

## Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting (2019) Public Comments Report - LINC

Date Submitted	Name	Organization	Comments
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.

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11/06/2019 08:14 PM	Jennifer Seamon	Ms.	I do hope this can be reconsidered to correspond with counties that are more like my own. 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.
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.

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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 06:52 AM	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 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		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

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			<p>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!
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		Redistircting needs to move forward with an open door policy. No more gerrymandering! Lawmakers should not be drawing the lines for the voting districts, there shoud be absolutley 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 a true free and fair Democracy, redistricting should be fact and data driven without ANY consideration of voter

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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!!!!
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

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11/07/2019 09:10 AM	Ms Bridget DUNFORD		<p>Make fair and equal voting districts.</p> <p>Make voting districts that make every vote count.</p> <p>Do NOT make districts to just protect incumbants!</p>
11/07/2019 09:11 AM	Aleccia Sutton		<p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 09:16 AM	Pamela Buchanan		<p>I am so disgusted with the Republicans blannet 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.</p>
11/07/2019 09:18 AM	Martha Shafer	Private citizen	<p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 09:19 AM	Julie Tritten		<p>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!</p>
11/07/2019 09:23 AM	Jesse Hamm		<p>How can it be so hard for you to do the right thing?</p>
11/07/2019 09:24 AM	Jim Goode	Mr.	<p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 09:25 AM	sheryl reto		<p>This map is ridiculous! This is gerrymandered even worse than the last map.</p> <p>There is no reason why southeast Charlotte should be lumped in with a territory that stretches hundreds of miles to the east.</p> <p>This map makes no sense.</p> <p>An independent commission MUST draw new maps because the legislature will not do this fairly.</p> <p>People deserve to be represented and have their vote count.</p>



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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.
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 unheard 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	Emagene Maar	Madison Co NC	Get it done Stop wasting time! The Court said "do it" so public opinion or your Committee no doing it'd or

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09:53 AM		voter	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 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 Sigafos		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



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			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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The people have had it with the corruption on Jones Street.</p>
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 representatives. Please try again.
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>

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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		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.  Have a third-party do this! By the way, I live in Apex.
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		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.  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.
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 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	Mr Jon Russell		Just use an independent redistricting process, you dolts!

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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	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

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11:51 AM			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.
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

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			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.
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.

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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 01:02 PM	Mrs Rachel Skinner		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 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.



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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 02:11 PM	Ms. Betty Gunz		Please draw districts that do not use race or partisan preferences to dictate how we vote. Remember your oath of office.
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, emerittus	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

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			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

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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	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.  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.  I have lived in NC my whole life and I really want to be proud of this state again.
11/07/2019 02:18 PM	Elizabeth Hammond		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.
11/07/2019 02:19 PM	Ms. Christine Hale	individual	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

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			<p>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.</p> <p>Christine Hale</p> <p>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 and alteration of districts</p> <p>End any redistricting processes that use race and partisanship.</p> <p>NC voters are counting on you to do the right thing for ALL of North Carolina.</p> <p>Peggy McLeod</p>
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 districts that are non-partisan, not drawn from 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	<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>
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.

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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 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		David—  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.  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.  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.  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 —

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11/07/2019 02:26 PM	vk kent		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.
11/07/2019 02:30 PM	Dr. Douglas Longman	retired	<p>End partisan gerrymandering. Draw maps based on criteria of compactness and following county lines wherever possible. Ensure that NCGA</p> <p>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;</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 02:30 PM	Mr. William Perkins		<p>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.</p> <p>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 vote.</p>
11/07/2019 02:31 PM	susan garritty	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;

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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

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			Thank you
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	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.  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.  Respectfully, Vicki Welch
11/07/2019 02:34 PM	Mr. Matthew Seneca		The eyes of the state, and three whole country, are watching you.  Your attempts to gerrymander the districts will not prevail.  Stop stalling and do it right.
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-

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11/07/2019 02:40 PM	Mr John Geers	self	<p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 02:40 PM	Mrs. Jesse Kaufmann	none	<p>How about if the Republicans in the NC capital act collegially, instead of like they are going to smear bodies across the football field?</p> <p>I am suggesting an equal bipartisan committee to re-do the maps entirely. Our state has seen a big increase in population.</p> <p>Let's represent all the people!! Thank you for your attention.</p>
11/07/2019 02:41 PM	Mr Samuel Todd	Carolina Jews for Justice	<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>
11/07/2019 02:42 PM	Paula Jennings	Mrs.	<p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 02:43 PM	John Price	NC Citizen	<p>Please ensure that the new legislative districts are fair and are not artificially skewed to support one party over another.</p> <p>There are excellent models out there that can create unbiased districts. Use them!</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>John Price Cary, NC</p>
11/07/2019 02:44 PM	Patricia Rieser	self	<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.</p> <p>End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>

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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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Put an end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
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.
11/07/2019 02:49 PM	Mr. John Schmidt		<p>I strongly urge that Congressional maps be drawn that 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>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		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.



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			<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		<p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 02:51 PM	Julie Kelly		<p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 02:52 PM	Fair Maps Douglas Norton		<p>Let voters choice our representatives not the other way around.</p>
11/07/2019 02:55 PM	Mr. Robert Jordan		<p>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 bipartisan professionals and make it an open process with input from the public.</p>
11/07/2019 02:56 PM	Donna Warshaw		<p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 02:57 PM	Mr. Michael Sileo		<p>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</p>

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11/07/2019 02:58 PM	Ms Susan Stanton		<p>who are part of this scam at our expense.</p> <p>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 it's 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.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/07/2019 03:00 PM	Ms Ann Fawcett	retired	<p>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!</p> <p>And put an END to any and all redistricting processes that uses race and partisan considerations to determine how and where we vote.</p>
11/07/2019 03:01 PM	Tony Wilson		<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;</p> <p>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</p> <p>3. End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>