

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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			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.
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

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			appear to have been split in the proposed plans.
			Thank you, Elizabeth J. Sbrocco, PhD Durham, 27705
11/07/2019 07:58 AM	Lisa Walker		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.
			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.
			Please do your jobs and fix the maps so EVERY vote counts. Enough gerrymandering. Your constituents are fed up.
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 should 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

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			<p>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.</p> <p>We would have better representation regardless of party. We would have more accountability from the politicians.</p>
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 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.</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>

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			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.
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.

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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 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	Jim Anthony	Anthony Property	Gerrymandering districts is as old as the NC Legislature, not just ours but all of them. It was the domain of

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10:34 AM		Group	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 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	Dear NC Legislature, Please do the right thing and make the maps as nonpartisan as possible. We all know that when districts

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			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.
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

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			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	Jeffrey Badgett		I disagree with partisans drawing their own maps. It appears that this map is still drawn in favor of the

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11:49 AM			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.
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	Ms. Holly Black		We need public hearings before voting on these maps. They're not fair and it's outrageous that they're

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12:20 PM			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.
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	We must redistrict NC in a fair and more representational way.

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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 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	Michelle Petrillo		We need FAIR redistricting! We have approximately 50/50 Dems/Repubs in NC. NOT FAIR to have 10 R and

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01:27 PM			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 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

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11/07/2019 02:12 PM	Dr. Timothy Lindeman	Guilford College, emeritus	<p>End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>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.</p>
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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/07/2019 02:14 PM	Megan Kelly Deyncourt		<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 02:15 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!

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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
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>

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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; 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 partisanship.</p> <p>NC voters are counting on you to do the right thing for ALL of North Carolina. 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 14th 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</p>

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			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 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.

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11/07/2019 02:25 PM	Daniel Romm		<p>Dear Sir(s):</p> <p>The NC General Assembly needs to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 02:26 PM	vk kent		<p>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.</p>
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 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</p> <p>end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/07/2019	susan garritty	Self	<p>I support the following positions</p>

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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

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11/07/2019 02:33 PM	Ms. Caryn Sears		<p>The eyes of the people of North Carolina are watching, as well as the nation. Make us proud and adopt fair maps.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
11/07/2019 02:33 PM	William Hasse		<p>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.</p>
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		<p>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</p>

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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 02:40 PM	Mrs. Jesse Kaufmann	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? 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	Patricia Rieser	self	Draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts

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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

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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"> * 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 02:50 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	Mr. Robert		<p>Let's do it right this time and get this endless back and forth with courts behind us once and for all. Quit</p>

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02:55 PM	Jordan		factoring race into the drawing of districts, use 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		<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 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.</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>
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	<p>New congressional maps should reflect requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>The Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting should provide opportunities for in-person</p>

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		Chatham Counties	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 there 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 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

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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.
11/07/2019 03:27 PM	Megan Johnson		Please do not allow a committee vote on the redistricting maps before the public has had a chance to give actual, real feedback through public hearings. The whole reason the maps are being redrawn is because you were previously caught using biased maps; so it's time to prove that you're being fair and unbiased now. Let the public see the maps: bring them to the people at times and places they can actually see them (i.e. in their communities and outside normal business hours). Remind them why they are being redrawn and show how these new maps are actually unbiased this time around. Transparency on the committee's part is paramount. How can the committee objectively justify rushing a vote on these maps given the reason they're in this situation to begin with? Prove that you're being unbiased with the public's vote by actually including the public in your process.
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;

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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 Democratic Women	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!
11/07/2019 03:44 PM	Ms J. Renee Hawthorne	League of Women Voters of Carteret County	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

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			(3) end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.
			Thank you! This will make a more perfect democracy!
11/07/2019 03:45 PM	Virginia Leslie		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.
11/07/2019 03:47 PM	Mr simon woodrup		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.
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		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. 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!
11/07/2019 03:50 PM	Ms. Deborah Dobson	N/A - NC resident	- 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 03:54 PM	Larry Naylor		The voters of North Carolina are supposed to be choosing their candidates, not the other way around with gerrymandering.

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11/07/2019 03:55 PM	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 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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 04:01 PM	Dr. Rosalie Dominik	NC Citizen, Retired statistician	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 04:01 PM	Wendy LeBlanc-Arbuckle		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 04:02 PM	Ms Donna Dupree	Please Select	<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 using race or partisanship to decide where and when we vote.</p>
11/07/2019 04:03 PM	Dr. Joseph Woolley	I'm a concerned and involved citizen and voter.	<p>I urge the Joint Select Committee to consider and adopt these points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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.

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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 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

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			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
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.

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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 mclintock		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 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 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.

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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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			<p>* That 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</p> <p>* end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Redistricting should be made through a fair, independent, non-partisan process. Heather Rayburn, Asheville NC</p>
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</p>

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11/07/2019 04:43 PM	O Lewis		hold public hearings,,
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		<p>Hello,</p> <p>First, I want to say thank you for allowing public input.</p> <p>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.</p>
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

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			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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is time to end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p>
11/07/2019 04:51 PM	Thom Haynes	Mr.	<p>Please:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 04:51 PM	Dr. Heide Coppotelli		I absolutely want fair districts that protect communities and put voters ahead of politicians. I am watching and voting.
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 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

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			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		<p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>You must end any redistricting processes that use race, ethnicity or partisan considerations to drive how and where people vote.</p>
11/07/2019 05:13 PM	Judith West	private citizen	<p>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. 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"> • 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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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. <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		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. Don't split towns up
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		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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 - more opportunities for comment and more hearings in public, not hearings in which Republican members

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			<p>of the legislature go off into another room to consult their private counsel before coming back to nudge a line here and there</p> <p>- new maps drawn free of partisan data</p> <p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 05:43 PM	Jim Smith		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 05:45 PM	Ms Mary Goodkind		<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. Your process should</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. I really hope the actions you take will</p> <p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 05:46 PM	Deidre Duffy		<p>Congressional maps must be drawn as required by the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>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.</p>
11/07/2019 05:48 PM	Elda Brown		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 05:49 PM	Ms. Suzanne Edwards		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 05:53 PM	Rachel Long		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 05:56 PM	Gray Lundy		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

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11/07/2019 06:00 PM	Robert Dellinger	Retired	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 06:02 PM	Could be better Rex Badgett		Politicians shouldn't draw maps. A non-partisan commission should draw maps.
11/07/2019 06:07 PM	Ms April Bundy	N/A	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 06:08 PM	Mr. D. Rex Miller		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 06:09 PM	Rachel Shopper		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.
11/07/2019 06:16 PM	Morris Letsinger	The Outing Guy	Please please please make the maps bipartisan.
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	Ms. elizabeth		Fair re-districting! No more gerrymandered districts! Elizabeth McMahon, Raleigh, NC

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06:42 PM	mcmahon		
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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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.

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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		<p>The people of NC deserve and demand FAIR MAPS and thus fair representation of the will of the people.</p> <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>

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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		When drawing the new districts, 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 07:31 PM	Redrawing Districts Cassandra McClellan		We need: -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 07:33 PM	Mrs. Margaret Martin		Politicians and political consultants should not influence the redistricting process. The Congressional Districts Map should adhere to the following criteria: Compactness Competitiveness Representational fairness (not favoring one political party over another and mapmaking that reflect the partisan makeup of North Carolina as a whole) Respect for county and municipal boundaries
11/07/2019 07:39 PM	Ms. Sharon Withrow		As you draw maps, I am asking that you end using partisan considerations to draw districts. Partisan redistricting leads to gerrymandering that makes a 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.

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			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		<p>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.</p> <p>So just with their first step they've corrupted the process with partisan data.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

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			<p>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.</p> <p>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?</p>
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	Emily Moose		Dear Committee Members,

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08:30 PM			<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>
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>

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11/07/2019 08:40 PM	Holly Reiling		<p>I ask the NC General Assembly to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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>Thank you.</p>
11/07/2019 08:41 PM	Nicole Robinson		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.
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"> - 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>Thank you.</p>
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	Martha Edwards	Democracy North	As you begin your consideration of Congressional Redistricting, I ask that you do the following to protect

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08:58 PM		Carolina	<p>the rights of all voters in our state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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>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>https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2014/06/03/this-computer-programmer-solved-gerrymandering-in-his-spare-time/</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.
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.

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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. Whole counties should be in the same congressional districts. No counties should be split.
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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.

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11/07/2019 09:53 PM	Ms B Clendenning		No. More. Corruption!!!! Voters deserve to choose their representatives....NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND
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

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			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		<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • 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, ethnicity and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. <p>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. This has been going on far too long!</p>
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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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"> • 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

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			<p>Amendment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>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.</p>
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 05:36 AM	Mr. Armin Thomas		<p>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:</p> <p>https://davesredistricting.org/join/85033b34-789b-4f87-a5bf-ce29accc66bc</p>
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		<p>Who are the 7 consultants secretly advising on this process?</p> <p>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.</p>
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.

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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 06:33 AM	Mr Kenny Dalsheimer		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 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

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			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		To Whom it May Concern, 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: - 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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11/08/2019 06:54 AM	Mr Eric Marsh		We have seen the courts for several years reject the voting districts drawn by 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.

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11/08/2019 07:37 AM	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 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>

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			<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> <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</p>

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			<p>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 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!

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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		<p>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.</p> <p>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 lawmakers. Using race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote has no place in the redistricting process.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>

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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: https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting-maps/north-carolina/#Compact
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

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			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 11:35 AM	Dr. Anthony Morgan		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 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

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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 their 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!
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		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

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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	<p>It's time to stop making it most difficult for the disenfranchised and African-American voters to exercise their Constitutionally right to vote and have that vote fairly counted. Do the right thing demonstrate a decorum of decency by drawing fair maps for Congressional elections. America should be the stalwarts for showing the globe what true democracy looks like.</p>
11/08/2019 02:08 PM	Dustin Ingalls		<p>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.</p>

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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"> 1. Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities. 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. <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"> 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 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 <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		<p>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.</p>
11/08/2019 02:29 PM	Mrs Judith Pigossi		<p>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!</p>
11/08/2019 02:32 PM	vk kent		<p>Please protect our democracy. Voting districts without partisan manipulation are the foundation. Without that, we are not free.</p>
11/08/2019 02:34 PM	Mr Walter Kross		<p>OPEN this process to the public, citizens across the state.</p>

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11/08/2019 02:36 PM	Susan Edelstein		<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 02:37 PM	John Jacobson		<p>Please set Congressional Districts in a non-partisan manner. Thank You John Jacobson 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"> * Public notification of this meeting came far too late. * 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. * 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. * 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.

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11/08/2019 02:41 PM	Judith Walsh		Redistricting has to favor the voters and not the political parties.
11/08/2019 02:41 PM	Everett Baucom	none	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 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		<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>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>
11/08/2019 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"> - Hold public hearings across the entire 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>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>

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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? 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. 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: 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 all people have an equal voice.</p>
11/08/2019 03:15 PM	Mr Donald King	none	<p>Protect people of color and draw districts that reflect the requirement of the voting right act of the 14th admendment.</p>
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.</p>

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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		<p>Compact districts provide easier access to our representatives. Competitive districts provide better testing of ideas and more working together.</p> <p>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!)</p>
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: https://www.ncleg.gov/RequestForComments/32</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 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</p>

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district lines.

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.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

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