p>As a US Navy Veteran of the Viet Nam era, there is nothing that I cherish more than living in a democracy that upholds the US Constitution against forces foreign and domestic.</p> <p>Gerrymandering for political power goes counter to the oath I took to defend my country and ALL its people with my very life if necessary... no questions asked.. no second thoughts. Congressional Redistricting must reflect honesty and truthfulness NOT conniving and back-room manipulation to thwart what all Americas must hold most vital and sacred for our democracy-- "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."</p> <p>Therefore our NC Government MUST ensure the following for each and every voter:</p> <p>1) draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>2) provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>3) end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/12/2019 11:10 AM	Deborah Hollingsworth		The maps are all over the place. I have seen maps that draw Watauga and Gaston in the same district, another map that drew all mountain counties in the same district, and a third map that has Watauga's district going to Rowan. I think it is difficult to make a comment when the maps are so remarkably different. The livestream hasn't been helpful because it demonstrates how haphazard the process has been.
11/12/2019 11:10 AM	Sarah Shaefer	Neighbors on Call	<p>I want my state legislators to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>- Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and</li> <li>- End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/12/2019 11:15 AM	Miss Kay Ponder		Redistricting should be done by a non-partisan committee that has only the concerns of all North Carolinians as its guiding principle. Republican legislators have shown no interest in producing maps that represent the voters of NC. I cannot attend the hearings today, but I am paying attention to the process and I will support only fair maps for NC.
11/12/2019 11:15 AM	Mr. Charles Keeling	None	It is imperative that the N.C. General Assembly use this opportunity to (a) draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, (b) provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate voter feedback, and (c) end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to determine how and where we vote.
11/12/2019	1946 Hoyt Taylor		Please do the right thing! Make our democracy a democracy where every vote counts. Please! Redistrict fairly.

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11/12/2019 11:21 AM	Mr. Jeffrey Evensen		<p>Dear Committee Members,</p> <p>Please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Please consider non partisan citizen committees to create redistricting maps in the future. Please expose &amp; prosecute gerrymandering. Work towards making Election Day a national Holiday. Do whatever we can to make voting easier and more inclusive.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Jeffrey Evensen</p>
11/12/2019 11:21 AM	Fair mapping Monika Robertson		In a functioning democracy all citizens are represented, I ask you to draw the maps to ensure that every person's vote count and they are represented. North Carolina is evenly split between Republicans and Democrats, our elected representatives should reflect that. Do your duty and serve the public!
11/12/2019 11:25 AM	Dr. Rachel Stein		The state and voters of North Carolina need fair maps created by non-partisan or bi-partisan groups. The maps should not be drawn to give political advantage to the Republicans, as the currently redrawn maps continue to be. The citizens of this state deserve a chance to have each vote count. I object to the current redrawn maps.
11/12/2019 11:28 AM	Mr Stephen Roberts	IATSE	Fair maps please, no illegal, unfair submitted racial data in play... thank you!
11/12/2019 11:28 AM	Gary Momenee		The Republican dismantling of democratic norms must stop. Please demand the fairness and restraint on the redistricting process Republicans are incapable or unwilling to provide themselves.
11/12/2019 11:31 AM	Mr Steven Rundle	Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP	<p>I am writing to urge the Joint Select Committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment</li> <li>- End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> <li>- Provide for an in-person public comment hearing in Charlotte to get feedback on maps locally</li> </ul>
11/12/2019 11:38 AM	Mrs. Linda Collins	Private, caring citizen	Democracy is based upon representation. If voting is biased and not representative, people will opt out of their civic responsibility. More years that not, my vote was meaningless since it was predetermined before it was cast. That is not what our founding fathers intended. Fair, accurate boundaries and districts are critical to all voters. If bias continues, the other party will recapitulate. Please enforce fair voting districts and end this blot on democracy.
11/12/2019 11:40 AM	margaret newell		Please take into consideration the rights of all voters when drawing the new districts and end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/12/2019 11:40 AM	Mrs. Barbara Grady	Individual citizen	I believe most North Carolinians, whether Republicans, Democrats, Independents or Unaffiliated voters want fair election maps that are compact and do not favor any political party over another. Incumbency has enough advantages without using that factor to draw the new maps. We all want our votes to be counted and also to count for something. Fair and balanced maps are needed for this ideal to become a reality. Please do your best to draw fair and

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			nonpartisan maps.
11/12/2019 11:41 AM	Dr San Keller		I appreciate your work to draw new voting district lines which support our democracy. So I was surprised to hear on NPR this morning (11/12/19) that some of the newly drawn districts have the same problems that recently failed to pass judicial review. This will almost certainly lead to another rejection so I hope that you can address these problem districts as soon as possible.
11/12/2019 11:45 AM	Mr Clark Tibbita		Please do not sacrifice our democracy for petty, partisan gains.
11/12/2019 11:52 AM	Mrs. Patricia Pell	League of Women Voters North Carolina	Congressman Lewis, Senator Hise: As of voter of North Carolina I am asking that you be fair in the drawing of a new map for votes. Thank you for putting it on line, again I ask for fairness for both Republican & Democratic. We want redistricting that will prevent gerrymandering, give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. Post your Republican-drawn maps for all citizens to view. I hope that justice will prevail. Patricia B. Pell
11/12/2019 11:53 AM	Ms. Christi Offstein		I would like to see a nonpartisan group draw up a FAIR AND JUST map for congressional redistricting. This is no democracy if the representatives are choosing me instead of my choosing them on election day. Without a fair map, we are destroying democracy!! PLEASE.
11/12/2019 12:01 PM	Ms Sarah Reincke	Fair Districts WNC	<p>Hello~</p> <p>Thank you for adopting criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results, requiring improved compactness, minimizing split counties and precincts (VTDs), and running a more transparent process than has been the case in the past. In addition, thank you for putting it all online and let them know what you thought of the process.</p> <p>I have points that need to be considered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why only Democratic-drawn maps have been posted so far (Republican maps, drawn by Rep. Lewis, Sen. Hise, and others, can be seen only by searching the YouTube videos of each session.</li> <li>2. I have noticed that some of these districts look very similar to problem districts from the current map, such as NC09, just won by Dan Bishop, which runs from Mecklenburg to Robeson.</li> <li>3. We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. We want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts.</li> </ol> <p>Thank for for your service.</p> <p>I appreciate your time and interest!</p> <p>Sarah Reincke</p>
11/12/2019 12:02 PM	Juliana Deitch		<p>Dear Committee,</p> <p>Please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, and also allow time for robust debate of these new maps. Please draw maps that end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. You are supposed to represent the people of North Carolina fairly and equally, please do so.</p> <p>Juliana Deitch Durham</p>
11/12/2019 12:02 PM	Sally Stuckey		I live in NC District 11. Our representative was chosen because of gerrymandering and does not represent his voters. In fact, he was elected by big money and seems not to care at all what his constituents think. It's time for fair districting maps.
11/12/2019 12:05 PM	Mr. Robert Auers		Unique idea, just do the right thing for everyone!

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11/12/2019 12:07 PM	Steve Humphrey		The citizens of North Carolina DESERVE FAIR ELECTIONS! We are sick, tired, and completely disgusted with the Republican party's gerrymandered voting districts that disenfranchise the poor and nonwhite citizens of this {once-} great State. The district maps in existence today have been ruled unconstitutional and a clear violation of the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution more than once. We, as well as the Federal court system, DEMAND that the maps be fairly drawn so that the vote represents the will of the people, not merely the will of the incumbent Republican legislators. Failure to remove and replace the current gerrymandered maps will certainly result in further legal actions which may include impeachment of those responsible.
11/12/2019 12:08 PM	Dr. Nancy Spann		I ask you to draw 2020 Congressional maps so voters of color and other targeted populations are not affected by partisan politics. Draw them so the voters choose their representatives rather the representatives choosing their voters. Follow the law and adhere to the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote
11/12/2019 12:09 PM	Mrs Faith Hawes	League of Women Voters	My husband and I live in Greensboro. We look forward to voting in the next election that uses a map drawn fairly, not along party lines. Good luck in meeting the deadline for drawing this new map. Faith Hawes
11/12/2019 12:10 PM	Eileen Comerford		Please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/12/2019 12:16 PM	Eileen McCorry		I request that you: --Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by ensuring that districts reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment  --Provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps  --End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/12/2019 12:19 PM	Ms. Corliss McGinty	Soft Solutions	Please, let's get fair maps done. We have been in national news too many times to keep this up. My Republican friends plan to bail on the party because of this type of behavior. Let's put people first and do the right thing!
11/12/2019 12:24 PM	Mr. Sean McKeever		Voters in NC deserve fair maps for districts that preserve communities and put voters ahead of politicians. The only way we can achieve this is by an independent 3rd party. Voters should decide their representation; representation should not pick their voters.
11/12/2019 12:25 PM	TERRY FAULKNER		As a registered voter of North Carolina, I ask you to do the honorable thing and insure that democracy is preserved in our beautiful state of North Carolina. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.  During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.</li> <li>• After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. Some legislators try to make minor changes to old, unfair congressional maps, but minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.</li> </ul> The process the General Assembly used in September for state legislative maps failed to address the court's direction for a transparent process with opportunities for public input. In fact, the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn and just before a vote to adopt them was taken. The process was inconsistent with the court's requirements and unacceptable to North Carolina voters. I strongly urge you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to the political interest of your party and yourselves. Scrap the current process and develop a new one that is complies with the court's and voters' requirements for fair maps and fair elections. Draw maps that enable every voter to have a voice.
11/12/2019	Lisa Neylan		I have met too many young people who no longer believe in our democratic processes. To me this is devastating. If we cannot believe that the processes will

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12:27 PM			be upheld, that we can effect change, that our vote counts, then we are already in a dictatorship.
			We are not a dictatorship. Our votes must count. Our judicial and congressional processes must uphold this. Make it happen.
11/12/2019 12:29 PM	Carol Falender		Dear Legislators, I expect that you will work across party lines to develop maps that you believe the other side will find reasonable... not perfect for you or them, but a reasonable map for all North Carolinians. Unfair, gerrymandered maps hurt all of us in the long run, buy undermining trust and confidence in our legislative processes. The risk is TOO GREAT for all of us for short term gain. Thank you. Carol Falender
11/12/2019 12:44 PM	Ms. Cheri Henderson		I live in Asheville. My district was redrawn to be in the same one as much of CHARLOTTE!!! This makes me feel completely disenfranchised. Gerrymandering basically destroys democracy, and should simply disappear.
11/12/2019 12:47 PM	Mr Jack Smalley	Democracy-NC registered unaffiliated retired	Redistricting experts are calling this past week's Congressional mapmaking "the epitome of bad faith." I agree with this comment. To protect our state from gerrymandering, redistricting must be taken out of the hands of "Professional" politicians no matter what party they are affiliated with. Jack Smalley Moore County NC
11/12/2019 12:49 PM	Sally Trask		As a resident of NC I respectfully ask that the new congressional districts be drawn fairly by a fair bipartisan committee with approval by the judges assigned to oversee the process. Continued gerrymandering of districts is undemocratic and leads to loss of faith in the government and poor voter turnout.
11/12/2019 12:53 PM	Anne Morgan	Involved Citizen	Yours may be one of the most important committees charged with preserving fairness and our democratic way of life. Please refuse to be controlled by party affiliation and draw lines that allow people to easily vote and not have their vote diminished. The public has become so jaded by the political process within the state and federal government, that your task is to do all you can to encourage voting. Thank you for adopting fairer criteria and input by us, the voters. Now you need a process that will produce constitutional maps that are drawn by non-partisan citizens not politicians. Thank you
11/12/2019 12:53 PM	Dr Wendy Greene		I am trained as a statistician and the scientific approach to unbiased redistricting seems to be a simple solution to implement. I want the districts to be drawn in such a way that it is fair for all people living in our state. If 60% of NC voters vote Republican and 40% democrat, then on average and with a small variability, I expect the representation of our state to be split in a similar manner. When representatives are elected from "safe" districts, then they are no longer accountable to anyone and behave poorly with no real fear of consequences. Please look to mathematicians to solve this problem. The Princeton Gerrymandering project is just one example of how the power of math can be used in an unbiased way to produce fair and appropriately competitive districts for all. We will have a better government if we do because the answers are not in the fringe of either party but in the honest debate between the two with the check and balance of an electorate that could actually vote you out if you behave poorly.
11/12/2019 01:02 PM	Lydia Bittner Baird		These unfair maps are appalling. As citizens we should have the right to fair elections, and we will be unrelenting in our ousting of politicians who don't serve their constituents and who fail to uphold the most basic and critical conventions of a true democracy. We are watching you, and we will hold you accountable
11/12/2019 01:07 PM	Karen Hinsdale		The maps as they stand today are not representative of the population as a whole. The districts should be made to ensure open, fair and equal voting representation for the populations that live there. Protecting incumbents or party lines should not be taken into consideration. Counties should not be broken apart either. Every person deserves to be heard, the current configuration is preventing that at both the local and national level.
11/12/2019 01:11 PM	Mr. Jack Dainty	Retired	It is time that Congressional Districts are apportioned fairly in equal numbers taking into account population, racial makeup and political party registrations. Stop GERRYMANDERING and bring back honest democracy into the Redistricting Process! Stop undermining our democracy and underestimating the voters in Congressional Districts. Our Founding Fathers didn't want a dictatorship and autocratic rule.
11/12/2019 01:19 PM	We need fair naps!! Leslie	Democracy NC	It's time for the GOP in NC to stop playing games. The overwhelming majority of Americans support fair maps! NC's gerrymandering is unconstitutional and y'all know it! Do the right thing!

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11/12/2019 01:22 PM	Heather duPlooy		Please, create fair district maps. The Voting Rights Act and Equal Protection Clause of the 14 th amendment already exist showing the way to draw fair maps. Don't ignore what is clearly the right thing to do.
11/12/2019 01:27 PM	Ms Kay Doost	LWVPT, Health Disparities Collaborative	We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. We want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts.
11/12/2019 01:32 PM	Mr Michael Morice		<p>I object to voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I object to politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:  Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.  After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. Some legislators try to make minor changes to old, unfair congressional maps, but minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.  The process the General Assembly used in September for state legislative maps failed to address the court's direction for a transparent process with opportunities for public input. In fact, the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn and just before a vote to adopt them was taken. The process was inconsistent with the court's requirements and unacceptable to North Carolina voters.</p> <p>Yet, the very same process is being used, right now, to redraw our state's unconstitutional Congressional maps. Enough is enough.</p> <p>I strongly urge you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to the political interest of your party and yourselves. Scrap the current process and develop a new one that is complies with the court's and voters' requirements for fair maps and fair elections. Draw maps that enable every voter to have a voice.</p>
11/12/2019 01:33 PM	Patricia Anderson		It is essential that all North Carolinians have fair and equal voice in selecting their legislative representatives. To achieve impartiality in elections, we must institute congressional districts free of gerrymandering. Without equity in representation, we deny the truths of the Declaration of Independence, for gerrymandering prevents the formation of a government that "derives [its] just powers from the consent of the governed." Without equity in representation, we deny the truths of the U.S. Constitution and its accompanying 15th and 19th amendments, for gerrymandering virtually disenfranchises many citizens. Without equity in representation, we deny the truths of the North Carolina Constitution, for gerrymandering prohibits "free" elections. The people of North Carolina deserve equal voice in their state and national representation. Redistricting without gerrymandering is an important step in ensuring justice for all.
11/12/2019 01:35 PM	Mrs Susan presson	Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church	Please have integrity and do fair redistricting to make our elections fair without racial OR partisan gerrymandering. What good is DEMOCRACY if people are not given a fair representation and right to choose their leaders?
11/12/2019 01:36 PM	Mrs Linda Levy	League of Women Voters of Charlotte-Mecklenbrg	We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. We want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them. VOTERS not politicians should draw our districts!
11/12/2019 01:38 PM	Mrs. Susan Doran		Every voice should be heard and represented in a fair and just manner. Redrawing the boundaries to support one party over another is not only appalling but not what our forefathers that drew up the constitution had in mind. Make it right and fair!
11/12/2019 01:39 PM	Ms. Perchrista Boone	Private Citizen	I am writing to express my concerns about the Congressional Redistricting mapmaking that is being considered for the state of North Carolina. We, as a state, need to stop the unfair practices of gerrymandering in order to propel the outcome of elections to favor one party over the other. No longer should counties be divided into two or three voting districts that give a huge advantage to one party over the other. Our representatives should be elected by the



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			voters vetting the individual candidates' character, by researching, and by deciding which party's ideals, values, message, and hopefully plans for future goals that would benefit all North Carolinians and the country as well. No party's candidates should automatically be given that kind of leverage because of the way the district lines are drawn to make sure that more voters of a particular party are grouped together to pretty much ensure the outcome of elections.
			I am asking that the district lines be drawn fairly, sensibly, and in a nonpartisan manner so each candidate will have an equal opportunity to win elections, and our votes can be actualized in the manner that our democracy was founded.
11/12/2019 01:55 PM	Mrs. Sandra Windelspecht		I support the voting rights act and Equal Protection under the 14th amendment. Please end unfair districting practices that use race and partisan considerations to manipulate the vote.
11/12/2019 01:57 PM	Dr Marsha Hammond	Licensed Psychologist	Have you seen the perversely gerrymandered map of ASHEVILLE whose sole and only purpose is to cleave the city such that one half goes to the 10th and one-half to the 11th? It doesn't keep the downtown neighborhoods together. It creates massive confusion at the "who do I vote for" level.
11/12/2019 01:57 PM	Mr. Eric Bowers		We need to end this gerrymandering. We can do that by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment, and end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. We can achieve these things by having districts drawn by an independent, nonpartisan entity.
11/12/2019 02:02 PM	Mrs. Anne Stokely		I beg you to draw 2020 Congressional maps that reflect requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. ENDING REDISTRICTING WHICH USES RACE AND PARTISAN CONSIDERATIONS IS CRITICAL TO MAINTAINING A VITAL DEMOCRACY. I feel strongly that more opportunities for in-person public comment and debate are needed.
11/12/2019 02:09 PM	Karen Coffin		I am a Charlotte native, and although my husband and I moved around the country for 20 years during his military career, my parents remained in the same home 3 miles from where I now live for my entire life. Staying in one place while districts and polling places changed from one election to the next, over and over, brings home the dysfunction and chaos that our current gerrymandered maps produce. Please redraw the districts fairly and stop the attacks on voting rights. Thank you
11/12/2019 02:15 PM	Dr Marsha Hammond	Licensed Psychologist	Dr Hammond here from massively gerrymandered Asheville NC. BTW: yr viewing online portals are not downloading. The least the state government could do is to make as a high priority THE ABILITY OF CITIZENS TO ENGAGE IN THE PROCESS OF GOVERNING. When the NC State Legis redrew maps about 3 months ago and it was sometimes online even the Buncombe BOE didn't know about it. I know as I drove over to Buncombe BOE and asked the personnel there. WHY DONT YOU STREAM THE MAP DRAWING AT THE COUNTY BOE's??
11/12/2019 02:22 PM	Ms Geraldine Clark		Anything that restricts voters ability to vote is unAmerican and undermines the Democratic process. Have we become so self absorbed and think we should impose our beliefs on this civilization is criminal in the laws. Be fair to other citizens and be honest in your actions. Watching this behavior for over 40 years, I conclude the master/slave mentality is still alive. Rise above your need to control people's thoughts and sovereignty of their self. We can see the writing on the wall and so should all who think they have the answers for everyone else. Be fair and honest. Have faith in the process. We are not just your consitiuents but our friends and neighbors. God Bless America!
11/12/2019 02:23 PM	Rebecca Floyd	Unitatian Universalist Church of Greensboro	Please make an effort to put aside racial, ethnic, and partisan bias in drawing new voting maps.
11/12/2019 02:24 PM	Mrs. Lynn Kohn		It is time to make the redistricting process fair and nonpartisan. It should be up to politically independent panels to decide.
11/12/2019 02:36 PM	Ms. Jill Blumenthal		I am a Charlotte native and a member of the League of Women Voters. I want to thank you for adopting criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results, requiring improved compactness, minimizing split counties and precincts (VTDs), and running a more transparent process than has been the case in the past.

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			<p>I do have some concerns. I noticed that some of the proposed districts look very similar to problem districts from the current map, such as NC09 (my own district), just won by Dan Bishop, which runs from Mecklenburg to Robeson. That is anything but a compact and contiguous district.</p> <p>We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. I want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. I recommend a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/12/2019 02:42 PM	Gina Collias	Gina Collias for Congress	<p>My name is Gina Collias, and I am an attorney licensed in NC. I am also running for Congress in what is currently known as the NC 10th District. The fact that North Carolina's districts are gerrymandered has been established. My hope is that the process to correct this problem does not exacerbate the issue, create further partisan gerrymandering, or result in more uncertainty, chaos, and litigation.</p> <p>Currently, two urban areas - a couple of hours away from each other - are being treated very differently, but are keen examples of partisan gerrymandering's "cracking and packing." Asheville is split down the middle and placed in neighboring districts, has had its voters' influence diluted, and their ability to choose their candidate essentially eliminated. Classic "cracking." Conversely, Charlotte and Mecklenburg's urban voters are concentrated into one district, which unfairly reduces the influence of a sizable urban voting population to only one District. Classic "packing."</p> <p>While some of the proposed maps (i.e., Butterfield, Clark) attempt to solve the "cracking" in Asheville (by adding Asheville to NC-11), they ignore other issues, including the partisan "packing" in Charlotte. (It certainly could be argued that Asheville's influence has been "lost" in a meandering sea of red and would be further diluted by simply putting Asheville in NC-11 and then adding (packing) more rural counties on the east side of Asheville into NC-11 to further dilute Asheville's potential impact). In fact, Dr. Hofeller admitted in sworn testimony that he intentionally drew NC-12 (Charlotte/Mecklenburg County) to be "predominantly Democratic." It should come as no surprise that the Democrats won the 2018 election with 73% of the vote in NC-12.</p> <p>While we cannot expect perfectly balanced Districts, there should (at least) be the appearance of fairness and equity. More importantly, the largely urban Charlotte area – and Mecklenburg County - should not have its large populations denied their voting influence for racial or partisan reasons. This would run contrary to the North Carolina Constitution.</p> <p>In addition, should the legislature decide to redraw Asheville into NC-11, they may make NC-11 and Asheville "de-cracked," but they (Butterfield and Clark) will likely make NC-10 the most gerrymandered district in the State. Simply, you would be taking away the only Democratic/urban area in a district that already has a R+12 Cook rating, repeatedly won at a 60% rate - and making it significantly worse.</p> <p>There is another concern I have, and that is with the criteria used to make the maps ("2019 Congressional Plan Criteria"). The Committee's attempt to make the districts' populations equal, while simultaneously trying to keep the incumbents in separate, redrawn districts ("Double Bunking") - frankly, is wrong. Why should incumbents - who won a "rigged" and gerrymandered seat be protected? Where the current incumbents live should be given zero deference. The criteria correctly states that there is no federal law that a Congressional candidate live in their district, so why should illegally gotten gains continue to shape our NC maps to create worse gerrymandered maps?</p> <p>While the redistricting may seem to be a giant Jenga puzzle, there are a couple of "better than the alternative" options. The Harrison Map would seem to answer some of the issues raised above. But an even better option would be the Common Cause Map.</p> <p>The Common Cause Map, drawn by a non-partisan panel would answer the majority of issues raised above AND would seemingly take any appearance of partisanship (in any District) out of the discussion. As a map (presumably) untouched by Red or Blue pens, the finger-pointing, rancor, and partisan appeals –</p>

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			<p>legal or otherwise - would seem to be laid to rest.</p> <p>I respectfully urge the Committee to consider the non-partisan/Common Cause Map as the most appropriate means of bringing closure to this issue.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Gina Collias</p> <hr/> <p>Gina Collias, Attorney  Congress CampaignNC District 10  704-692-4774  P.O. Box 2316  Kings Mountain, NC 28086  ginacolliasforcongress@gmail.com  www.ginacolliasforcongress.com</p> <p>Independent Common Cause  <a href="https://www.ncleg.gov/documentsites/committees/BCCI-6740/11-5-19/Common%20Cause%20Congressional%20.pdf">https://www.ncleg.gov/documentsites/committees/BCCI-6740/11-5-19/Common%20Cause%20Congressional%20.pdf</a></p>
11/12/2019 03:00 PM	Mrs. Laura Ziesel		Hello! I have been following some of the possible new maps, and I would like to request that as much as possible you keep counties whole. I understand you will have to shave a little bit off here and there, but please try to keep counties whole as much as possible.
11/12/2019 03:01 PM	Mr. Joel Barlow		These partisan maps make my stomach sick. STOP IT ALREADY!
11/12/2019 03:08 PM	Ms. Norma Hall	League of Women Voters, Carteret County	As a relatively new voter in North Carolina, I would respectfully request that you work to redistrict so that there are contiguous districts that keep communities whole, that are not based on political data or partisan objectives, and that have bipartisan support. Voters should be able to choose their representative, not vice-versa. It is difficult to encourage people to vote when they feel that their vote has no impact and their representatives do not care about their concerns. Thank you.
11/12/2019 03:14 PM	Mr James Burchett		Why not let Asheville vote as one entity? Lets bring fairness back to Districts 10 and 11
11/12/2019 03:16 PM	Linda Hansma		<p>Thank you for adopting criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results, requiring improved compactness, minimizing split counties and precincts (VTDs), and running a more transparent process than has been the case in the past. However, I have noticed that some of the districts look very similar to problem districts from the current map, such as NC09.</p> <p>North Carolina deserves a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. We want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts.</p>
11/12/2019 03:16 PM	Jodi Zbinden		It is beyond frustrating and disappointing but sadly not surprising that this committee's efforts are bent on retaining the Republican majority and continuing the gerrymandering. Who is feeding the changes to the maps every time Sen Hise left the room - definitely not transparent. The only fair solution will be maps drawn by independent experts since you can't police yourselves to do the right thing.
11/12/2019 03:19 PM	Mr. Scott Woodard		Our maps should correctly reflect the individuals that live within those districts with zero concern of how that would affect the outcome of elections. Any outcome short of this is a grave dereliction of the duties that this Congress has sworn to uphold and violates the ethics and morality which the individuals within demand from their country, and their fellow countrymen. If any words can move you to do what is right, then let it be these; DO YOUR DUTY.

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11/12/2019 03:25 PM	Ellen Fox		<p>First, I would like for the committee to provide more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback.</p> <p>Second, I have read about the current proposals and do not feel the attempt to re-draw maps has been done with the intent of balancing power. I hope those working on this effort draw districts that are balanced and fair.</p> <p>Third, I believe if the General Assembly is not able to provide an unbiased and anti-racist map, then the three-judge panel should appoint a special master to make a new map.</p> <p>There is too much at stake with the 2020 elections, our democracy is fragile, and this is an opportunity to secure a vertebrae in this backbone of our government. Please do not waste it or weaken it by perpetuating political partisanship and racism.</p>
11/12/2019 03:28 PM	eleanore richards	self	<p>It is imperative that the new redistricting maps are neutral. I know in the past both Democrats and Republicans have drawn districts to benefit themselves. This myopic self serving is totally disrespectful of democracy.</p>
11/12/2019 03:31 PM	Susan Blount		<p>As a North Carolina voter, I am quite concerned about the process for drawing the maps for the new NC congressional districts, given our state's history of racially-biased maps in the past.</p> <p>I request that the NCGA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</li> <li>-- Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts;</li> <li>-- End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/12/2019 03:33 PM	Karolyn Mangeot	private citizen	<p>The butterfly outline of District 4 makes no sense unless it is purely POLITICAL. That also holds true for District 1, 2 and 6 that surround it. Couldn't we please stop designing our districts solely on what party controls the legislature? North Carolina can do better than this – get a NON-PARTISAN MAP drawn!</p>
11/12/2019 03:33 PM	Mr. Leo Briere		<p>Republican manipulation of districts has been shameful, and they can begin to redeem themselves by endorsing a non-partisan process, with a citizens oversight committee given the power of approval over the product.</p>
11/12/2019 03:34 PM	Bruce Spang	writer/poet	<p>Dear Committee,</p> <p>For far too long the unfair redistricting has made democracy in this state seem like a farce. People's right to elect officials that represent them and not a certain party that happens to be in power has been forfeited by biased redistricting. I want to make sure you consider these priorities to make the districts more equable: draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Thank you, Bruce Spang</p>
11/12/2019 03:34 PM	Aylett Colston	North Carolinian	<p>Dear NC Representatives and NC Senators,</p> <p>As you redraw NC's Congressional voting districts, I ask that you: (1) conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and</p>

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			<p>comment on the drawing of district lines; (2) conduct yourselves in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the redistricting process; (3) draw voting district boundaries that respect “Communities of Interest;” and, (4) ensure that voting districts do NOT result in members of a minority group having less opportunity than other members of the electorate to elect representatives of their choice or to participate in the political process.</p> <p>By “Community of Interest,” I mean a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that would logically be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of Interest should NOT include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the congressional voting district maps do not, based on the totality of the circumstances, have a racially discriminatory impact, you must look at available data and use a “polarized voting analysis” to evaluate whether minority voters reasonably have the opportunities to elect candidates of their choice.</p> <p>As a reminder, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act is still in effect and applies to congressional voting districts. Therefore, voting districts may not be drawn in a manner which result in a Protected Class having less opportunity than other members of the electorate to elect representatives of their choice or to participate in the political process.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Aylett Colston Raleigh, NC</p>
11/12/2019 03:38 PM	Vickie Atkinson		<p>I believe that it is important for legislators to draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations. Districts should reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>Robust opportunities should be provided in the upcoming weeks for in-person public comment and debate about the new maps. Maps should incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts</p> <p>There should be no use of redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/12/2019 03:42 PM	Shawn Slome	Independent	<p>Vote for non-partisan redistricting. Let the judges appoint a special master to make a new map. The public has no faith in the General Assembly's ability to deal in good faith. Stop your self dealing and disenfranchising voters in the process. You are a cancer on our democratic principals and must stand down.</p>
11/12/2019 03:54 PM	Mr Derek Schwenkbeck	Caldwell County Democratic Party	<p>As the maps are decided upon, please make every attempt to limit the number of counties that are split between 2 or more congressional districts and most importantly, make the districts as compact as possible. Do not stretch districts so that they snake east to west in the state. This makes the job of the representatives harder as it stretches the area that they need to be in touch with along areas which vary more and more with the distance. It also discourages public engagement as it is harder and more time consuming to travel to district meetings as well as a feeling of being gerrymandered. Of the currently submitted maps, I prefer the C-Floyd-1-ST map.</p>
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11/12/2019 03:59 PM	Mr. Charles Guy	N/A	I am a resident of northwest Wake County on Laurdane Rd, and I'm also a socially liberal, fiscally conservative, libertarian republican patriot. Jerrymandering is the worst thing you can do. It unfairly marginalizes people who live in the same areas as those who don't hold their political opinion by casting them out of the process and rendering their votes null. Fairer election maps will ensure that all citizens are represented equally without favoritism paid to any political party or affiliation. Please make the right choices and draw equitable maps. Thank you for taking my comment. -WWG1WGA
11/12/2019 04:01 PM	Alexander Patti		It is abundantly clear that democracy is a fragile thing. The more we twist and turn democratic representation the further we go away from it. And it appears that our inability to draw fair and just maps seeks not democracy, but power. The actions of the committees and persons responsible for failed and illegal maps are incomprehensible and inexcusable. Either represent the people or feel free to step away from your office as public servant. If this seems like a personal attack on Republican lawmakers, then the issue is not with my words. It is issue with what one sees in the mirror.
11/12/2019 04:03 PM	Mr Bob Mc Lendon	concern citizen and resident of NC since 1972	Just be fair ! All the citizens of NC deserve to have you represent our state in a non political way when it comes to drawing districts that give all candidates a fair chance to be elected if that is will of the people . Thank you for your service to our state . We are all depending on you !
11/12/2019 04:08 PM	Mr and Ms William and Yvonne Duiker	Just ordinary citizens, no organization	Dear Sirs, Please adopt criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results for Redistricting Reform, also minimizing split counties and precincts(VTD's). Thank you, William and Yvonne Duiker, 10 Kingfisher Trail, Southern Shores, NC, 27949
11/12/2019 04:10 PM	Mr. Charles Senf		<p>Redistricting needs be done via a completely transparent process (open source algorithm/programming and public database) that does not include any information about the citizen save a pair of coordinates (not more than two decimal places precision - 2 decimal places, 0.01 decimal degrees, 0° 00' 36" DMS) defining his address to a precision of a kilometer in any direction.</p> <p>Indeed, a citizen's party affiliations should be scrubbed from the public record entirely because, in the first instance we are entitled to privacy when it comes to our voting decisions and no private political organization should be allowed to create a situation where it is public policy to so invade our privacy and force us to commit to publicly state our political preferences.</p>
11/12/2019 04:18 PM	Valerie Brockenbrough		North Carolina is not a democracy anymore. Let's end gerrymandering so no party can choose their voters. I support Senate Bill 673. We need a constitutional amendment to end gerrymandering in NC.
11/12/2019 04:24 PM	Dr. Kaaren Haldeman		Our right to vote is the cornerstone of a healthy and vibrant democracy and must be protected in the maps we draw and in the laws we make. The last nearly ten years in NC have been marked by unconstitutional, racist, extreme partisan gerrymanders. As a NC voter, I believe in fair districting -ideally by independent & nonpartisan entities. Our maps must reflect the people of NC in our historically purple state. It's time for congressional maps that protect voters of color & others who have been targeted by these practices by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Pursuant to a healthy democracy is robust public conversation both in-person and online to incorporate voters' feedback on this process and the resulting maps. End any practice that uses race or extreme partisanship in drawing our maps. No party should have an extreme advantage in lawmaking as the GOP has had since 2013. Its time for every vote to count as it should in NC and for our representation in DC to reflect the people and the will of the people in NC.
11/12/2019 04:26 PM	Dr. Gary Kimmel	Retired	Please do the right thing and take politics out of the congressional redistricting process. This should not be a Republican or Democratic thing. It should honor the sacredness of the election process and allow for an honest representation of the voters.
11/12/2019 04:28 PM	Mrs Eileen A McMillan		North Carolinians deserve a fair map for ALL voters to participate in the voting process. Nothing less than this will be acceptable. Do your job!
11/12/2019 04:28 PM	Judy Eustis		Please let democracy speak. NC deserves a 50-50 chance. We're all watching!!
11/12/2019	Mr Michael		Try doing something right for a change.



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04:28 PM	Lewandowski		
11/12/2019 04:30 PM	S Fox		Please use a non-partisan solution. It will ensure fairness to all citizens from any party moving forward.
11/12/2019 04:30 PM	Laura Gianna		North Carolinians deserve fair representation. Stop drawing districts in order to exclude voters you fear do not agree with you. I suggest you present policies that benefit all residents of our great state. If you have good ideas, you won't need to cheat in order to get your candidates elected.
11/12/2019 04:30 PM	Mr James Corrigan		Please end the use of partisan gerrymandering the practice is anti-democratic in substance. Stop iy
11/12/2019 04:31 PM	Mr Christopher Storm		The voters of the state deserve district maps that are representative of the people. It is against the intent of the founders that legislators choose their constituents.
11/12/2019 04:33 PM	Ms Colleen Shriver		I was pleased that you adopted criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results and looked for fairness not a solution to benefit a "party line". However, there does seem to be similarities to problem areas that have already been acknowledged and I ask that you investigate these areas further. At the time of this writing I only see maps from democrats and I hope to see republican maps shortly. Please monitor. Every vote should count and when voters feel they are pushed out by "maps" everyone loses. Thank you.
11/12/2019 04:36 PM	Dr Magaretha Herman		Our current Congressional delegation is skewed in a very partisan way, and does not represent the bi-partisan nature of our voting citizenry--and this has happened because the voting district maps are gerrymandered to create that partisan delegation. The new maps, ordered by the courts BECAUSE they were too highly partisan, must not repeat that skewed representation in the House of Representatives. Draw the lines so that districts are much more compact, are approximately equal in population, and do not divide communities. Better yet--create a non-partisan citizens' commission for redistricting and get politicians OUT of the process of creating voting districts.
11/12/2019 04:37 PM	Ms. Rachel Campbell		It is time for a map that favors no political party and make each vote in the state count. Enough of this political shenanigans by any party. I would be most happy to draw a map for you and can have it ready in no time. What is the big problem and waste of time with this process. Time to give us fair maps NOW. Enough is Enough.
11/12/2019 04:38 PM	Ann Morris		Recent elections have shown that NC voters are pretty evenly split between Republican and Democrat. So any redrawn maps should yield that kind of balanced representation in Congress. Otherwise it smacks of continued gerrymandering.
11/12/2019 04:39 PM	Helen Reilly		We want fair districting with no chance of gerrymandering and all citizens have to right to vote.We want early voting and Saturday voting before election day
11/12/2019 04:39 PM	MR. Gregory McKinney		Don't be bullied by the Democrats and those who choose to legislate from the bench. This is all a joke. Leave the districts as close as possible to the existing maps. When the Democrats were in power they set the districts in a way that benefited them. If they get control of the State Houses they will (admittedly) gerrymander in such a way as to guarantee they have power for the next decade. This is all nonsense. I can't believe the Republicans let state judges override the Supreme Court of the US that said this wasn't unconstitutional. Stick to your guns and leave them as is.
11/12/2019 04:40 PM	Katherine Metzo		It is time to make congressional maps that are fair and logical. Republicans need to stop trying make maps that ensure that Republican wins. If they really don't know what counts as fair and logical, then call in professionals who have a reputation for neutrality. Stop making NC a laughing stock of Democracy. The citizens of this state deserve better.
11/12/2019 04:41 PM	Dr. David Leader		I am extremely concerned that despite the clear recognition of gerrymandering in our districting and a directive to produce a fairer map, we have failed to do so. There are computer models that will perform this for us, since the current legislature is seemingly committed to continuing to find a way to rig the system. This is a swing state and representation needs to reflect that status.
11/12/2019 04:43 PM	Scot Eustis		Please commit to drawing fair maps. We're watching. Thanks.

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11/12/2019 04:43 PM	Mr. Peter Moffa	Mr.	The purpose of voting is to assure that a public representative be truly representative of the public will. This was and always has been the intent of a democratic government. The electoral college was merely a vehicle to achieve this objective. Yet it has become a device that has allowed warping of the fundamental intent and purpose of a Democracy. I ask that you work to achieve a fair and honest drawing of districts to keep with the original intent of our Founding Fathers.
11/12/2019 04:44 PM	Mr. David Moore	self	People are starting to lose faith in the democratic system due to the obvious manipulation of the vote, in particular the skewed design of districts. We need to move in the direction of more impartial methods, not more politically-motivated ones. If you really care about democracy (or truly representative democracy) please stop partisan efforts to keep control at all cost and vote responsibly for the most impartial and fair method of redistricting. Please grow up and act responsibly!
11/12/2019 04:45 PM	Louise Barnum	Chatham county voter	Please draw lines that keep local communities together.
11/12/2019 04:49 PM	Ms. Joy Blevins	Neighbors on Call	Dear Committee Members: Having moved from CA (where I lived many years) back to NC several months ago, I was shocked and dismayed how gerrymandered NC had become in recent years (this is not the NC I grew up in). However, I am hopeful that you your committee will do the right thing by: Drawing congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Providing ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and ending any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. You have an opportunity to give all people equal access to voting. Thank you.
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11/12/2019 04:52 PM	Dr. David McMahon		It is long past time that redistricting in North Carolina is done in a nonpartisan manner. Partisan redistricting, whether by Democrats or Republicans serves to suppress voter turnout, deprives many citizens of a true voice in their government and allows incumbents to pick their voters, rather than voters picking their representatives. Our elections can live up to our democratic ideals only if they are truly competitive, requiring candidates to convince voters of their worthiness and desire to serve ALL the people.
11/12/2019 05:03 PM	Mrs Patricia Kersey	Chowan County, Chair, County Board of Commissoners	Ladies and Gentlemen, In reviewing the majority of your maps this afternoon, I note that Chowan County is conveniently the 'Toss Away' in 3 scenarios taking us yet again out of District 3 and moving us to District 1. So, once again, we are the fodder in the "horse trading"... of Eastern NC. Why move us out of D-3 ? I heard comments from the floor, "Population," "Size" -- My take-away from the dialogue...adding us to District 1 conveniently "smooths" out the numbers for your analysts. I get that. But, we're REAL people here....not a population number in a "horse trading" extravaganza! Now Consider-- Why this is not a particularly wise move--- Grouping counties north of the Albemarle Sound is rational; we share a common culture especially with Camden, Perquimans, Currituck and Dare Counties. We are a "regional" "rural" team; we serve together on a multitude of Boards, Committees, Non-Profits with common purpose. We are Tier 1 and 2 counties with so many more handicaps than our urban neighbors to the West...that we must and DO think of ourselves as regionally connected. And just last week, our newly elected Congressman, Greg Murphy, selected Edenton, our County Seat, in which to place an office. A huge event for a County which normally gets pasted up for such recognition! Your decision to move us to District 1 will, of course, take this honor away. Please take a little more time to consider the "human-factor" and reprecussions for the people that you not only represent, but also for those who strive in "all" 100 counties, every day, to make "our" State a place that takes care of "all" of its citizens and attracts others to come and live (to rural and urban areas alike). We all have a role and a strategy to make our respective counties successful. We have different strengths and weaknesses. Please respect that.

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11/12/2019 05:04 PM	Dr Irene Rusnak		It is disheartening that North Carolinians have had to vote under illegally gerrymandered districts for years. And now we begin the process of redress with limited ability for voters to voice their concerns regarding new maps. I would like to see independently drawn maps as the legislature appears unwilling to provide fair maps to the citizens of this state.
11/12/2019 05:09 PM	Dr Maxine Dalton	Retired	I would plead that within the proportional requirements of representation, you strive to make each congressional district a 50:50 possibility for the opposing candidates/parties. Only then will we have a true democratic process and only then will the first small steps be taken to restore the faith of the people in the democratic process.
11/12/2019 05:09 PM	Mrs Marty Pizzo		I strongly urge the committee to draw a fair map that represents North Carolina's population (50/50 voting record in recent years).
11/12/2019 05:12 PM	EJ Hurst II	Law Office of EJ Hurst II	<p>The best thing that could happen to North Carolina is an independent districting commission. Leading to that fundamental change, redistricting as far from the NC-GOP's "near surgical precision" in voter suppression is essential.</p> <p>The courts keep ruling against the NC-GOP cheating. Please, NC-GOP, take a hint and try to quit cheating long enough to let ALL voters have a say.</p> <p>Jay Hurst, NC Bar No. 39261</p>
11/12/2019 05:12 PM	Ms Patsy McConnell	Retired Public School TEACHER	WHO is this state thinks it's MORAL or FAIR to have anything less than 50-50 congressional maps drawn for our public elections??? Our state of NC's past voting history DEMANDS it!!!
11/12/2019 05:13 PM	rev. louisa dyer		stop the gerrymandering! everyone deserves fair maps and it's your job to make them so. I am sick and tired of republicans cheating to win!
11/12/2019 05:17 PM	Tom Daily		In order to keep our democracy, it is imperative that we be fair in our elections; and in order to be fair, we must have fair districts rather than convoluted and twisted gerrymandered areas. Please be fair in your decisions, and then we can all celebrate our democracy.
11/12/2019 05:18 PM	Ms Catherine (Kitty) Schaller	Retired	<p>I join so many others to plead with the Committee to develop 50:50 fair maps that reflect the swing state culture that we have in North Carolina. Anyone can see that a Republican/Democratic districting of 10:3 ratio is hardly appreciating a 50:50 divide between the voters for the two parties. Let the VOTERS choose their representatives to the US Congress. It's past time to insist that North Carolina stop playing games that mean the Congressional Representative CHOOSE the VOTERS. Thank you.</p> <p>Catherine Schaller US Congress -- District 11</p>
11/12/2019 05:26 PM	Mr. Jonathan Markle		Redistricting Congressional districts to reflect the voting population is essential and necessary. Partisan politics should not play any part in this process. Any lines drawn that are artificial or fanciful must be dismissed.
11/12/2019 05:36 PM	Ms Henrietta Jenrette	None	It's obvious that elected members of our legislature cannot control themselves enough to do a fair and honest job of redistricting. The only way voters are going to have a chance to put their choices into office is with an independent commission of qualified people to do the job. Do Something to restore our voters' faith in Democracy.
11/12/2019 05:42 PM	Barbara St Hilaire	Constituent	Please be fair in your votes for new districts. Every vote needs to be counted equally. I live in Buncombe county, which is unfairly split. So instead of voting with my neighbors, my vote gets bundled with people in Gastonia--a place I do not know, and my vote gets minimized. Election maps should be non-partisan.
11/12/2019 05:47 PM	Dylan Frick		I am a resident of Stanly County, and have spent most of my life working in the Sandhills. I believe that Representative Floyd's map, released today (11/12) is the best map because it is compact, and it preserves communities of interest, such as the Lumbee Tribe, Fort Bragg families, etc. Regardless of the map decided on, it is my sincere hope that communities of interest across the state are kept together.

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11/12/2019 05:48 PM	Ms. Lynn Schwartz		NC citizens deserve fair, non-partisan districts! Support Senate Bill 673 draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/12/2019 06:04 PM	Mr Michael Eisenberg		We need fair maps drawn by a non partisan committee not politicians.
11/12/2019 06:06 PM	Ms ROCHELLE NEURINGER	Private citizen	Please take Buncombe County out of the 10th congressional District and put it back into the 11th Congressional District with the rest of Buncombe County where it belongs. The last time district maps were drawn Buncombe County was split between the 10th and 11th Congressional districts.. for the sole purpose of rigging the Congressional elections in favor of one party over the other. For years I felt my vote for Congress was meaningless. Not fair!!!!
11/12/2019 06:10 PM	Mr. John White	Self	<p>Gentlemen and Gentlewomen:</p> <p>The process is more transparent than the previously secret process, in which Art Pope set beside the computer operator in 2010 and drew Congressional districts.</p> <p>I have one observation as follows: Districts 4,7,8,9, and 11, based on appearance alone, are gerrymandered. Clearly, someone has changed the computer-drawn districts--to fit partisan purposes. I understand partisan information was not used in the process by the staff--but some individuals have used their own personal knowledge to produce such gerrymandered districts. The resulting Polsby-Popper values reflect gerrymandering efforts; the average for the 13 districts is 0.288--very sad.</p> <p>Here are my questions--for which the citizens of North Carolina deserve answers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Why did you not use the Congressional district map drawn by the retired judges in 2016--which utilized county lines and provided districts that are far more compact?</li><li>2. What are the Polsby-Popper values for each of the districts in the 2016 Congressional district map drawn by the retired judges? Please compare the values of your proposed Congressional districts to the values of the previously mentioned 2016 map.</li></ol> <p>Clearly North Carolina need an independent redistricting commission.</p> <p>I request that the 2016 map (available on your web site) be attached to my comments as part of the public record (since I am unable to attach any files to this submittal).</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>John White</p>
11/12/2019 06:18 PM	Alice Cheung		I'm thankful that lawmakers are redrawing North Carolina's blatantly racist and gerrymandered Congressional maps. In drawing these new maps, it's important to prioritize protecting voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. It's also vital to end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Finally, please provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts.

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11/12/2019 06:46 PM	Mrs Carol Ann Minor		I am disgusted that we do not yet have redistricting maps that are created without taking into account politics or the race of the area. I want fair maps drawn so I can believe that every vote counts in all our elections. Thank you.
11/12/2019 06:55 PM	Dr. Joyce Gayles	Individual citizen	I implore you to draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other minority populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and ask that you end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/12/2019 07:08 PM	Grettel Keane		We want fair voting maps, stop gerrymandering. We believe in Democracy.
11/12/2019 07:09 PM	Jon Legakes	IFC	True democracy is precious. YOU must put country first, people first. Throw your party out the door ,country/people first. WE the people are sick from those of you who cheat and lie for power.
11/12/2019 07:13 PM	Mr Samuel SPANGERBERG		Clearly and legally the current congressional districting of North Carolina has been produced to create representation that is not in proportion of voting patterns. The result has been to create a lop-sided congressional majority which represents a decided minority of North Carolinians and has assured a thoroughly partisan decision making process which has, can and continues to ignore input from outside the Republican party. This is not a democratic process and meaningful dialogue -something of which North Carolina was justifiably proud, has disappeared from from our state. Looking over NC legislative history shows the degeneration of even the semblance of compromise after many years when NC served as an example of thoughtful compromise in a South that today still shows not just the scars of intolerance, but is actively pursuing the injustice of the bigotry as though it was something to be proud of. We are back sliding into a past that will ill-serve all NC voters, the history of our state and even the country.
11/12/2019 07:13 PM	Moir Marquis		The congress of North Carolina needs to draw 2020 Congressional maps that reflect democracy--not manipulate it for their own interests. These districts need to reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Otherwise, they are unAmerican. If you fail to continue to hold public hearings on these new districts and adjust based on feedback from your constituents you are also undemocratic authoritarians. End redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Otherwise, you are using public office for personal gain.
11/12/2019 07:13 PM	Mr. David Marquis		Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. You have marked yourselves as biased bootlickers in the past, here you have an opportunity to do the right thing.
11/12/2019 07:26 PM	Mrs Ramona Gilbert		Please do not carve up the northeast. Pasquotank, Perquimans, Currituck, Dare and Chowan need to remain together! Our issues are similar and we want a representative that focuses on the northeast versus sharing time with the more populous middle counties.
11/12/2019 07:30 PM	Dianne Layden		I urge you to maintain the current alignment of the "finger counties" of northeast NC in the district of Congressman Greg Murphy. Our counties - Chowan, Perquimans , Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck - are small so to thrive we need to remain together. We share hospitals, schools at all levels, regional health systems, NGOs and governmental organizations, and social life in general. Personally I support any of the Hise maps since they do keep most of our counties together. The Hise C-HiseC-1-ND does keep us all together while the other two Hise maps only leave out Chowan. That is a mistake in that these counties need to be together. Please remember these are people and economies. I've listened in and all I heard was take 26 people from here and put them there or some such craziness. I don't understand why in the northeast we are considered sacrificial lambs to toggle from one district to another on a regular basis based on nothing more than whim. While the counties here need to be together for stability the districts need to be stable. Please remember this.
11/12/2019 07:37 PM	Mr Robert Sotolongo		Districts should be made to be competitive between democrats and republicans, this will lead to more moderates in congress on both sides of the aisle which can help break the partisan gridlock in DC A candidates biggest challenge to get elected should be beating a similar moderate from the other party, not someone further right or left in their district
11/12/2019 07:45 PM	Ms. Gerardette Furlow		The maps drawn for North Carolina should be fair and represent roughly a 50-50 even congressional map. This is based on the following facts:

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			<p>In 2018, Democrats won 51% of the vote for the state legislature and 49% of the vote for Congress. The last 3 presidential elections have been neck and neck, with the winner only winning by a few points.</p> <p>The voting map process should be taken completely out of the legislative process , if the maps are not going to be drawn fairly to reflect all citizens regardless of their party affiliation.</p>
11/12/2019 07:50 PM	Dianne Layden		<p>Lets look at some important points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) For over 100 the Democrat party drew the maps anyway they pleased. Now they fuss.</li><li>2) Drawing maps to place one political party over the other has gone on for over 100 years.</li><li>3) Until the last few years redistricting occurred per law after the census that occurs every 10 years.</li><li>4) NC was under the VRA for years. What the Democrats did was to designate certain districts where protection of ethnic minorities were guaranteed</li><li>5) There is no way that each district can be drawn to have a statistical even number of people of the major political parties. If there is just one more than the other then that district favors that political party</li><li>6) Having a district that guarantees an ethnic Democrat will win is not fair nor equal. I had hoped we were getting beyond that. Until we do we will still be in the same mess.</li><li>7) Do what is right. Throw away those comments that aren't factual. Look at what is and what actually benefits the areas.</li></ol>
11/12/2019 07:50 PM	Nicole Robinson		<p>Will the new redirecting maps be impartial and unbiased? How can we guarantee this?</p>
11/12/2019 07:57 PM	Mrs Barbara Borden		<p>Gerrymandering is not legal. Congressional districts should not be created to favor political parties. Every persons vote is valid without regard to race, religion or politics. We do NOT want minority rule.</p>
11/12/2019 07:58 PM	Mrs. Debra Efird		<p>Hello.</p> <p>I appreciate the work going into making our districts far less gerrymandered. I have read the Harper v. Lewis complaint and it is appalling how blatantly lines were drawn to afford Republican wins in a state that has more Democrats. This should have never happened. I trust Lewis no further than I could throw him. He made his intentions clear in his infamous quote about he would've drawn the lines to win Republican seats in 11 of the districts if he could've, but settled for 10. Shameful, shameful!</p> <p>Please do the work that needs to be done to straighten this matter up. My NC legislative representatives, Linda Johnson in the House and Paul Newton in the Senate, have only responded once to my emails. I realize at this time you are working on congressional redistricting rather than state representation, but I can assure you I will do everything I can legitimately to see that these two are not re-elected.</p> <p>Every North Carolinian deserves representation that respects them enough to respond to emails or phone calls.</p> <p>Sincerely, Debra Efird</p>
11/12/2019 08:09 PM	Mr. Robert Fulkerson	A concerned citizen of North Carolina	<p>Gerrymandering has been done by the Republicans and the Democrats over time, and never to the benefit of the citizens. The recent attempts by the Republican party to continue to distort the districts for political advantage are proof enough that members of congress cannot be trusted to perform the task. The fox should not be building the hen house. I strongly suggest that it become the legal domain of a committee of non-political people such as is being done in other states. I believe Indiana has such a committee.</p>
11/12/2019 08:12 PM	Kenneth Reitz	Individual citizen	<p>The current map of North Carolina's gerrymandered congressional districts is blatant to the point of satire and robs many North Carolinians of their voice, fair governance and basic self-determination. It is an embarrassing and cowardly expression of intentional discrimination and voter suppression by elected officials fearful they can't win popular support upon the merits of their ideas and policies.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the representation that this politically rigged maneuver has brought us is grievously antithetical to North Carolina and American values.</p>



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11/12/2019 08:13 PM	Dan Kowal		<p>Even the Republican Party elected officials who have stacked the current redistricting committee in their partisan favor should desire democratic rights for themselves and their future generations. Anything less is a betrayal of their oath of office, of integrity, and of their fellow citizens. Drawing congressional districts a bipartisan majority would agree is fair should not be a difficult task; multiple national examples exist showing how to get there. Please shed any empty suits that put party above country, and put on the patriotism that should be the armor of every elected official to fight for equal rights and equal representation for EVERY citizen, and give us districts that are so fair they do not hint at any need for close scrutiny.</p> <p>If the districts aren't objectively fair, our entire system is a sham.</p>
11/12/2019 08:22 PM	Kevin Leiner		Voters should choose their elected representatives - “representatives” should not choose their voters. Partisan politics should be removed from the redistricting process for the long term health and vitality of our representative democracy, and also the long term health of both major political parties by holding all officials and policies to account in a free marketplace of ideas.
11/12/2019 08:33 PM	Dena Papazoglou		<p>To the committee members,</p> <p>In the process of redrawing maps, I urge you to adopt the following measures for transparency, fairness, and representation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment</li> <li>- Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts</li> <li>- End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</li> </ul>
11/12/2019 08:34 PM	Mr Dennis Burns	Common Cause NC	The House of Representatives should represent our citizens' perspective on federal affairs better than any other political body deciding funding , taxes and even wars. Yet, for such a critical role in democracy, the GA Committee has failed to deliberate in good faith on a non-partisan basis and now wants North Carolina citizens to judge the value of 12 maps! We need a consistent non-partisan process that is not controlled by the politicians to design fair, compact, competitive districts. This is not such a process and the General Assembly should reconvene to examine and decide on the key criteria of the 6 reform bills that were filed 6 months ago and were ignored before the Courts forced action.
11/12/2019 08:34 PM	Ms Angela Welsh		Please do not carve up the northeast corner of the state. Our region is stronger when the counties of Chowan, Perquimans, pasquotank, Currituck and Camden are together.
11/12/2019 08:39 PM	Ms. linda insley		I am a native South Carolinian, but have lived in North Carolina for the past 27 years! North Carolina was once one of the most progressive states in our nation and I envied the people of this state when I still lived in South Carolina. North Carolina has fallen so far over the past decade and this fall from grace can be directly attributed to "surgically precise" partisan manipulation of our voter districts. The super-majority that now "rules" in our legislature has done this and it is time that "the people" of North Carolina be free from this manipulation!
11/12/2019 08:44 PM	David Hammond	retired senior citizen	<p>The redistricting process in the General Assembly, now at the congressional district level, continues to be a farce, an insult to the people of North Carolina, and a disgrace to the principles of our democracy. By using considerations of candidate incumbency in drawing new maps, the Joint Select Committee is, in fact, continuing the shameful practice of basing the process on the old, partisan-shaped maps that the courts have rejected. Despite public, noble-sounding pledges from some legislators that they believed in, and were working for, a non-partisan commission to do the new maps, nothing has been done in the legislature to make that happen. Instead, after stalling as long as possible, the Committee now declares it is up against a deadline and is once again rushing through the process with minimal transparency, with what seems on camera to be input from unseen advisers behind closed doors, hanging on to as much of the old maps as possible, and with a very short window of opportunity for input from the public.</p> <p>We need fair representation of the voters in the state. We need an end to splitting up counties, dividing cities, and cutting college campuses in two. We need to eliminate voter demographics and party affiliation from consideration in the process. Consciously making voting more difficult for any targeted group</p>

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			<p>needs to stop. All voices have the right to be heard, and all votes should have equal power in every election.</p> <p>The people of the state in increasing numbers are becoming aware of the steady stream of lies and misrepresentation coming out of the NCGA under Phil Berger and Tim Moore. A fact the Select Committee must face is that those legislators in either party who cannot keep their offices following fair and impartial redistricting did not deserve to hold those offices in the first place. They were, and are, nothing but carpetbaggers and party con artists, and deserve to be run out of their districts on rails.</p> <p>I do not believe for one second that these comments will be considered or even read by Committee members as this sham of a process goes forward, but at least they will be here for the future record.</p>
11/12/2019 08:45 PM	Dianne Layden		One simple solution: Remove Duplin county from how it is drawn to be in CD3 and replace with Chowan & Perquimans. Makes sense. Keeps with idea of commonality. More stability to the voters.
11/12/2019 09:13 PM	Ms Beth Pensiero		I am so tired of the dishonest games playing of the NC Republican led assembly. The districts have been Gerrymandered to death. Draw lines based on natural borders inclusive of whole communities. Have the guts to have honest elections, if you're so sure that you are what the people of NC want.
11/12/2019 09:40 PM	Ms. Rebecca Margolese-Malin		I am asking the committee to forgo partisan considerations that impede the will of the people when drawing the maps for Congressional districts. These should not be based on prior voting data nor on protecting the seats of incumbents. I prefer the creation of a citizen's committee to redraw future maps, non-partisan in nature, working in complete transparency and not compensated so as having no monetary stake. Thank you for your respectful consideration.
11/12/2019 09:47 PM	Rev. Julie Peeples	Congregational UCC, Greensboro Faith Leaders Council	I hear it over and over, from young people and seniors, from people of every race and ethnicity: "the system is rigged. Why should I bother voting?" I understand the despair; as a democrat I live in a majority blue city in an evenly divided county and state, yet I have only one elected official that remotely represents my views at ANY level of government. You have it in your power, your hands, to turn this around. You have the power to begin restoring faith in our democracy, faith in our right to vote, faith that someone actually hears our frustration. You have the power to restore integrity to this system. I implore you to do the right thing.
11/12/2019 10:08 PM	Gerald Cobley		Any redistricting proposal that does not match the 50/50 popular vote with about 50/50 representation is clearly gerrymandered and not acceptable. Districts should have NO partisan bias and those who continue to skew them for political gain will not get my vote.
11/12/2019 10:20 PM	Mr. Irving Silberberg		<p>WHEN JUDGES GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE G.A.--IN CONSTRUCTING NEW, OBJECTIVE MAPS, THEY GENERALLY INCLUDE A PHRASE SUCH AS: "YOU MAY PROTECT INCUMBENTS."</p> <p>IF THE NEW "FAIR" MAPS PROTECT INCUMBENTS WHO WERE ELECTED FROM GERRYMANDERED DISTRICTS---HOW "FAIR CAN THE NEW MAPS BE? HAVE A BI-PARTISAN, OBJECTIVE GROUP CONSTRUCT NEW MAPS WITHOUT PROTECTING INCUMBENTS---APPLIES TO STATE LEGISLATURE AS WELL.</p>
11/12/2019 10:29 PM	Dr. and Mrs. John Jezorek	League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad	The Legislature has failed several times to draw fair non-partisan districts. It is past time to have a special master draw the lines so the people of NC can elect their representatives in fair elections rather than ones rigged for the party in control.
11/12/2019 10:47 PM	Bree Hendrick		Do not prioritize protecting incumbents as you redraw the congressional lines. Take this opportunity to finally draw districts fairly and without regard to incumbent seats. Protecting incumbent lines is another form of gerrymandering, and we will all find ourselves right back where we started. That is not progress or intelligence or fairness or good governance. Do the right thing and draw fair maps as the courts have mandated.
11/12/2019 10:49 PM	Susan McDonough		<p>Stop manipulating the outcome of our elections! Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>Provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/12/2019	Jenn Alexander		Not one map kept the Fort Bragg area in the same district. NOT ONE! A few versions even split it into 3 districts. I applaud that for the most part these are

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10:50 PM			more compact than 2011 maps, but they are still unacceptable. We need redistricting reform immediately. Get a special master for now and create an independent commission for the next round of redistricting. Here's some research on best practices to enable the commission to be the best possible: <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/publication/335878570_Do_Redistricting_Commissions_Avoid_Partisan_Gerrymanders/fulltext/5d8187f092851c22d5e092a6/Do-Redistricting-Commissions-Avoid-Partisan-Gerrymanders.pdf">https://www.researchgate.net/publication/335878570_Do_Redistricting_Commissions_Avoid_Partisan_Gerrymanders/fulltext/5d8187f092851c22d5e092a6/Do-Redistricting-Commissions-Avoid-Partisan-Gerrymanders.pdf</a>
11/12/2019 10:59 PM	Sharon Johnson		This map, C-Clark-8-6-TC, appears equitable; and what is particularly significant is it keeps Cumberland County as one district as opposed to be split.
11/12/2019 11:06 PM	Ted Mohn	None	<p>I live in Fayetteville, NC and support Senator Ben Clark's Congressional Map "C-Clark-8-6" for several reasons following the recent NC Court rulings related to NC House and Senate Districts.</p> <p>Without considering race or party affiliation, Senator Clark's map (C-Clark-8-6) keeps whole 93 of our State's 100 Counties from what I've seen on the various map options during your live-streaming redistricting process.</p> <p>Of the seven (7) split Counties within Senator Clark's map, two (2) are unavoidable within any recommended redistricting plan because they both far exceed the target population of 733,499.</p> <p>Knowing this Senator Clark's map only splits 5 of 98 Counties leading me to an almost 94.9% compactness rating. Percent deviations from the target population in Senator Clark's map are statistically insignificant for the thirteen (13) districts.</p> <p>I'm not new to redistricting as I've participated in Fayetteville's last two City Council level redistricting's. I love this type of analysis. I spent almost 22 years in the U.S. Army as a Cartographer and Geospatial Information Analyst/Technician. I'm familiar with the Maptitude-for-Redistricting software. The best software available for such analysis.</p>
11/12/2019 11:16 PM	Ms. Jane Koenig	Voter	District 11 should be more cohesive. Put Asheville back into NC11.
11/12/2019 11:17 PM	LeeAnn Kelley		<p>I hope that the Committee will draw 2020 Congressional maps in a way that fairly represents districts and does away with gerrymandering for either party. It is especially important to end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>As a voter, I want to know that I am voting in a democratic process held to the highest level of fairness laid out in the Constitution for all constituents.</p>
11/12/2019 11:27 PM	Map "C-CLARK-8-6" G. Milton Richardson	Retired	The map for District 9 "C-CLARK-8-6" is one I am in favor of.
11/12/2019 11:31 PM	Mrs. Bonnie Derr	Retired from UNC System Offices	It is time to recognize that gerrymandering for political preservation of power is very, very wrong. If any of those resisting the effort to make it a 50/50 split are trying to protect themselves, which I believe they are, they are Pharisees--i.e. those in power that don't want to be disturbed by revolutionaries. If you have any interest in protecting the peoples trust and public policy, quit fighting this. Just fix it and protect the public not yourselves.
11/12/2019 11:38 PM	Nilofer Couture		<p>As you look to make the maps fair please make NC11 more cohesive and competitive by putting Asheville back into it. Why does Buncombe county have to be divided into two districts where one street is on one and another street is another? This is what frustrates voters and makes a mockery of our vote.</p> <p>Pass a fair 50-50 map that reflects NC's status as a swing state. Voters deserve to choose their politicians not the other way around!</p>
11/12/2019	Lanier Blum	individual voter	Dear Committee members, I cannot be there in person on Wednesday so I am writing to urge you to act forthrightly to draw Congressional district maps that

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11:40 PM			<p>meet the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>To that end I encourage you to please provide more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of districts. Please stop redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my request.</p>
11/12/2019 11:49 PM	Kimberly H		<p>Forsyth County is ranked second to last, nearly the worst county in the country for social upward mobility, according to Harvard's latest study on social upward mobility. Yet, there is a better understanding now which policies contribute to social upward mobility, and, which, do not. The southeast of the United States lags behind in social upward mobility due to systemic racism. Forsyth County is still largely segregated decades after desegregation. My Mom participated in the Greensboro sit ins so that today would be far different than it is. Having moved to Forsyth County from a more worldly area of the US in 2003, I felt, even as a white person, how NC is decades behind other areas of the US in terms of worldview. We live in what is regularly ranked the most racist area in America. Many people are shocked when I tell them this, but, the research is there to support this claim. Many feel it should be the deeper south, but, no, it is right here in Winston-Salem. Winston-Salem, some years ranked number one in the United States for food insecurity, when Guilford County is included it is ranked second or third, but, always, in the last decade plus, the Piedmont Triad is included in the top ten most food insecure areas of the country. That means it is not just children who are hungry in Forsyth County. Even educated people are underemployed and struggle to live in Forsyth County. Even the Appalachian mountains were able to get off the national food insecurity list, a transient huge city like Orlando, and another area of FL can manage to change policies and get off this list in a couple of years, (and we know the politics in FL are, borderline criminal) but, not Winston-Salem, not Forsyth County, not Piedmont Triad, why? The voters are not fairly represented in this county, in this region, in this state. The decades of gerrymandering has allowed for policies to continually represent, and benefit, only old tobacco money, once slave owning families, institutions, churches, individuals. We are all part of a human family. Whether rich, poor, or in the middle, we all live together in the same community with many of the same hopes and dreams and fears. We all deserve to have representation in our local, state, and national governments. At some point, greed has a price. If you want a safer community than recognizing that everyone in this community deserves to be fairly represented is a step in the right direction. I came here to earn an undergraduate degree, graduate degree, doctoral degree, and post doctoral education, and, I am looking at the Harvard studies to see where I could move to raise a family in a community with similar values. I will not raise a family in almost the worst county in the country for social upward mobility. Why would I want my children in a community with that kind of worldview? I urge the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting to ask for numerous studies in urban and poverty studies to help guide this process, and, to consider that the time for repairing immoral and unethical policies from the past is now. The work you are doing affects many lives on a day-to-day basis. History does not judge kindly.</p>
11/12/2019 11:53 PM	Mark Daughtridge		<p>If politicians or their surrogates are drawing the maps such that election outcomes do not represent the voters, we do not have a democracy, or a republic. In 2018 about 50% of those voting voted for democrats but we still have only 3 of 13 US reps as democrats. That is not democracy. We must have democracy and fair meaningful elections. If candidates can't win on issues they should not hold office.</p>
11/13/2019 12:28 AM	Pastor William Lucas		<p>Have you been to a restaurant lately? How was the service? Have you tried to hire new employees? What about security? Did you read that it is difficult for local police departments, sheriff's offices, the army, navy, marines, and the air force to find high quality candidates? Well, what do the above mentioned things have to do with voting? Everything!!!</p> <p>Voting determines who gets how housing, education, employment, healthcare, and justice!!! If you want to keep your town, county, state and nation great please vote for fair maps and elections.</p>
11/13/2019 12:41 AM	Ms Connie Raper		<p>Please help us to establish fair maps and to advocate for districts to remain open and fair to the people who reside there.</p>
11/13/2019 04:21 AM	Julius Perkins		<p>Draw maps that is not partisan and is in agreement with the 14th amendment and voting rights act.</p>

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11/13/2019 06:04 AM	Dr. Robert Taber		<p>Dear Committee Members,</p> <p>I live in Fayetteville in what's currently the 9th Congressional District. I work two miles from my house in the 8th Congressional District. I shop for groceries in the 8th, my child has attended two schools in the 8th, I attend worship services in the 8th. And yet my district stretches all to south Charlotte, a three-hour-drive away. This distance means that my Congressional representatives have seldom visited Fayetteville, the elections seldom touch on Fayetteville-related issues, and, blessedly, I see few election-season TV commercials related to the race in which I will be voting.</p> <p>As I look at the proposed maps, several would make this problem worse or me or many other Nort Carolinians, not better. I ask you to reject: C-HiseA-4-1-TC, C-HarrisonA-1-TC, C-HiseA-5-BR, C-HiseC-1-ND, C-LewisD-1-RN, C-LewisD-1-RN, C-LewisD-1-TC, and C-NewtonA-5-4-TC.</p> <p>Some maps place me in a Congressional district that is reasonably compact and unites communities of interest. I ask you to support: C-Clark-8-6-TC, C-Clark-9-6 RN, C-FarmerButterfieldA-1-3-BK, and C-Farmer-ButterfieldC-1-BK.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/13/2019 06:08 AM	Ms. Nancy Garson-Angert	Private citizen	We deserve fair, non- partisan maps. No more gerrymandered maps that are designed to disenfranchise voters. Fair maps no matter the party in office. If N.C. is a 50/50 state, our voting outcomes ought to be closer to that stat. All voices need to be heard.
11/13/2019 06:29 AM	Devon Newton		As a resident of Fayetteville/Ft Bragg, I would appreciate it if Cumberland County was kept in the same district. We are the only large city that does not have a representative from our area, and we deserve to have one. It is ridiculous that both of our Reps live in the Charlotte area, and that our districts run from Fayetteville to Charlotte. Please make it more compact and contiguous. I support the C-Clark-8-6 map or something similar.
11/13/2019 06:53 AM	Ms. joy smith	Levity Enterprises	<p>I feel saddened by the ongoing splitting of counties, strangely drawn districts and the obvious intent to gain partisan power. Do you really fear the public that much?</p> <p>I request to have several times for public comment and that you listen to the people.</p> <p>Draw maps that give people the power to have representation.</p>
11/13/2019 07:24 AM	Claudia Lange		It seems as though the legislature is again following the same playbook that has caused our maps (both state and congressional) to be declared unconstitutional for either partisan or racial gerrymandering. If self interested partisans draw these maps, what exactly has changed to make the process more transparent and fair? Yes, partisan data is not allowed but the same people are drawing the maps who allegedly lied to a federal court AND incumbency protection is taken into account. Therefore, we have two out of three of the same toxic elements that got us to this point previously. While an independent citizens commission is not a magic bullet when drawing the maps, the commission would provide a baseline that does not begin and end with the same legislators who have shown that remaining in office at all costs is their ultimate goal. Legislators choosing constituents is not democracy. The people of North Carolina are tired of this embarrassing and disenfranchising mess. We deserve better.
11/13/2019 07:41 AM	Susan Trabka		All votes should have equal impact, otherwise people will rightly believe that the system is "rigged". Redistricting practices should not use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. To be fair, districts should reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The committee should provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps, which should reflect public feed back.
11/13/2019 07:51 AM	Joshua Craddock		I am a Republican supporter and voter, please give us a fair map. Don't be bias about it. We are better than that. We can win elections fair, we don't need to Gerrymander the maps to win!
11/13/2019 08:00 AM	Mr. Mark Simpson-Vos		I believe the only sustainable solution to our state's perpetual redistricting dilemma is to take the power out of the hands of elected officials and to place it in the hands of a nonpartisan citizens' redistricting commission. Legislators of both parties have lost the public's trust on this issue.
11/13/2019	Marci Curtis		This map is still gerrymandered to protect incumbents. The most blatant example is Wake/Durham/Orange County. There is no effort at compactness or

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08:10 AM			keeping municipalities together. This map is as illegitimate as the one it is supposed to replace. Please create new maps without protecting incumbents or disenfranchising large numbers of constituents.
11/13/2019 08:20 AM	YOU REPRESENT US-DO IT! Cynthia Hatfield	Asheville Go Tos	We are your constituents - ALL of the people of North Carolina. Our beautiful state is evenly divided along both sides of partisan issues, so you must take care to create non-partisan and objective voting districts to reflect us. We are counting on you to be fair and unbiased. Thank you for working on ALL our behalf, now and in the future. Sincerely, C. Hatfield -a North Carolinian
11/13/2019 08:21 AM	Mr. David Olson	Retired State Employee	I live in the 11th Congressional District currently held by Mark Meadows. This district is a classic gerrymander. Asheville was removed to make it safely Republican. It used to be a fair swing district where both parties had a chance. Isn't this that what democracy is supposed to look like....a fair district where both parties have a shot? Give us back a fair 11th District please! My vote should count, now it doesn't.
11/13/2019 08:26 AM	Pamela Wade		I am writing to submit my support for the redistributing map C-Clark-8-6. I feel that this map does the best job of keeping whole counties together. I live in Cumberland and this map puts the whole county in the same district. This will make the voting process easier and less confusing. Also I think it will result in fairer elections since it won't favor one party over another. It's time we let the people pick their representatives, not the other way around.
11/13/2019 08:26 AM	Ms Julia Simmons		Our legislature must pass a fair 50-50 lines for voting districts Ann's end the crooked gerrymandering situation we're currently in!
11/13/2019 08:40 AM	Mr. Benjamin Gillum		<p>Esteemed NC Congresspeople, Thank you for adopting redistricting criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results, requiring improved compactness, minimizing split counties and precincts (VTDs), and running a more transparent process than has been the case in the past!</p> <p>Tell them you noticed that some of these districts look very similar to problem districts from the current map, such as NC09, just won by Dan Bishop, which runs from Mecklenburg to Robeson.</p> <p>We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. NC's politics operating using unconstitutional district maps the last 8 years has been an utter disgrace.</p>
11/13/2019 08:41 AM	Kathryn Garcia		This farce has gone on long enough. We want fair districts that are not created by politicians.
11/13/2019 08:42 AM	Pat Chisholm		Make Us Proud Again!
11/13/2019 08:43 AM	Bill Martin	None	For the Triangle area, I think Senator Newton's map makes the most sense. Orange County should not be split up as some of the maps have it. The needs of the people in Orange County are similar to the needs of the people in East Chatham, Durham, and the Wake Forest area. Southwestern Wake County is its own beast and should have its own representation. Of the other maps, the Hise-C map makes the second-best sense for the Triangle.
11/13/2019 08:43 AM	1984 Tara Puckett		<p>draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/13/2019	Ms Lesley		Having reviewed most of the draft maps so far available to the public, I am concerned that it still appears as though the legislature is intent on creating maps



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08:44 AM	Wischmann		that split communities of interest and unfairly advantage one party, despite the fact that North Carolina's voters have shown over and over in recent elections that they are almost precisely split down the middle. In 2018, Democrats won 51% of the vote for the state legislature and 49% of the vote for Congress. The last 3 presidential elections have been neck and neck, with the winner only winning by a few points. Given these voting trends, how can the legislature justify drawing maps that don't offer the potential for a fair, even, 50-50 congressional map? No party should have an overwhelming advantage going into an election as this discourages participation and involvement in our political process. NC has spent the last decade in legal knots over its illegally gerrymandered maps. How many dollars and how much energy has been spent contesting these maps? It's well past time that the NC legislature truly represent the citizens of this great state and give us fair maps that will let us pick our own representatives rather than imposing pre-determined outcomes in which legislators have chosen their voters.
11/13/2019 08:49 AM	Mr. William Hunter	Hunter Consulting	Give us fair maps with no political or racial bias. Let the people of NC select their representatives.
11/13/2019 08:53 AM	Mr. Rodney Pierce	N/A	<p>The Honorable GK Butterfield is my Congressman.</p> <p>As Butterfield is a native of eastern North Carolina (Wilson), it would make no sense if he didn't represent primarily eastern NC, particularly those counties from where at least 40 percent of the population prior to the Civil War or 70 years prior (the 1790 census) were enslaved. The fact that the Congressman represented Durham County in Congress made NO sense to me at all and was in my opinion just another example of the racial and partisan gerrymandering on the part of the NC General Assembly. I would ask that this is not done again in terms of who he represents in Congress.</p> <p>I say that also knowing the history of Vance County as "Zeb's Black Baby," in being named for former Governor Zebulon Vance and being formed to consolidate Black Republican voting power to grab and keep White Democrat voting power in Franklin and Warren counties in my opinion. It would make sense for Butterfield to represent this area.</p> <p>However, in terms of letting him represent these areas with mainly predominantly African-American populations, the NCGA would be careful not to gerrymander politically or racially or risk being sued again for unconstitutional legislative maps.</p>
11/13/2019 08:56 AM	Geographic consistency Christopher Meinecke		Please make the maps as geographically consistent as possible without regard to residents race or political affiliation. Thank you.
11/13/2019 08:59 AM	Lynne Ingram	individual voter	one man one vote . it is the only fair way to vote . man-made map delineations are unfair and should be abolished . voting is our duty, not a privilege alone . every convenient opportunity should be made readily available for the entire electorate to vote in every local and federal election. financial penalties should be imposed on those of us who choose not to vote . as in australia .
11/13/2019 09:09 AM	Redistricting Eugene Farrar	Life Time Member Of The Chapel Hill Carrboro NAACP	Dear Senator Foushee it took us decades to have the right to vote, here we are in 2020 face with another serious problem of redistricting will over come that to the republicans have no intention of fixing gerrymandering are redistricting. Republicans we will not stand by and watch your party destroy our communities roll back the voting right act, human right act, and civil right act. I want to thank all the Democrats that are working on taking back our house 2020 is our time republicans set your clocks ( LIGHTS OUT IN 2020)
11/13/2019 09:20 AM	MR Kathleen Rebeck		Please stop gerrymandering our election districts to favor one party over the other. North Carolina has a reputation as one of the most corrupt political states in the country. It is time to change that so that ALL voices in our state can be heard, whether the party in power wants to hear them or not. What is at stake is nothing less than our democracy if the party in power can arrange districts so that they cannot lose. Political parties and congressional committees should not be the ones drawing these districts. They should be drawn by an independent panel with no regard to the politics of a particular demographic. We need to remember, one person one vote.

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11/13/2019 09:26 AM	Medical Director Omar Idlibi	Carolina Medical Lab	Dear Legislature Committee, Please keep the transparency in empowering our citizens to have a fair 50-50 map that reflects North Carolina's history and allow us to express our opinions with meaningful freedom.
11/13/2019 09:43 AM	Chip Poston		<p>"As of the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline, 12 separate maps — six by Democrats and six by Republicans — had been posted along with their required statistics on the committee's website."</p> <p>Where are the maps?! Please provide an easily accessible link where the maps may be easily viewed and compared.</p> <p>As a resident of Western NC, I urge the Committee to restore a unified mountain congressional district in the NC 11th by including every mountain county-- including Buncombe County and Asheville-- in its entirety.</p>
11/13/2019 09:49 AM	Mr. Daniel Patterson	None	History has shown that politicians of both major parties are untrustworthy and poor and corrupt stewards of the public's right for fair and non-partisan voting districts. We must have fair and non-partisan voting districts that are determined by an independent, non-partisan committee. You must vote for fairness and non-partisan state and federal voting districts.
11/13/2019 09:56 AM	Erin Hammeke		These maps are still gerrymandered and the whole nation is watching. Stop wasting public funds while constantly undermining democracy. Stop cheating North Carolina voters!! I demand that you: draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/13/2019 10:02 AM	Sharon Kucyk		REDISTRICTING NEEDS TO BE BASED ON UNBIASED PRINCIPLES AND CARRIED OUT INDEPENDENTLY OF ALL POLITICIANS. CODES OF ETHICS SHOULD DRIVE THE PRINCIPLES AND A REPORT THAT IS PUBLIC SHOULD BE ISSUED EXPLAINING IN PLAIN ENGLISH HOW IT WILL BE DONE AND WHEN IT IS DONE PROVE THAT IT HELD UP THOSE PRINCIPLES.
11/13/2019 10:24 AM	Dr. Andrea Shapiro	NC Citizen	The citizens of NC expect the Committee on Congressional Redistricting (2019) to redraw the Congressional maps to protect voter rights and voter intent. It is time to end redistricting that uses extreme partisanship and race. The illegal redistricting of 2016, silenced the voice of too many voters. End gerrymandering, and create fair districts. All NC voters deserve it.
11/13/2019 10:36 AM	Colonel (retired) Morris Davis	Private citizen	I was born and raised in North Carolina and I recently moved back. I served on active duty for 25 years because I believe in the Constitution and American values. Key among those is democracy. I am disappointed that my home state allowed democracy to be subordinated to partisan interests by a variety of undemocratic means, including partisan gerrymandering. All North Carolinians are entitled to equal treatment. Drawing district lines to amplify the voices of some and to mute the voices of others is contrary to our fundamental values. District lines should be drawn fairly and rationally, not to stack the deck for a person or a party. North Carolina's reputation has been sullied by voter suppression, voting fraud, and gerrymandering. The establishment of new district lines is an opportunity to take a positive step towards restoring confidence in democracy in North Carolina.
11/13/2019 10:40 AM	Lisa Davis		Please redraw the lines fairly so that Democrats and Republicans are equally represented! Do the right thing for all North Carolinians!
11/13/2019 10:47 AM	Leah Lavin		Please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. I hope that you will especially end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/13/2019 11:13 AM	Gayle Anderson	Retiree	Please do not split counties in drawing districts. Bending over backwards to preserve incumbents is understandable but not good policy for representing the people.
11/13/2019 11:15 AM	Mrs. Susan Henning	Resident of North Carolina	As a long time resident of NC, I am saddened and dismayed by the gerrymandering that is currently plaguing our state voting system. We need fair district maps created by an equitable and unbiased process. The current map process is rife with partisanship and ulterior motive. This legislature is not serving the people of this state, but is instead serving their own interests.

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11/13/2019 11:16 AM	Tara Romano		<p>As lawmakers start the work of redrawing more fair maps per the court order, I hope the Joint Select Committee will make every attempt to provide the voters of North Carolina with fair, independent and non-gerrymandered maps. No matter our political affiliation or ideology, we all should be able to agree that fair and independent voter maps are the cornerstone of a flourishing and vibrant democracy. In a robust democracy, we should be able to see a variety of viewpoints represented in our elected bodies that reflects the variety of beliefs held in a diverse society.</p> <p>We currently do not see that representation, with maps that have been continually struck down by the courts as being rigged for one group. Basically, we are seeing elected officials choosing their voters via these maps, rather than voters choosing their elected officials.</p> <p>I support fair and independent redistricting, with a transparent process and ample opportunity for meaningful public input. I hope that happens in this case.</p>
11/13/2019 11:33 AM	Mrs. Janice Woods	Projects by Design	<p>Please end the current practice of serving political parties rather than the citizens of this state. End gerrymandering and unfair political zones NOW. There had to be at least a minimal level of respect for the people left in your self-serving processes. Please draw maps that appropriately reflect the population of the state.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/13/2019 11:36 AM	Ms. Karen Santucci		The new maps need to be drawn without preference to either political party so that no one candidate/party has an unfair advantage over another. It is imperative that there is an even playing field so voters can chose the best possible representation. Gerrymandering must end as and, with it, those who sought to retain power by cheating.
11/13/2019 11:39 AM	Ms. Esther Murphy	Citizen	Moving the NC House of Representatives boundaries for District 18; 19; and 20; has exacerbated the malining of fair and equal representation. Especially District 19, it is incontiguous. Not even Republicans walk on water. The Cape Fear River has been recognized as a natural boundary as long as humans have walked here, until Republican incumbents redrew their districts. Fix It!
11/13/2019 11:49 AM	cynthia mixon		Please keep NC congressional districts organized by counties. I want Cumberland County to be in ONE congressional district. This redrawing would be the 3rd district I have been in. Do better for Cumberland County and NC.
11/13/2019 12:07 PM	Mr. Richard Cuyler	Retired	I'm all for redistricting. I only hope it will be ready for the 2020 elections!.
11/13/2019 12:34 PM	Mrs Frances Smith	Retired Grandma	All District maps should be drawn as much as possible to be nonpartisan and fair. This creates more opportunities for democracy and all voices being recognized/represented.
11/13/2019 12:35 PM	Sheri Howe		This is to request that this committee stop the corrupt gerrymandering and draw accurate and fair maps! NC is changing, growing and evolving, please respond accordingly!
11/13/2019 12:41 PM	Michael McHarg		<p>I'd like to ask the GA to please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>To provide opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and to</p> <p>end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>I'm a business owner in Wilson NC, and I pastor a church in Rocky Mount. As such, I have influence with clients and church members and will report on your decisions regarding these matters.</p>
11/13/2019 12:52 PM	Mrs. Lyn Walker		Leave our maps alone!!!
11/13/2019 12:59 PM	Mrs. Jane Hallstrom	Theater Artists	Cheating to get elected is contemptible. If you can't sway voters with your ideas and character then you should not be elected. Rigging the maps so that your side wins is cheap and dishonest -Something a child could recognize as unfair. END gerrymandering. Use an outside disinterested party to draw the map.

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11/13/2019 01:06 PM	Dr. Judith Hoy	Self	Regarding the work on redistricting: Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
11/13/2019 01:08 PM	Dr Suzanne Botts	Citizen	Please devise fair maps in which each person's vote counts. The state is almost equally divided according to voter registration between democrats and republicans with more and more unaffiliated voters. Do not gerrymander voting districts to invalidate votes to retain political power.
11/13/2019 01:16 PM	Mr. Michael Throneburg		I would like for there to be fair nonpartisan districts made for North Carolina. There should be no gerrymandering on the side of the Republicans are the Democrats. It is important for the democracy of North Carolina. For far too long the gerrymandering has taken place and North Carolina has suffered the consequences. The people of North Carolina deserve equal and fair elections ..
11/13/2019 01:21 PM	Ken Burton		District lines should be drawn ny an independent body, not by partisan politicians. What happened almost ten years ago should never be allowed to happen again. All votes should count equally.
11/13/2019 01:36 PM	Richard Wynne		In my opinion the proposed maps are excessively partisan. I hope the court throws out these maps and appoints a special master to create new fair maps. It appears the legislators are incapable of working across party lines to create non-partisan maps.
11/13/2019 01:44 PM	Ms Mary McQueen		I am not satisfied to continue voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm frustrated with politicians in the General Assembly who have manipulated our district lines, so that the results of our elections are predetermined! Please pass a FAIR congressional map, finally!!!
11/13/2019 01:53 PM	Katherine Zinn	1938	DRaw maps that aare fair to People of Color!!
11/13/2019 02:05 PM	Dr. Lance Ashdown		I'm not impressed. On the positive side, at least Asheville was put back in district 11. On the negative side, the usual bizarrely shaped districts are present, especially in districts 1, 4, 12, and 13. There is no other reason for these shapes than to guarantee Republican power. For the past 10 years, I have no faith in our legislature to fairly represent the voters of North Carolina. The latest pretense at fairness does not restore my confidence. The courts need to protect North Carolinians and assign a mapmaker who will at least *attempt* to be fair.
11/13/2019 02:18 PM	Diane Lemieux		I encourage you to make fair maps for a change instead of gerrymandered versions. WE are SICK to death of your underhanded partisan tricks you have used for years to retain political power that you would not have if you actually were voted into office through FAIR MAPS. I do not believe that ANY POLITICIANS should be involved in drawing any maps. I cannot actually believe they are letting you do it again.
11/13/2019 02:34 PM	Ms. Susan B . McClanahan	NC citizen	Thank you for adopting criteria that excludes partisan considerations and past election results. However, by using the Common Cause NC redistricting simulation map as your base map, you have actually used racial and partisan data because that data was baked into that original map. It was not designed for this purpose. To start the process with that map violates your own criteria and the directive of the three-judge panel. You should either start with a blank map while applying the criteria and excluding any partisan data or let the three-judge panel appoint the special master to draw the new Congressional map. It's clear that old habits die hard.
			We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time. We need to give NC citizens real and meaningful input into this process.
11/13/2019 02:39 PM	Ms Elizabeth Swift	N/A	I am a citizen in Jackson County, Congressional District 11. The gerrymandering of our district very cleanly eliminated Asheville, our mountain urban center. This classic « cracking » of our district renders the voice of voters in Asheville silenced by their dilution into the neighboring district. We in the mountains are not « red » or « blue » but thinking people whose voices deserve yo be heard. By designing a politically safe-for-republicans district, politicians are less inclined to listen to their constituents. We deserve better. I am in favor of redistricting which is blind to all identifying characteristics of voters, respects existing boundaries as much as possible (county lines, etc.) and adjusting for changes in population ONLY. Computer models would be ideally employed for this purpose.

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11/13/2019 02:44 PM	Mr. Johnny Rice		You have to listen to the people. We need to be heard. You can not & should not make maps around race ..sec orientation or \$\$\$. Just not right. We will go to the streets if you do. We will be heard.
11/13/2019 02:53 PM	Pamela Krauss		It benefits all citizens of North Carolina to be represented by a fair and just districting of the State. We know that past districting has been adjudicated to be unfair. Therefore, to do anything less is inconsistent with both the ruling and the will of the people of the State of NC. Please move forward to do the job that is required with the utmost fairness in my district, District 11, and all others that have been adversely treated in recent history.
11/13/2019 03:00 PM	Mr Ernest Logemann	CPA	All the congressional districts should be compact; county borders should be respected; no cities should be split. As far as I can tell, the maps so far continue the unconstitutional gerrymandering. Leave the current representatives out of the calculations and do not draw districts to favor the incumbents.
11/13/2019 03:46 PM	Michelle Blumenthal		This redistricting process needs to be transparent. And politicians should not be trying a new form of gerrymandering. The instructions for redrawing the districts for state legislative districts should be applied to the process of redrawing the congressional districts. And this should be done in a timely manner so that we don't need to push back the primaries, which would lead to unnecessary costs. We need fair congressional districts whereby the people are choose their elected officials, rather than politicians choosing their constituents.
11/13/2019 03:46 PM	Ms Connie Burns		Please make sure that people of color are fully represented by the new districts by following the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protections Clause of the 14th amendment. Please do not allow racial or partisan considerations to be used as input for how to draw the districts. We want districts that offer as much representation of every citizen as possible!
11/13/2019 03:47 PM	Ms. Susan B. McClanahan	NC citizen	<p>How to Get Away with Gerrymandering: A leaked audio recording reveals how state lawmakers are taught to trash evidence, avoid the word gerrymander, and create an appearance of bipartisanship, by David Daley, The Slate, Washington DC, posted October 2, 2019. <a href="https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/10/alec-meeting-gerrymandering-audio-recording.html">https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/10/alec-meeting-gerrymandering-audio-recording.html</a></p> <p>The Full Transcript of ALEC's "How to Survive Redistricting" Meeting, by Slate staff, The Slate Who Counts Project, Slate, Washington D. C., posted October 2, 2019. <a href="https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/10/full-transcript-alec-gerrymandering-summit.html">https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/10/full-transcript-alec-gerrymandering-summit.html</a></p> <p>Revealed: ALEC Annual Meeting Attendees. List includes Trump Administration and 2020 Campaign Officials, by Nick Surgey, DOCUMENTED: Investigating Corporate Influence, Documented Investigations, posted August 19, 2019. <a href="https://documented.net/2019/08/alec-legislators-am-2019/">https://documented.net/2019/08/alec-legislators-am-2019/</a></p>
11/13/2019 04:12 PM	Ms. Tanisha Rios		<p>I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <p>? Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.</p> <p>? After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.</p> <p>It's ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p>
11/13/2019	Ms Sherry	sunrise	Jury meandering in NC and around the country IS NOT OK republicans!!! We need fair non partisan Redistricting !!!