

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

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| 11/12/2019 03:00 PM | Mrs. Laura Ziesel | | Hello! I have been following some of the possible new maps, and I would like to request that as much as possible you keep counties whole. I understand you will have to shave a little bit off here and there, but please try to keep counties whole as much as possible. |
| 11/12/2019 03:01 PM | Mr. Joel Barlow | | These partisan maps make my stomach sick. STOP IT ALREADY! |
| 11/12/2019 03:08 PM | Ms. Norma Hall | League of Women Voters, Carteret County | As a relatively new voter in North Carolina, I would respectfully request that you work to redistrict so that there are contiguous districts that keep communities whole, that are not based on political data or partisan objectives, and that have bipartisan support. Voters should be able to choose their representative, not vice-versa. It is difficult to encourage people to vote when they feel that their vote has no impact and their representatives do not care about their concerns. Thank you. |
| 11/12/2019 03:14 PM | Mr James Burchett | | Why not let Asheville vote as one entity? Lets bring fairness back to Districts 10 and 11 |
| 11/12/2019 03:16 PM | Linda Hansma | | Thank you for adopting criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results, requiring improved compactness, minimizing split counties and precincts (VTDs), and running a more transparent process than has been the case in the past. However, I have noticed that some of the districts look very similar to problem districts from the current map, such as NC09. North Carolina deserves a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. We want redistricting reform that will prevent gerrymandering, keep communities whole, and give citizens a voice in how their districts are drawn. We need a citizens' commission that draws the maps and, ideally, approves them--voters not politicians should draw our districts. |
| 11/12/2019 03:16 PM | Jodi Zbinden | | It is beyond frustrating and disappointing but sadly not surprising that this committee's efforts are bent on retaining the Republican majority and continuing the gerrymandering. Who is feeding the changes to the maps every time Sen Hise left the room - definitely not transparent. The only fair solution will be maps drawn by independent experts since you can't police yourselves to do the right thing. |
| 11/12/2019 03:19 PM | Mr. Scott Woodard | | Our maps should correctly reflect the individuals that live within those districts with zero concern of how that would affect the outcome of elections. Any outcome short of this is a grave dereliction of the duties that this Congress has sworn to uphold and violates the ethics and morality which the individuals within demand from their country, and their fellow countrymen. If any words can move you to do what is right, then let it be these; DO YOUR DUTY. |
| 11/12/2019 03:25 PM | Ellen Fox | | First, I would like for the committee to provide more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback. Second, I have read about the current proposals and do not feel the attempt to re-draw maps has been done with the intent of balancing power. I hope those working on this effort draw districts that are balanced and fair. Third, I believe if the General Assembly is not able to provide an unbiased and anti-racist map, then the three-judge panel should appoint a special master to make a new map. There is too much at stake with the 2020 elections, our democracy is fragile, and this is an opportunity to secure a vertebrae in this backbone of our government. Please do not waste it or weaken it by perpetuating political partisanship and racism. |
| 11/12/2019 03:28 PM | eleanore richards | self | It is imperative that the new redistricting maps are neutral. I know in the past both Democrats and Republicans have drawn districts to benefit themselves. This myopic self serving is totally disrespectful of democracy. |
| 11/12/2019 03:31 PM | Susan Blount | | As a North Carolina voter, I am quite concerned about the process for drawing the maps for the new NC congressional districts, given our state's history of racially-biased maps in the past. I request that the NCGA: |

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| | | | <p>-- Draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>-- Provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts;</p> <p>-- End any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> |
| 11/12/2019 03:33 PM | Karolyn Mangeot | private citizen | The butterfly outline of District 4 makes no sense unless it is purely POLITICAL. That also holds true for District 1, 2 and 6 that surround it. Couldn't we please stop designing our districts solely on what party controls the legislature? North Carolina can do better than this – get a NON-PARTISAN MAP drawn! |
| 11/12/2019 03:33 PM | Mr. Leo Briere | | Republican manipulation of districts has been shameful, and they can begin to redeem themselves by endorsing a non-partisan process, with a citizens oversight committee given the power of approval over the product. |
| 11/12/2019 03:34 PM | Bruce Spang | writer/poet | <p>Dear Committee,</p> <p>For far too long the unfair redistricting has made democracy in this state seem like a farce. People's right to elect officials that represent them and not a certain party that happens to be in power has been forfeited by biased redistricting. I want to make sure you consider these priorities to make the districts more equitable: draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Thank you, Bruce Spang</p> |
| 11/12/2019 03:34 PM | Aylett Colston | North Carolinian | <p>Dear NC Representatives and NC Senators,</p> <p>As you redraw NC's Congressional voting districts, I ask that you: (1) conduct an open and transparent process enabling full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines; (2) conduct yourselves in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the redistricting process; (3) draw voting district boundaries that respect "Communities of Interest;" and, (4) ensure that voting districts do NOT result in members of a minority group having less opportunity than other members of the electorate to elect representatives of their choice or to participate in the political process.</p> <p>By "Community of Interest," I mean a contiguous population which shares common social and economic interests that would logically be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation. Examples of such shared interests are those common to an urban area, a rural area, an industrial area, or an agricultural area, and those common to areas in which the people share similar living standards, use the same transportation facilities, have similar work opportunities, or have access to the same media of communication relevant to the election process. Communities of Interest should NOT include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.</p> <p>In order to ensure that the congressional voting district maps do not, based on the totality of the circumstances, have a racially discriminatory impact, you must look at available data and use a "polarized voting analysis" to evaluate whether minority voters reasonably have the opportunities to elect candidates of their choice.</p> <p>As a reminder, Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act is still in effect and applies to congressional voting districts. Therefore, voting districts may not be drawn in a</p> |

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| | | | <p>manner which result in a Protected Class having less opportunity than other members of the electorate to elect representatives of their choice or to participate in the political process.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Aylett Colston Raleigh, NC</p> |
| 11/12/2019 03:38 PM | Vickie Atkinson | | <p>I believe that it is important for legislators to draw congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations. Districts should reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>Robust opportunities should be provided in the upcoming weeks for in-person public comment and debate about the new maps. Maps should incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts</p> <p>There should be no use of redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> |
| 11/12/2019 03:42 PM | Shawn Slome | Independent | Vote for non-partisan redistricting. Let the judges appoint a special master to make a new map. The public has no faith in the General Assembly's ability to deal in good faith. Stop your self dealing and disenfranchising voters in the process. You are a cancer on our democratic principals and must stand down. |
| 11/12/2019 03:54 PM | Mr Derek Schwenkbeck | Caldwell County Democratic Party | As the maps are decided upon, please make every attempt to limit the number of counties that are split between 2 or more congressional districts and most importantly, make the districts as compact as possible. Do not stretch districts so that they snake east to west in the state. This makes the job of the representatives harder as it stretches the area that they need to be in touch with along areas which vary more and more with the distance. It also discourages public engagement as it is harder and more time consuming to travel to district meetings as well as a feeling of being gerrymandered. Of the currently submitted maps, I prefer the C-Floyd-1-ST map. |
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| 11/12/2019 03:59 PM | Mr. Charles Guy | N/A | <p>I am a resident of northwest Wake County on Laurdane Rd, and I'm also a socially liberal, fiscally conservative, libertarian republican patriot. Gerrymandering is the worst thing you can do. It unfairly marginalizes people who live in the same areas as those who don't hold their political opinion by casting them out of the process and rendering their votes null. Fairer election maps will ensure that all citizens are represented equally without favoritism paid to any political party or affiliation. Please make the right choices and draw equitable maps. Thank you for taking my comment.</p> <p>-WWG1WGA</p> |
| 11/12/2019 04:01 PM | Alexander Patti | | It is abundantly clear that democracy is a fragile thing. The more we twist and turn democratic representation the further we go away from it. And it appears that our inability to draw fair and just maps seeks not democracy, but power. The actions of the committees and persons responsible for failed and illegal maps are incomprehensible and inexcusable. Either represent the people or feel free to step away from your office as public servant. If this seems like a personal attack on Republican lawmakers, then the issue is not with my words. It is issue with what one sees in the mirror. |
| 11/12/2019 04:03 PM | Mr Bob Mc Lendon | concern citizen and resident of NC since 1972 | Just be fair ! All the citizens of NC deserve to have you represent our state in a non political way when it comes to drawing districts that give all candidates a fair chance to be elected if that is will of the people . Thank you for your service to our state . We are all depending on you ! |
| 11/12/2019 04:08 PM | Mr and Ms William and Yvonne Duiker | Just ordinary citizens, no organization | Dear Sirs, Please adopt criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results for Redistricting Reform, also minimizing split counties and precincts(VTD's). Thank you, William and Yvonne Duiker, 10 Kingfisher Trail, Southern Shores, NC, 27949 |

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| 11/12/2019 04:10 PM | Mr. Charles Senf | | <p>Redistricting needs be done via a completely transparent process (open source algorithm/programming and public database) that does not include any information about the citizen save a pair of coordinates (not more than two decimal places precision - 2 decimal places, 0.01 decimal degrees, 0° 00' 36" DMS) defining his address to a precision of a kilometer in any direction.</p> <p>Indeed, a citizen's party affiliations should be scrubbed from the public record entirely because, in the first instance we are entitled to privacy when it comes to our voting decisions and no private political organization should be allowed to create a situation where it is public policy to so invade our privacy and force us to commit to publicly state our political preferences.</p> |
| 11/12/2019 04:18 PM | Valerie Brockenbrough | | North Carolina is not a democracy anymore. Let's end gerrymandering so no party can choose their voters. I support Senate Bill 673. We need a constitutional amendment to end gerrymandering in NC. |
| 11/12/2019 04:24 PM | Dr. Kaaren Haldeman | | Our right to vote is the cornerstone of a healthy and vibrant democracy and must be protected in the maps we draw and in the laws we make. The last nearly ten years in NC have been marked by unconstitutional, racist, extreme partisan gerrymanders. As a NC voter, I believe in fair districting -ideally by independent & nonpartisan entities. Our maps must reflect the people of NC in our historically purple state. It's time for congressional maps that protect voters of color & others who have been targeted by these practices by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Pursuant to a healthy democracy is robust public conversation both in-person and online to incorporate voters' feedback on this process and the resulting maps. End any practice that uses race or extreme partisanship in drawing our maps. No party should have an extreme advantage in lawmaking as the GOP has had since 2013. Its time for every vote to count as it should in NC and for our representation in DC to reflect the people and the will of the people in NC. |
| 11/12/2019 04:26 PM | Dr. Gary Kimmel | Retired | Please do the right thing and take politics out of the congressional redistricting process. This should not be a Republican or Democratic thing. It should honor the sacredness of the election process and allow for an honest representation of the voters. |
| 11/12/2019 04:28 PM | Mrs Eileen A McMillan | | North Carolinians deserve a fair map for ALL voters to participate in the voting process. Nothing less than this will be acceptable. Do your job! |
| 11/12/2019 04:28 PM | Judy Eustis | | Please let democracy speak. NC deserves a 50-50 chance. We're all watching!! |
| 11/12/2019 04:28 PM | Mr Michael Lewandowski | | Try doing something right for a change. |
| 11/12/2019 04:30 PM | S Fox | | Please use a non-partisan solution. It will ensure fairness to all citizens from any party moving forward. |
| 11/12/2019 04:30 PM | Laura Gianna | | North Carolinians deserve fair representation. Stop drawing districts in order to exclude voters you fear do not agree with you. I suggest you present policies that benefit all residents of our great state. If you have good ideas, you won't need to cheat in order to get your candidates elected. |
| 11/12/2019 04:30 PM | Mr James Corrigan | | Please end the use of partisan gerrymandering the practice is anti-democratic in substance. Stop iy |
| 11/12/2019 04:31 PM | Mr Christopher Storm | | The voters of the state deserve district maps that are representative of the people. It is against the intent of the founders that legislators choose their constituents. |
| 11/12/2019 04:33 PM | Ms Colleen Shriver | | I was pleased that you adopted criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results and looked for fairness not a solution to benefit a "party line". However, there does seem to be similarities to problem areas that have already been acknowledged and I ask that you investigate these areas further. At the time of this writing I only see maps from democrats and I hope to see republican maps shortly. Please monitor. Every vote should count and when voters feel they are pushed out by "maps" everyone loses. Thank you. |
| 11/12/2019 | Dr Magaretha | | Our current Congressional delegation is skewed in a very partisan way, and does not represent the bi-partisan nature of our voting citizenry--and this has |

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| 04:36 PM | Herman | | happened because the voting district maps are gerrymandered to create that partisan delegation. The new maps, ordered by the courts BECAUSE they were too highly partisan, must not repeat that skewed representation in the House of Representatives. Draw the lines so that districts are much more compact, are approximately equal in population, and do not divide communities. Better yet--create a non-partisan citizens' commission for redistricting and get politicians OUT of the process of creating voting districts. |
| 11/12/2019 04:37 PM | Ms. Rachel Campbell | | It is time for a map that favors no political party and make each vote in the state count. Enough of this political shenanigans by any party. I would be most happy to draw a map for you and can have it ready in no time. What is the big problem and waste of time with this process. Time to give us fair maps NOW. Enough is Enough. |
| 11/12/2019 04:38 PM | Ann Morris | | Recent elections have shown that NC voters are pretty evenly split between Republican and Democrat. So any redrawn maps should yield that kind of balanced representation in Congress. Otherwise it smacks of continued gerrymandering. |
| 11/12/2019 04:39 PM | Helen Reilly | | We want fair districting with no chance of gerrymandering and all citizens have to right to vote.We want early voting and Saturday voting before election day |
| 11/12/2019 04:39 PM | MR. Gregory McKinney | | Don't be bullied by the Democrats and those who choose to legislate from the bench. This is all a joke. Leave the districts as close as possible to the existing maps. When the Democrats were in power they set the districts in a way that benefited them. If they get control of the State Houses they will (admittedly) gerrymander in such a way as to guarantee they have power for the next decade. This is all nonsense. I can't believe the Republicans let state judges over-ride the Supreme Court of the US that said this wasn't unconstitutional. Stick to your guns and leave them as is. |
| 11/12/2019 04:40 PM | Katherine Metzo | | It is time to make congressional maps that are fair and logical. Republicans need to stop trying make maps that ensure that Republican wins. If they really don't know what counts as fair and logical, then call in professionals who have a reputation for neutrality. Stop making NC a laughing stock of Democracy. The citizens of this state deserve better. |
| 11/12/2019 04:41 PM | Dr. David Leader | | I am extremely concerned that despite the clear recognition of gerrymandering in our districting and a directive to produce a fairer map, we have failed to do so. There are computer models that will perform this for us, since the current legislature is seemingly committed to continuing to find a way to rig the system. This is a swing state and representation needs to reflect that status. |
| 11/12/2019 04:43 PM | Scot Eustis | | Please commit to drawing fair maps. We're watching. Thanks. |
| 11/12/2019 04:43 PM | Mr. Peter Moffa | Mr. | The purpose of voting is to assure that a public representative be truly representative of the public will. This was and always has been the intent of a democratic government. The electoral college was merely a vehicle to achieve this objective. Yet it has become a device that has allowed warping of the fundamental intent and purpose of a Democracy. I ask that you work to achieve a fair and honest drawing of districts to keep with the original intent of our Founding Fathers. |
| 11/12/2019 04:44 PM | Mr. David Moore | self | People are starting to lose faith in the democratic system due to the obvious manipulation of the vote, in particular the skewed design of districts. We need to move in the direction of more impartial methods, not more politically-motivated ones. If you really care about democracy (or truly representative democracy) please stop partisan efforts to keep control at all cost and vote responsibly for the most impartial and fair method of redistricting. Please grow up and act responsibly! |
| 11/12/2019 04:45 PM | Louise Barnum | Chatham county voter | Please draw lines that keep local communities together. |
| 11/12/2019 04:49 PM | Ms. Joy Blevins | Neighbors on Call | Dear Committee Members: Having moved from CA (where I lived many years) back to NC several months ago, I was shocked and dismayed how gerrymandered NC had become in recent years (this is not the NC I grew up in). However, I am hopeful that you your committee will do the right thing by: Drawing congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Providing ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and ending any redistricting processes that use race and partisan |

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| 11/12/2019 04:52 PM | Dr. David McMahon | | It is long past time that redistricting in North Carolina is done in a nonpartisan manner. Partisan redistricting, whether by Democrats or Republicans serves to suppress voter turnout, deprives many citizens of a true voice in their government and allows incumbents to pick their voters, rather than voters picking their representatives. Our elections can live up to our democratic ideals only if they are truly competitive, requiring candidates to convince voters of their worthiness and desire to serve ALL the people. |
| 11/12/2019 05:03 PM | Mrs Patricia Kersey | Chowan County, Chair, County Board of Commisisoners | Ladies and Gentlemen, In reviewing the majority of your maps this afternoon, I note that Chowan County is conveniently the 'Toss Away' in 3 scenarios taking us yet again out of District 3 and moving us to District 1. So, once again, we are the fodder in the "horse trading"... of Eastern NC. Why move us out of D-3 ? I heard comments from the floor, "Population," "Size" -- My take-away from the dialogue...adding us to District 1 conveniently "smooths" out the numbers for your analysts. I get that. But, we're REAL people here....not a population number in a "horse trading" extravaganza! Now Consider-- Why this is not a particular wise move--- Grouping counties north of the Albemarle Sound is rational; we share a common culture especially with Camden, Perquimans, Currituck and Dare Counties. We are a "regional" "rural" team; we serve together on a multitude of Boards, Committees, Non-Profits with common purpose. We are Tier 1 and 2 counties with so many more handicaps than our urban neighbors to the West...that we must and DO think of ourselves as regionally connected. And just last week, our newly elected Congressman, Greg Murphy, selected Edenton, our County Seat, in which to place an office. A huge event for a County which normally gets pasted up for such recognition! Your decision to move us to District 1 will, of course, take this honor away. Please take a little more time to consider the "human-factor" and reprecussions for the people that you not only represent, but also for those who strive in "all" 100 counties, every day, to make "our" State a place that takes care of "all" of its citizens and attracts others to come and live (to rural and urban areas alike). We all have a role and a strategy to make our respective counties successful. We have different strengths and weaknesses. Please respect that. |
| 11/12/2019 05:04 PM | Dr Irene Rusnak | | It is disheartening that North Carolinians have had to vote under illegally gerrymandered districts for years. And now we begin the process of redress with limited ability for voters to voice their concerns regarding new maps. I would like to see independently drawn maps as the legislature appears unwilling to provide fair maps to the citizens of this state. |
| 11/12/2019 05:09 PM | Dr Maxine Dalton | Retired | I would plead that within the proportional requirements of representation, you strive to make each congressional district a 50:50 possibility for the opposing candidatesparties. Only then will we have a true democratic process and only then will the first small steps be taken to restore the faith of the people in the democratic process. |
| 11/12/2019 05:09 PM | Mrs Marty Pizzo | | I strongly urge the committee to draw a fair map that represents North Carolina's population (50/50 voting record in recent years). |
| 11/12/2019 05:12 PM | EJ Hurst II | Law Office of EJ Hurst II | <p>The best thing that could happen to North Carolina is an independent districting commission. Leading to that fundamental change, redistricting as far from the NC-GOP's "near surgical precision" in voter suppression is essential.</p> <p>The courts keep ruling against the NC-GOP cheating. Please, NC-GOP, take a hint and try to quit cheating long enough to let ALL voters have a say.</p> <p>Jay Hurst, NC Bar No. 39261</p> |

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| 11/12/2019 05:12 PM | Ms Patsy McConnell | Retired Public School TEACHER | WHO is this state thinks it's MORAL or FAIR to have anything less than 50-50 congressional maps drawn for our public elections??? Our state of NC's past voting history DEMANDS it!!! |
| 11/12/2019 05:13 PM | rev. louisa dyer | | stop the gerrymandering! everyone deserves fair maps and it's your job to make them so. I am sick and tired of republicans cheating to win! |
| 11/12/2019 05:17 PM | Tom Daily | | In order to keep our democracy, it is imperative that we be fair in our elections; and in order to be fair, we must have fair districts rather than convoluted and twisted gerrymandered areas. Please be fair in your decisions, and then we can all celebrate our democracy. |
| 11/12/2019 05:18 PM | Ms Catherine (Kitty) Schaller | Retired | I join so many others to plead with the Committee to develop 50:50 fair maps that reflect the swing state culture that we have in North Carolina. Anyone can see that a Republican:Democratic districting of 10:3 ratio is hardly appreciating a 50:50 divide between the voters for the two parties. Let the VOTERS choose their representatives to the US Congress. It's past time to insist that North Carolina stop playing games that mean the Congressional Representative CHOOSE the VOTERS. Thank you. Catherine Schaller US Congress -- District 11 |
| 11/12/2019 05:26 PM | Mr. Jonathan Markle | | Redistricting Congressional districts to reflect the voting population is essential and necessary. Partisan politics should not play any part in this process. Any lines drawn that are artificial or fanciful must be dismissed. |
| 11/12/2019 05:36 PM | Ms Henrietta Jenrette | None | It's obvious that elected members of our legislature cannot control themselves enough to do a fair and honest job of redistricting. The only way voters are going to have a chance to put their choices into office is with an independent commission of qualified people to do the job. Do Something to restore our voters' faith in Democracy. |
| 11/12/2019 05:42 PM | Barbara St Hilaire | Constituent | Please be fair in your votes for new districts. Every vote needs to be counted equally. I live in Buncombe county, which is unfairly split. So instead of voting with my neighbors, my vote gets bundled with people in Gastonia--a place I do not know, and my vote gets minimized. Election maps should be non-partisan. |
| 11/12/2019 05:47 PM | Dylan Frick | | I am a resident of Stanly County, and have spent most of my life working in the Sandhills. I believe that Representative Floyd's map, released today (11/12) is the best map because it is compact, and it preserves communities of interest, such as the Lumbee Tribe, Fort Bragg families, etc. Regardless of the map decided on, it is my sincere hope that communities of interest across the state are kept together. |
| 11/12/2019 05:48 PM | Ms. Lynn Schwartz | | NC citizens deserve fair, non-partisan districts! Support Senate Bill 673 draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. |
| 11/12/2019 06:04 PM | Mr Michael Eisenberg | | We need fair maps drawn by a non partisan committee not politicians. |
| 11/12/2019 06:06 PM | Ms ROCHELLE NEURINGER | Private citizen | Please take Buncombe County out of the 10th congressional District and put it back into the 11th Congressional District with the rest of Buncombe County where it belongs. The last time district maps were drawn Buncombe County was split between the 10th and 11th Congressional districts.. for the sole purpose of rigging the Congressional elections in favor of one party over the other. For years I felt my vote for Congress was meaningless. Not fair!!!! |
| 11/12/2019 06:10 PM | Mr. John White | Self | Gentlemen and Gentlewomen: The process is more transparent than the previously secret process, in which Art Pope set beside the computer operator in 2010 and drew Congressional |

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| | | | <p>districts.</p> <p>I have one observation as follows: Districts 4,7,8,9, and 11, based on appearance alone, are gerrymandered. Clearly, someone has changed the computer-drawn districts--to fit partisan purposes. I understand partisan information was not used in the process by the staff--but some individuals have used their own personal knowledge to produce such gerrymandered districts. The resulting Polsby-Popper values reflect gerrymandering efforts; the average for the 13 districts is 0.288--very sad.</p> <p>Here are my questions--for which the citizens of North Carolina deserve answers. 1. Why did you not use the Congressional district map drawn by the retired judges in 2016--which utilized county lines and provided districts that are far more compact? 2. What are the Polsby-Popper values for each of the districts in the 2016 Congressional district map drawn by the retired judges? Please compare the values of your proposed Congressional districts to the values of the previously mentioned 2016 map.</p> <p>Clearly North Carolina need an independent redistricting commission.</p> <p>I request that the 2016 map (available on your web site) be attached to my comments as part of the public record (since I am unable to attach any files to this submittal).</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>John White</p> |
| 11/12/2019 06:18 PM | Alice Cheung | | I'm thankful that lawmakers are redrawing North Carolina's blatantly racist and gerrymandered Congressional maps. In drawing these new maps, it's important to prioritize protecting voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. It's also vital to end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Finally, please provide ample opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts. |
| 11/12/2019 06:46 PM | Mrs Carol Ann Minor | | I am disgusted that we do not yet have redistricting maps that are created without taking into account politics or the race of the area. I want fair maps drawn so I can believe that every vote counts in all our elections. Thank you. |
| 11/12/2019 06:55 PM | Dr. Joyce Gayles | Individual citizen | I implore you to draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other minority populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and ask that you end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. |
| 11/12/2019 07:08 PM | Grettel Keane | | We want fair voting maps, stop gerrymandering. We believe in Democracy. |
| 11/12/2019 07:09 PM | Jon Legakes | IFC | True democracy is precious. YOU must put country first, people first. Throw your party out the door ,country/people first. WE the people are sick from those of you who cheat and lie for power. |
| 11/12/2019 07:13 PM | Mr Samuel SPANGERBERG | | Clearly and legally the current congressional districting of North Carolina has been produced to create representation that is not in proportion of voting patterns. The result has been to create a lop-sided congressional majority which represents a decided minority of North Carolinians and has assured a thoroughly partisan decision making process which has, can and continues to ignore input from outside the Republican party. This is not a democratic process and meaningful dialogue -something of which North Carolina was justifiably proud, has disappeared from from our state. Looking over NC legislative history |

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| | | | shows the degeneration of even the semblance of compromise after many years when NC served as an example of thoughtful compromise in a South that today still shows not just the scars of intolerance, but is actively pursuing the injustice of the bigotry as though it was something to be proud of. We are back sliding into a past that will ill-serve all NC voters, the history of our state and even the country. |
| 11/12/2019 07:13 PM | Moirra Marquis | | The congress of North Carolina needs to draw 2020 Congressional maps that reflect democracy--not manipulate it for their own interests. These districts need to reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. Otherwise, they are unAmerican. If you fail to continue to hold public hearings on these new districts and adjust based on feedback from your constituents you are also undemocratic authoritarians. End redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. Otherwise, you are using public office for personal gain. |
| 11/12/2019 07:13 PM | Mr. David Marquis | | Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. You have marked yourselves as biased bootlickers in the past, here you have an opportunity to do the right thing. |
| 11/12/2019 07:26 PM | Mrs Ramona Gilbert | | Please do not carve up the northeast. Pasquotank, Perquimans, Currituck, Dare and Chowan need to remain together! Our issues are similar and we want a representative that focuses on the northeast versus sharing time with the more populous middle counties. |
| 11/12/2019 07:30 PM | Dianne Layden | | I urge you to maintain the current alignment of the "finger counties" of northeast NC in the district of Congressman Greg Murphy. Our counties - Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, and Currituck - are small so to thrive we need to remain together. We share hospitals, schools at all levels, regional health systems, NGOs and governmental organizations, and social life in general. Personally I support any of the Hise maps since they do keep most of our counties together. The Hise C-HiseC-1-ND does keep us all together while the other two Hise maps only leave out Chowan. That is a mistake in that these counties need to be together. Please remember these are people and economies. I've listened in and all I heard was take 26 people from here and put them there or some such craziness. I don't understand why in the northeast we are considered sacrificial lambs to toggle from one district to another on a regular basis based on nothing more than whim. While the counties here need to be together for stability the districts need to be stable. Please remember this. |
| 11/12/2019 07:37 PM | Mr Robert Sotolongo | | Districts should be made to be competitive between democrats and republicans, this will lead to more moderates in congress on both sides of the aisle which can help break the partisan gridlock in DC A candidates biggest challenge to get elected should be beating a similar moderate from the other party, not someone further right or left in their district |
| 11/12/2019 07:45 PM | Ms. Gerardette Furlow | | The maps drawn for North Carolina should be fair and represent roughly a 50-50 even congressional map. This is based on the following facts: In 2018, Democrats won 51% of the vote for the state legislature and 49% of the vote for Congress. The last 3 presidential elections have been neck and neck, with the winner only winning by a few points. The voting map process should be taken completely out of the legislative process, if the maps are not going to be drawn fairly to reflect all citizens regardless of their party affiliation. |
| 11/12/2019 07:50 PM | Dianne Layden | | Lets look at some important points: 1) For over 100 the Democrat party drew the maps anyway they pleased. Now they fuss. 2) Drawing maps to place one political party over the other has gone on for over 100 years. 3) Until the last few years redistricting occurred per law after the census that occurs every 10 years. 4) NC was under the VRA for years. What the Democrats did was to designate certain districts where protection of ethnic minorities were guaranteed 5) There is no way that each district can be drawn to have a statistical even number of people of the major political parties. If there is just one more than the other then that district favors that political party 6) Having a district that guarantees an ethnic Democrat will win is not fair nor equal. I had hoped we were getting beyond that. Until we do we will still be in the same mess. |

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| | | | 7) Do what is right. Throw away those comments that aren't factual. Look at what is and what actually benefits the areas. |
| 11/12/2019 07:50 PM | Nicole Robinson | | Will the new redirecting maps be impartial and unbiased? How can we guarantee this? |
| 11/12/2019 07:57 PM | Mrs Barbara Borden | | Gerrymandering is not legal. Congressional districts should not be created to favor political parties. Every persons vote is valid without regard to race, religion or politics. We do NOT want minority rule. |
| 11/12/2019 07:58 PM | Mrs. Debra Efird | | <p>Hello.</p> <p>I appreciate the work going into making our districts far less gerrymandered. I have read the Harper v. Lewis complaint and it is appalling how blatantly lines were drawn to afford Republican wins in a state that has more Democrats. This should have never happened. I trust Lewis no further than I could throw him. He made his intentions clear in his infamous quote about he would've drawn the lines to win Republican seats in 11 of the districts if he could've, but settled for 10. Shameful, shameful!</p> <p>Please do the work that needs to be done to straighten this matter up. My NC legislative representatives, Linda Johnson in the House and Paul Newton in the Senate, have only responded once to my emails. I realize at this time you are working on congressional redistricting rather than state representation, but I can assure you I will do everything I can legitimately to see that these two are not re-elected.</p> <p>Every North Carolinian deserves representation that respects them enough to respond to emails or phone calls.</p> <p>Sincerely, Debra Efird</p> |
| 11/12/2019 08:09 PM | Mr. Robert Fulkerson | A concerned citizen of North Carolina | Gerrymandering has been done by the Republicans and the Democrats over time, and never to the benefit of the citizens. The recent attempts by the Republican party to continue to distort the districts for political advantage are proof enough that members of congress cannot be trusted to perform the task. The fox should not be building the hen house. I strongly suggest that it become the legal domain of a committee of non-political people such as is being done in other states. I believe Indiana has such a committee. |
| 11/12/2019 08:12 PM | Kenneth Reitz | Individual citizen | <p>The current map of North Carolina's gerrymandered congressional districts is blatant to the point of satire and robs many North Carolinians of their voice, fair governance and basic self-determination. It is an embarrassing and cowardly expression of intentional discrimination and voter suppression by elected officials fearful they can't win popular support upon the merits of their ideas and policies.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the representation that this politically rigged maneuver has brought us is grievously antithetical to North Carolina and American values.</p> <p>Even the Republican Party elected officials who have stacked the current redistricting committee in their partisan favor should desire democratic rights for themselves and their future generations. Anything less is a betrayal of their oath of office, of integrity, and of their fellow citizens. Drawing congressional districts a bipartisan majority would agree is fair should not be a difficult task; multiple national examples exist showing how to get there. Please shed any empty suits that put party above country, and put on the patriotism that should be the armor of every elected official to fight for equal rights and equal representation for EVERY citizen, and give us districts that are so fair they do not hint at any need for close scrutiny.</p> |
| 11/12/2019 08:13 PM | Dan Kowal | | If the districts aren't objectively fair, our entire system is a sham. |
| 11/12/2019 08:22 PM | Kevin Leiner | | Voters should choose their elected representatives - "representatives" should not choose their voters. Partisan politics should be removed from the redistricting process for the long term health and vitality of our representative democracy, and also the long term health of both major political parties by holding all officials and policies to account in a free marketplace of ideas. |
| 11/12/2019 08:33 PM | Dena Papazoglou | | <p>To the committee members,</p> <p>In the process of redrawing maps, I urge you to adopt the following measures for transparency, fairness, and representation:</p> |

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| | | | <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. |
| 11/12/2019 08:34 PM | Mr Dennis Burns | Common Cause NC | The House of Representatives should represent our citizens' perspective on federal affairs better than any other political body deciding funding , taxes and even wars. Yet, for such a critical role in democracy, the GA Committee has failed to deliberate in good faith on a non-partisan basis and now wants North Carolina citizens to judge the value of 12 maps! We need a consistent non-partisan process that is not controlled by the politicians to design fair, compact, competitive districts. This is not such a process and the General Assembly should reconvene to examine and decide on the key criteria of the 6 reform bills that were filed 6 months ago and were ignored before the Courts forced action. |
| 11/12/2019 08:34 PM | Ms Angela Welsh | | Please do not carve up the northeast corner of the state. Our region is stronger when the counties of Chowan, Perquimans, pasquotank, Currituck and Camden are together. |
| 11/12/2019 08:39 PM | Ms. linda insley | | I am a native South Carolinian, but have lived in North Carolina for the past 27 years! North Carolina was once one of the most progressive states in our nation and I envied the people of this state when I still lived in South Carolina. North Carolina has fallen so far over the past decade and this fall from grace can be directly attributed to "surgically precise" partisan manipulation of our voter districts. The super-majority that now "rules" in our legislature has done this and it is time that "the people" of North Carolina be free from this manipulation! |
| 11/12/2019 08:44 PM | David Hammond | retired senior citizen | <p>The redistricting process in the General Assembly, now at the congressional district level, continues to be a farce, an insult to the people of North Carolina, and a disgrace to the principles of our democracy. By using considerations of candidate incumbency in drawing new maps, the Joint Select Committee is, in fact, continuing the shameful practice of basing the process on the old, partisan-shaped maps that the courts have rejected. Despite public, noble-sounding pledges from some legislators that they believed in, and were working for, a non-partisan commission to do the new maps, nothing has been done in the legislature to make that happen. Instead, after stalling as long as possible, the Committee now declares it is up against a deadline and is once again rushing through the process with minimal transparency, with what seems on camera to be input from unseen advisers behind closed doors, hanging on to as much of the old maps as possible, and with a very short window of opportunity for input from the public.</p> <p>We need fair representation of the voters in the state. We need an end to splitting up counties, dividing cities, and cutting college campuses in two. We need to eliminate voter demographics and party affiliation from consideration in the process. Consciously making voting more difficult for any targeted group needs to stop. All voices have the right to be heard, and all votes should have equal power in every election.</p> <p>The people of the state in increasing numbers are becoming aware of the steady stream of lies and misrepresentation coming out of the NCGA under Phil Berger and Tim Moore. A fact the Select Committee must face is that those legislators in either party who cannot keep their offices following fair and impartial redistricting did not deserve to hold those offices in the first place. They were, and are, nothing but carpetbaggers and party con artists, and deserve to be run out of their districts on rails.</p> <p>I do not believe for one second that these comments will be considered or even read by Committee members as this sham of a process goes forward, but at least they will be here for the future record.</p> |
| 11/12/2019 08:45 PM | Dianne Layden | | One simple solution: Remove Duplin county from how it is drawn to be in CD3 and replace with Chowan & Perquimans. Makes sense. Keeps with idea of commonality. More stability to the voters. |
| 11/12/2019 09:13 PM | Ms Beth Pensiero | | I am so tired of the dishonest games playing of the NC Republican led assembly. The districts have been Gerrymandered to death. Draw lines based on natural borders inclusive of whole communities. Have the guts to have honest elections, if you're so sure that you are what the people of NC want. |
| 11/12/2019 | Ms. Rebecca | | I am asking the committee to forgo partisan considerations that impede the will of the people when drawing the maps for Congressional districts. These should |

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| 09:40 PM | Margolese-Malin | | not be based on prior voting data nor on protecting the seats of incumbents. I prefer the creation of a citizen's committee to redraw future maps, non-partisan in nature, working in complete transparency and not compensated so as having no monetary stake. Thank you for your respectful consideration. |
| 11/12/2019 09:47 PM | Rev. Julie Peeples | Congregational UCC, Greensboro Faith Leaders Council | I hear it over and over, from young people and seniors, from people of every race and ethnicity: "the system is rigged. Why should I bother voting?" I understand the despair; as a democrat I live in a majority blue city in an evenly divided county and state, yet I have only one elected official that remotely represents my views at ANY level of government. You have it in your power, your hands, to turn this around. You have the power to begin restoring faith in our democracy, faith in our right to vote, faith that someone actually hears our frustration. You have the power to restore integrity to this system. I implore you to do the right thing. |
| 11/12/2019 10:08 PM | Gerald Cobley | | Any redistricting proposal that does not match the 50/50 popular vote with about 50/50 representation is clearly gerrymandered and not acceptable. Districts should have NO partisan bias and those who continue to skew them for political gain will not get my vote. |
| 11/12/2019 10:20 PM | Mr. Irving Silberberg | | WHEN JUDGES GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE G.A.---IN CONSTRUCTING NEW, OBJECTIVE MAPS, THEY GENERALLY INCLUDE A PHRASE SUCH AS: "YOU MAY PROTECT INCUMBENTS." IF THE NEW "FAIR" MAPS PROTECT INCUMBENTS WHO WERE ELECTED FROM GERRYMANDERED DISTRICTS---HOW "FAIR CAN THE NEW MAPS BE? HAVE A BI-PARTISAN, OBJECTIVE GROUP CONSTRUCT NEW MAPS WITHOUT PROTECTING INCUMBENTS---APPLIES TO STATE LEGISLATURE AS WELL. |
| 11/12/2019 10:29 PM | Dr. and Mrs. John Jezorek | League of Women Voters of the Piedmont Triad | The Legislature has failed several times to draw fair non-partisan districts. It is past time to have a special master draw the lines so the people of NC can elect their representatives in fair elections rather than ones rigged for the party in control. |
| 11/12/2019 10:47 PM | Bree Hendrick | | Do not prioritize protecting incumbents as you redraw the congressional lines. Take this opportunity to finally draw districts fairly and without regard to incumbent seats. Protecting incumbent lines is another form of gerrymandering, and we will all find ourselves right back where we started. That is not progress or intelligence or fairness or good governance. Do the right thing and draw fair maps as the courts have mandated. |
| 11/12/2019 10:49 PM | Susan McDonough | | Stop manipulating the outcome of our elections! Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. |
| 11/12/2019 10:50 PM | Jenn Alexander | | Not one map kept the Fort Bragg area in the same district. NOT ONE! A few versions even split it into 3 districts. I applaud that for the most part these are more compact than 2011 maps, but they are still unacceptable. We need redistricting reform immediately. Get a special master for now and create an independent commission for the next round of redistricting. Here's some research on best practices to enable the commission to be the best possible: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/335878570_Do_Redistricting_Commissions_Avoid_Partisan_Gerrymanders/fulltext/5d8187f092851c22d5e092a6/Do-Redistricting-Commissions-Avoid-Partisan-Gerrymanders.pdf |
| 11/12/2019 10:59 PM | Sharon Johnson | | This map, C-Clark-8-6-TC, appears equitable; and what is particularly significant is it keeps Cumberland County as one district as opposed to be split. |
| 11/12/2019 11:06 PM | Ted Mohn | None | I live in Fayetteville, NC and support Senator Ben Clark's Congressional Map "C-Clark-8-6" for several reasons following the recent NC Court rulings related to NC House and Senate Districts. Without considering race or party affiliation, Senator Clark's map (C-Clark-8-6) keeps whole 93 of our State's 100 Counties from what I've seen on the various map options during your live-streaming redistricting process. Of the seven (7) split Counties within Senator Clark's map, two (2) are unavoidable within any recommended redistricting plan because they both far exceed the target population of 733,499. |

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| | | | <p>Knowing this Senator Clark's map only splits 5 of 98 Counties leading me to an almost 94.9% compactness rating. Percent deviations from the target population in Senator Clark's map are statistically insignificant for the thirteen (13) districts.</p> <p>I'm not new to redistricting as I've participated in Fayetteville's last two City Council level redistricting's. I love this type of analysis. I spent almost 22 years in the U.S. Army as a Cartographer and Geospatial Information Analyst/Technician. I'm familiar with the Maptitude-for-Redistricting software. The best software available for such analysis.</p> |
| 11/12/2019 11:16 PM | Ms. Jane Koenig | Voter | District 11 should be more cohesive. Put Asheville back into NC11. |
| 11/12/2019 11:17 PM | LeeAnn Kelley | | I hope that the Committee will draw 2020 Congressional maps in a way that fairly represents districts and does away with gerrymandering for either party. It is especially important to end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. |
| 11/12/2019 11:27 PM | Map "C-CLARK-8-6" G. Milton Richardson | Retired | <p>As a voter, I want to know that I am voting in a democratic process held to the highest level of fairness laid out in the Constitution for all constituents.</p> <p>The map for District 9 "C-CLARK-8-6" is one I am in favor of.</p> |
| 11/12/2019 11:31 PM | Mrs. Bonnie Derr | Retired from UNC System Offices | It is time to recognize that gerrymandering for political preservation of power is very, very wrong. If any of those resisting the effort to make it a 50/50 split are trying to protect themselves, which I believe they are, they are Pharisees--i.e. those in power that don't want to be disturbed by revolutionaries. If you have any interest in protecting the peoples trust and public policy, quit fighting this. Just fix it and protect the public not yourselves. |
| 11/12/2019 11:38 PM | Nilofer Couture | | <p>As you look to make the maps fair please make NC11 more cohesive and competitive by putting Asheville back into it. Why does Buncombe county have to be divided into two districts where one street is on one and another street is another? This is what frustrates voters and makes a mockery of our vote.</p> <p>Pass a fair 50-50 map that reflects NC's status as a swing state. Voters deserve to choose their politicians not the other way around!</p> |
| 11/12/2019 11:40 PM | Lanier Blum | individual voter | <p>Dear Committee members, I cannot be there in person on Wednesday so I am writing to urge you to act forthrightly to draw Congressional district maps that meet the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment.</p> <p>To that end I encourage you to please provide more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of districts. Please stop redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my request.</p> |
| 11/12/2019 11:49 PM | Kimberly H | | Forsyth County is ranked second to last, nearly the worst county in the country for social upward mobility, according to Harvard's latest study on social upward mobility. Yet, there is a better understanding now which policies contribute to social upward mobility, and, which, do not. The southeast of the United States lags behind in social upward mobility due to systemic racism. Forsyth County is still largely segregated decades after desegregation. My Mom participated in the Greensboro sit ins so that today would be far different than it is. Having moved to Forsyth County from a more worldly area of the US in 2003, I felt, even as a white person, how NC is decades behind other areas of the US in terms of worldview. We live in what is regularly ranked the most racist area in America. Many people are shocked when I tell them this, but, the research is there to support this claim. Many feel it should be the deeper south, but, no, it is right here in Winston-Salem. Winston-Salem, some years ranked number one in the United States for food insecurity, when Guilford County is included it is ranked second or third, but, always, in the last decade plus, the Piedmont Triad is included in the top ten most food insecure areas of the country. That means it is not just children who are hungry in Forsyth County. Even educated people are underemployed and struggle to live in Forsyth County. Even the Appalachian mountains |

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| | | | were able to get off the national food insecurity list, a transient huge city like Orlando, and another area of FL can manage to change policies and get off this list in a couple of years, (and we know the politics in FL are, borderline criminal) but, not Winston-Salem, not Forsyth County, not Piedmont Triad, why? The voters are not fairly represented in this county, in this region, in this state. The decades of gerrymandering has allowed for policies to continually represent, and benefit, only old tobacco money, once slave owning families, institutions, churches, individuals. We are all part of a human family. Whether rich, poor, or in the middle, we all live together in the same community with many of the same hopes and dreams and fears. We all deserve to have representation in our local, state, and national governments. At some point, greed has a price. If you want a safer community than recognizing that everyone in this community deserves to be fairly represented is a step in the right direction. I came here to earn an undergraduate degree, graduate degree, doctoral degree, and post doctoral education, and, I am looking at the Harvard studies to see where I could move to raise a family in a community with similar values. I will not raise a family in almost the worst county in the country for social upward mobility. Why would I want my children in a community with that kind of worldview? I urge the Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting to ask for numerous studies in urban and poverty studies to help guide this process, and, to consider that the time for repairing immoral and unethical policies from the past is now. The work you are doing affects many lives on a day-to-day basis. History does not judge kindly. |
| 11/12/2019 11:53 PM | Mark Daughtridge | | If politicians or their surrogates are drawing the maps such that election outcomes do not represent the voters, we do not have a democracy, or a republic. In 2018 about 50% of those voting voted for democrats but we still have only 3 of 13 US reps as democrats. That is not democracy. We must have democracy and fair meaningful elections. If candidates can't win on issues they should not hold office. |
| 11/13/2019 12:28 AM | Pastor William Lucas | | Have you been to a restaurant lately? How was the service? Have you tried to hire new employees? What about security? Did you read that it is difficult for local police departments, sheriff's offices, the army, navy, marines, and the air force to find high quality candidates? Well, what do the above mentioned things have to do with voting? Everything!!! Voting determines who gets how housing, education, employment, healthcare, and justice!!! If you want to keep your town, county, state and nation great please vote for fair maps and elections. |
| 11/13/2019 12:41 AM | Ms Connie Raper | | Please help us to establish fair maps and to advocate for districts to remain open and fair to the people who reside there. |
| 11/13/2019 04:21 AM | Julius Perkins | | Draw maps that is not partisan and is in agreement with the 14th amendment and voting rights act. |
| 11/13/2019 06:04 AM | Dr. Robert Taber | | Dear Committee Members, I live in Fayetteville in what's currently the 9th Congressional District. I work two miles from my house in the 8th Congressional District. I shop for groceries in the 8th, my child has attended two schools in the 8th, I attend worship services in the 8th. And yet my district stretches all to south Charlotte, a three-hour-drive away. This distance means that my Congressional representatives have seldom visited Fayetteville, the elections seldom touch on Fayetteville-related issues, and, blessedly, I see few election-season TV commercials related to the race in which I will be voting. As I look at the proposed maps, several would make this problem worse or me or many other Nort Carolinians, not better. I ask you to reject: C-HiseA-4-1-TC, C-HarrisonA-1-TC, C-HiseA-5-BR, C-HiseC-1-ND, C-LewisD-1-RN, C-LewisD-1-RN, C-LewisD-1-TC, and C-NewtonA-5-4-TC. Some maps place me in a Congressional district that is reasonably compact and unites communities of interest. I ask you to support: C-Clark-8-6-TC, C-Clark-9-6 RN, C-FarmerButterfieldA-1-3-BK, and C-Farmer-ButterfieldC-1-BK. Thank you. |
| 11/13/2019 06:08 AM | Ms. Nancy Garson-Angert | Private citizen | We deserve fair, non- partisan maps. No more gerrymandered maps that are designed to disenfranchise voters. Fair maps no matter the party in office. If N.C. is a 50/50 state, our voting outcomes ought to be closer to that stat. All voices need to be heard. |

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| 11/13/2019 06:29 AM | Devon Newton | | As a resident of Fayetteville/Ft Bragg, I would appreciate it if Cumberland County was kept in the same district. We are the only large city that does not have a representative from our area, and we deserve to have one. It is ridiculous that both of our Reps live in the Charlotte area, and that our districts run from Fayetteville to Charlotte. Please make it more compact and contiguous. I support the C-Clark-8-6 map or something similar. |
| 11/13/2019 06:53 AM | Ms. joy smith | Levity Enterprises | I feel saddened by the ongoing splitting of counties, strangely drawn districts and the obvious intent to gain partisan power. Do you really fear the public that much? I request to have several times for public comment and that you listen to the people. Draw maps that give people the power to have representation. |
| 11/13/2019 07:24 AM | Claudia Lange | | It seems as though the legislature is again following the same playbook that has caused our maps (both state and congressional) to be declared unconstitutional for either partisan or racial gerrymandering. If self interested partisans draw these maps, what exactly has changed to make the process more transparent and fair? Yes, partisan data is not allowed but the same people are drawing the maps who allegedly lied to a federal court AND incumbency protection is taken into account. Therefore, we have two out of three of the same toxic elements that got us to this point previously. While an independent citizens commission is not a magic bullet when drawing the maps, the commission would provide a baseline that does not begin and end with the same legislators who have shown that remaining in office at all costs is their ultimate goal. Legislators choosing constituents is not democracy. The people of North Carolina are tired of this embarrassing and disenfranchising mess. We deserve better. |
| 11/13/2019 07:41 AM | Susan Trabka | | All votes should have equal impact, otherwise people will rightly believe that the system is "rigged". Redistricting practices should not use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. To be fair, districts should reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. The committee should provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps, which should reflect public feed back. |
| 11/13/2019 07:51 AM | Joshua Craddock | | I am a Republican supporter and voter, please give us a fair map. Don't be bias about it. We are better than that. We can win elections fair, we don't need to Gerrymander the maps to win! |
| 11/13/2019 08:00 AM | Mr. Mark Simpson-Vos | | I believe the only sustainable solution to our state's perpetual redistricting dilemma is to take the power out of the hands of elected officials and to place it in the hands of a nonpartisan citizens' redistricting commission. Legislators of both parties have lost the public's trust on this issue. |
| 11/13/2019 08:10 AM | Marci Curtis | | This map is still gerrymandered to protect incumbents. The most blatant example is Wake/Durham/Orange County. There is no effort at compactness or keeping municipalities together. This map is as illegitimate as the one it is supposed to replace. Please create new maps without protecting incumbents or disenfranchising large numbers of constituents. |
| 11/13/2019 08:20 AM | YOU REPRESENT US- DO IT! Cynthia Hatfield | Asheville Go Tos | We are your constituents - ALL of the people of North Carolina. Our beautiful state is evenly divided along both sides of partisan issues, so you must take care to create non-partisan and objective voting districts to reflect us. We are counting on you to be fair and unbiased. Thank you for working on ALL our behalf, now and in the future. Sincerely, C. Hatfield -a North Carolinian |
| 11/13/2019 08:21 AM | Mr. David Olson | Retired State Employee | I live in the 11th Congressional District currently held by Mark Meadows. This district is a classic gerrymander. Asheville was removed to make it safely Republican. It used to be a fair swing district where both parties had a chance. Isn't this that what democracy is supposed to look like....a fair district where both parties have a shot? Give us back a fair 11th District please! My vote should count, now it doesn't. |
| 11/13/2019 08:26 AM | Pamela Wade | | I am writing to submit my support for the redistributing map C-Clark-8-6. I feel that this map does the best job of keeping whole counties together. I live in Cumberland and this map puts the whole county in the same district. This will make the voting process easier and less confusing. Also I think it will result in fairer elections since it won't favor one party over another. It's time we let the people pick their representatives, not the other way around. |
| 11/13/2019 | Ms Julia | | Our legislature must pass a fair 50-50 lines for voting districts Ann's end the crooked gerrymandering situation we're currently in! |

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| 08:26 AM | Simmons | | |
| 11/13/2019 08:40 AM | Mr. Benjamin Gillum | | <p>Esteemed NC Congresspeople, Thank you for adopting redistricting criteria excluding partisan considerations and past election results, requiring improved compactness, minimizing split counties and precincts (VTDs), and running a more transparent process than has been the case in the past!</p> <p>Tell them you noticed that some of these districts look very similar to problem districts from the current map, such as NC09, just won by Dan Bishop, which runs from Mecklenburg to Robeson.</p> <p>We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time and give citizens real input into the process. NC's politics operating using unconstitutional district maps the last 8 years has been an utter disgrace.</p> |
| 11/13/2019 08:41 AM | Kathryn Garcia | | This farce has gone on long enough. We want fair districts that are not created by politicians. |
| 11/13/2019 08:42 AM | Pat Chisholm | | Make Us Proud Again! |
| 11/13/2019 08:43 AM | Bill Martin | None | For the Triangle area, I think Senator Newton's map makes the most sense. Orange County should not be split up as some of the maps have it. The needs of the people in Orange County are similar to the needs of the people in East Chatham, Durham, and the Wake Forest area. Southwestern Wake County is its own beast and should have its own representation. Of the other maps, the Hise-C map makes the second-best sense for the Triangle. |
| 11/13/2019 08:43 AM | 1984 Tara Puckett | | <p>draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment;</p> <p>provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and</p> <p>end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote.</p> |
| 11/13/2019 08:44 AM | Ms Lesley Wischmann | | Having reviewed most of the draft maps so far available to the public, I am concerned that it still appears as though the legislature is intent on creating maps that split communities of interest and unfairly advantage one party, despite the fact that North Carolina's voters have shown over and over in recent elections that they are almost precisely split down the middle. In 2018, Democrats won 51% of the vote for the state legislature and 49% of the vote for Congress. The last 3 presidential elections have been neck and neck, with the winner only winning by a few points. Given these voting trends, how can the legislature justify drawing maps that don't offer the potential for a fair, even, 50-50 congressional map? No party should have an overwhelming advantage going into an election as this discourages participation and involvement in our political process. NC has spent the last decade in legal knots over its illegally gerrymandered maps. How many dollars and how much energy has been spent contesting these maps? It's well past time that the NC legislature truly represent the citizens of this great state and give us fair maps that will let us pick our own representatives rather than imposing pre-determined outcomes in which legislators have chosen their voters. |
| 11/13/2019 08:49 AM | Mr. William Hunter | Hunter Consulting | Give us fair maps with no political or racial bias. Let the people of NC select their representatives. |
| 11/13/2019 08:53 AM | Mr. Rodney Pierce | N/A | <p>The Honorable GK Butterfield is my Congressman.</p> <p>As Butterfield is a native of eastern North Carolina (Wilson), it would make no sense if he didn't represent primarily eastern NC, particularly those counties from where at least 40 percent of the population prior to the Civil War or 70 years prior (the 1790 census) were enslaved. The fact that the Congressman represented Durham County in Congress made NO sense to me at all and was in my opinion just another example of the racial and partisan gerrymandering on the part of the NC General Assembly. I would ask that this is not done again in terms of who he represents in Congress.</p> |

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| | | | <p>I say that also knowing the history of Vance County as "Zeb's Black Baby," in being named for former Governor Zebulon Vance and being formed to consolidate Black Republican voting power to grab and keep White Democrat voting power in Franklin and Warren counties in my opinion. It would make sense for Butterfield to represent this area.</p> <p>However, in terms of letting him represent these areas with mainly predominantly African-American populations, the NCGA would be careful not to gerrymander politically or racially or risk being sued again for unconstitutional legislative maps.</p> |
| 11/13/2019 08:56 AM | Geographic consistency Christopher Meinecke | | Please make the maps as geographically consistent as possible without regard to residents race or political affiliation. Thank you. |
| 11/13/2019 08:59 AM | Lynne Ingram | individual voter | one man one vote . it is the only fair way to vote . man-made map delineations are unfair and should be abolished . voting is our duty, not a privilege alone . every convenient opportunity should be made readily available for the entire electorate to vote in every local and federal election. financial penalties should be imposed on those of us who choose not to vote . as in australia . |
| 11/13/2019 09:09 AM | Redistricting Eugene Farrar | Life Time Member Of The Chapel Hill Carrboro NAACP | Dear Senator Foushee it took us decades to have the right to vote, here we are in 2020 face with another serious problem of redistricting will over come that to the republicans have no intention of fixing gerrymandering are redistricting. Republicans we will not stand by and watch your party destroy our communities roll back the voting right act, human right act, and civil right act. I want to thank all the Democrats that are working on taking back our house 2020 is our time republicans set your clocks (LIGHTS OUT IN 2020) |
| 11/13/2019 09:20 AM | MR Kathleen Rebeck | | Please stop gerrymandering our election districts to favor one party over the other. North Carolina has a reputation as one of the most corrupt political states in the country. It is time to change that so that ALL voices in our state can be heard, whether the party in power wants to hear them or not. What is at stake is nothing less than our democracy if the party in power can arrange districts so that they cannot lose. Political parties and congressional committees should not be the ones drawing these districts. They should be drawn by an independent panel with no regard to the politics of a particular demographic. We need to remember, one person one vote. |
| 11/13/2019 09:26 AM | Medical Director Omar Idlibi | Carolina Medical Lab | Dear Legislature Committee, Please keep the transparency in empowering our citizens to have a fair 50-50 map that reflects North Carolina's history and allow us to express our opinions with meaningful freedom. |
| 11/13/2019 09:43 AM | Chip Poston | | <p>"As of the 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline, 12 separate maps — six by Democrats and six by Republicans — had been posted along with their required statistics on the committee's website."</p> <p>Where are the maps?! Please provide an easily accessible link where the maps may be easily viewed and compared.</p> <p>As a resident of Western NC, I urge the Committee to restore a unified mountain congressional district in the NC 11th by including every mountain county-- including Buncombe County and Asheville-- in its entirety.</p> |
| 11/13/2019 09:49 AM | Mr. Daniel Patterson | None | History has shown that politicians of both major parties are untrustworthy and poor and corrupt stewards of the public's right for fair and non-partisan voting districts. We must have fair and non-partisan voting districts that are determined by an independent, non-partisan committee. You must vote for fairness and non-partisan state and federal voting districts. |
| 11/13/2019 09:56 AM | Erin Hammeke | | These maps are still gerrymandered and the whole nation is watching. Stop wasting public funds while constantly undermining democracy. Stop cheating North Carolina voters!! I demand that you: draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect |

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| | | | the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. |
| 11/13/2019 10:02 AM | Sharon Kucyk | | REDISTRICTING NEEDS TO BE BASED ON UNBIASED PRINCIPLES AND CARRIED OUT INDEPENDENTLY OF ALL POLITICIANS. CODES OF ETHICS SHOULD DRIVE THE PRINCIPLES AND A REPORT THAT IS PUBLIC SHOULD BE ISSUED EXPLAINING IN PLAIN ENGLISH HOW IT WILL BE DONE AND WHEN IT IS DONE PROVE THAT IT HELD UP THOSE PRINCIPLES. |
| 11/13/2019 10:24 AM | Dr. Andrea Shapiro | NC Citizen | The citizens of NC expect the Committee on Congressional Redistricting (2019) to redraw the Congressional maps to protect voter rights and voter intent. It is time to end redistricting that uses extreme partisanship and race. The illegal redistricting of 2016, silenced the voice of too many voters. End gerrymandering, and create fair districts. All NC voters deserve it. |
| 11/13/2019 10:36 AM | Colonel (retired) Morris Davis | Private citizen | I was born and raised in North Carolina and I recently moved back. I served on active duty for 25 years because I believe in the Constitution and American values. Key among those is democracy. I am disappointed that my home state allowed democracy to be subordinated to partisan interests by a variety of undemocratic means, including partisan gerrymandering. All North Carolinians are entitled to equal treatment. Drawing district lines to amplify the voices of some and to mute the voices of others is contrary to our fundamental values. District lines should be drawn fairly and rationally, not to stack the deck for a person or a party. North Carolina's reputation has been sullied by voter suppression, voting fraud, and gerrymandering. The establishment of new district lines is an opportunity to take a positive step towards restoring confidence in democracy in North Carolina. |
| 11/13/2019 10:40 AM | Lisa Davis | | Please redraw the lines fairly so that Democrats and Republicans are equally represented! Do the right thing for all North Carolinians! |
| 11/13/2019 10:47 AM | Leah Lavin | | Please draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment. I hope that you will especially end any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. |
| 11/13/2019 11:13 AM | Gayle Anderson | Retiree | Please do not split counties in drawing districts. Bending over backwards to preserve incumbents is understandable but not good policy for representing the people. |
| 11/13/2019 11:15 AM | Mrs. Susan Henning | Resident of North Carolina | As a long time resident of NC, I am saddened and dismayed by the gerrymandering that is currently plaguing our state voting system. We need fair district maps created by an equitable and unbiased process. The current map process is rife with partisanship and ulterior motive. This legislature is not serving the people of this state, but is instead serving their own interests. |
| 11/13/2019 11:16 AM | Tara Romano | | As lawmakers start the work of redrawing more fair maps per the court order, I hope the Joint Select Committee will make every attempt to provide the voters of North Carolina with fair, independent and non-gerrymandered maps. No matter our political affiliation or ideology, we all should be able to agree that fair and independent voter maps are the cornerstone of a flourishing and vibrant democracy. In a robust democracy, we should be able to see a variety of viewpoints represented in our elected bodies that reflects the variety of beliefs held in a diverse society. |
| | | | We currently do not see that representation, with maps that have been continually struck down by the courts as being rigged for one group. Basically, we are seeing elected officials choosing their voters via these maps, rather than voters choosing their elected officials. |
| | | | I support fair and independent redistricting, with a transparent process and ample opportunity for meaningful public input. I hope that happens in this case. |
| 11/13/2019 11:33 AM | Mrs Janice Woods | Projects by Design | Please end the current practice of serving political parties rather than the citizens of this state. End gerrymandering and unfair political zones NOW. There had to be at least a minimal level of respect for the people left in your self-serving processes. Please draw maps that appropriately reflect the population of the state. |
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| 11/13/2019 11:36 AM | Ms. Karen Santucci | | The new maps need to be drawn without preference to either political party so that no one candidate/party has an unfair advantage over another. It is imperative that there is an even playing field so voters can chose the best possible representation. Gerrymandering must end as and, with it, those who sought to retain power by cheating. |
| 11/13/2019 11:39 AM | Ms. Esther Murphy | Citizen | Moving the NC House of Representatives boundaries for District 18; 19; and 20; has exacerbated the malining of fair and equal representation. Especially District 19, it is incontinuous. Not even Republicans walk on water. The Cape Fear River has been recognized as a natural boundary as long as humans have walked here, until Republican incumbents redrew their districts. Fix It! |
| 11/13/2019 11:49 AM | cynthia mixon | | Please keep NC congressional districts organized by counties. I want Cumberland County to be in ONE congressional district. This redrawing would be the 3rd district I have been in. Do better for Cumberland County and NC. |
| 11/13/2019 12:07 PM | Mr. Richard Cuyler | Retired | I'm all for redistricting. I only hope it will be ready for the 2020 elections!. |
| 11/13/2019 12:34 PM | Mrs Frances Smith | Retired Grandma | All District maps should be drawn as much as possible to be nonpartisan and fair. This creates more opportunities for democracy and all voices being recognized/represented. |
| 11/13/2019 12:35 PM | Sheri Howe | | This is to request that this committee stop the corrupt gerrymandering and draw accurate and fair maps! NC is changing, growing and evolving, please respond accordingly! |
| 11/13/2019 12:41 PM | Michael McHarg | | I'd like to ask the GA to please draw Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; To provide opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate that feedback in the creation and alteration of districts; and to end any redistricting processes that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. I'm a business owner in Wilson NC, and I pastor a church in Rocky Mount. As such, I have influence with clients and church members and will report on your decisions regarding these matters. |
| 11/13/2019 12:52 PM | Mrs. Lyn Walker | | Leave our maps alone!!! |
| 11/13/2019 12:59 PM | Mrs. Jane Hallstrom | Theater Artists | Cheating to get elected is contemptible. If you can't sway voters with your ideas and character then you should not be elected. Rigging the maps so that your side wins is cheap and dishonest -Something a child could recognize as unfair. END gerrymandering. Use an outside disinterested party to draw the map. |
| 11/13/2019 01:06 PM | Dr. Judith Hoy | Self | Regarding the work on redistricting: Draw 2020 Congressional maps that protect voters of color and other targeted populations by drawing districts that reflect the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment; Provide even more opportunities in the coming weeks for in-person public comment and robust debate of new maps that incorporate your feedback; and End any redistricting practices that use race and partisan considerations to drive how and where we vote. |
| 11/13/2019 01:08 PM | Dr Suzanne Botts | Citizen | Please devise fair maps in which each person's vote counts. The state is almost equally divided according to voter registration between democrats and republicans with more and more unaffiliated voters. Do not gerrymander voting districts to invalidate votes to retain political power. |
| 11/13/2019 01:16 PM | Mr. Michael Throneburg | | I would like for there to be fair nonpartisan districts made for North Carolina. There should be no gerrymandering on the side of the Republicans are the Democrats. It is important for the democracy of North Carolina. For far too long the gerrymandering has taken place and North Carolina has suffered the consequences. The people of North Carolina deserve equal and fair elections .. |
| 11/13/2019 01:21 PM | Ken Burton | | District lines should be drawn ny an independent body, not by partisan politicians. What happened almost ten years ago should never be allowed to happen again. All votes should count equally. |
| 11/13/2019 01:36 PM | Richard Wynne | | In my opinion the proposed maps are excessively partisan. I hope the court throws out these maps and appoints a special master to create new fair maps. It appears the legislators are incapable of working across party lines to create non-partisan maps. |

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| 11/13/2019 01:44 PM | Ms Mary McQueen | | I am not satisfied to continue voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm frustrated with politicians in the General Assembly who have manipulated our district lines, so that the results of our elections are predetermined! Please pass a FAIR congressional map, finally!!! |
| 11/13/2019 01:53 PM | Katherine Zinn | 1938 | DRaw maps that aare fair to People of Color!! |
| 11/13/2019 02:05 PM | Dr. Lance Ashdown | | I'm not impressed. On the positive side, at least Asheville was put back in district 11. On the negative side, the usual bizarrely shaped districts are present, especially in districts 1, 4, 12, and 13. There is no other reason for these shapes than to guarantee Republican power. For the past 10 years, I have no faith in our legislature to fairly represent the voters of North Carolina. The latest pretense at fairness does not restore my confidence. The courts need to protect North Carolinians and assign a mapmaker who will at least *attempt* to be fair. |
| 11/13/2019 02:18 PM | Diane Lemieux | | I encourage you to make fair maps for a change instead of gerrymandered versions. WE are SICK to death of your underhanded partisan tricks you have used for years to retain political power that you would not have if you actually were voted into office through FAIR MAPS. I do not believe that ANY POLITICIANS should be involved in drawing any maps. I cannot actually believe they are letting you do it again. |
| 11/13/2019 02:34 PM | Ms. Susan B. McClanahan | NC citizen | Thank you for adopting criteria that excludes partisan considerations and past election results. However, by using the Common Cause NC redistricting simulation map as your base map, you have actually used racial and partisan data because that data was baked into that original map. It was not designed for this purpose. To start the process with that map violates your own criteria and the directive of the three-judge panel. You should either start with a blank map while applying the criteria and excluding any partisan data or let the three-judge panel appoint the special master to draw the new Congressional map. It's clear that old habits die hard. |
| | | | We need a process that will produce constitutional maps the first time. We need to give NC citizens real and meaningful input into this process. |
| 11/13/2019 02:39 PM | Ms Elizabeth Swift | N/A | I am a citizen in Jackson County, Congressional District 11. The gerrymandering of our district very cleanly eliminated Asheville, our mountain urban center. This classic « cracking » of our district renders the voice of voters in Asheville silenced by their dilution into the neighboring district. We in the mountains are not « red » or « blue » but thinking people whose voices deserve to be heard. By designing a politically safe-for-republicans district, politicians are less inclined to listen to their constituents. We deserve better. I am in favor of redistricting which is blind to all identifying characteristics of voters, respects existing boundaries as much as possible (county lines, etc.) and adjusting for changes in population ONLY. Computer models would be ideally employed for this purpose. |
| 11/13/2019 02:44 PM | Mr. Johnny Rice | | You have to listen to the people. We need to be heard. You can not & should not make maps around race ..sec orientation or \$\$\$. Just not right. We will go to the streets if you do. We will be heard. |
| 11/13/2019 02:53 PM | Pamela Krauss | | It benefits all citizens of North Carolina to be represented by a fair and just districting of the State. We know that past districting has been adjudicated to be unfair. Therefore, to do anything less is inconsistent with both the ruling and the will of the people of the State of NC. Please move forward to do the job that is required with the utmost fairness in my district, District 11, and all others that have been adversely treated in recent history. |
| 11/13/2019 03:00 PM | Mr Ernest Logemann | CPA | All the congressional districts should be compact; county borders should be respected; no cities should be split. As far as I can tell, the maps so far continue the unconstitutional gerrymandering. Leave the current representatives out of the calculations and do not draw districts to favor the incumbents. |
| 11/13/2019 03:46 PM | Michelle Blumenthal | | This redistricting process needs to be transparent. And politicians should not be trying a new form of gerrymandering. The instructions for redrawing the districts for state legislative districts should be applied to the process of redrawing the congressional districts. And this should be done in a timely manner so that we don't need to push back the primaries, which would lead to unnecessary costs. We need fair congressional districts whereby the people are choose their elected officials, rather than politicians choosing their constituents. |
| 11/13/2019 03:46 PM | Ms Connie Burns | | Please make sure that people of color are fully represented by the new districts by following the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protections Clause of the 14th amendment. Please do not allow racial or partisan considerations to be used as input for how to draw the districts. We want districts that offer as much representation of every citizen as possible! |

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| 11/13/2019 03:47 PM | Ms. Susan B. McClanahan | NC citizen | <p>How to Get Away with Gerrymandering: A leaked audio recording reveals how state lawmakers are taught to trash evidence, avoid the word gerrymander, and create an appearance of bipartisanship, by David Daley, The Slate, Washington DC, posted October 2, 2019. https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/10/alec-meeting-gerrymandering-audio-recording.html</p> <p>The Full Transcript of ALEC's "How to Survive Redistricting" Meeting, by Slate staff, The Slate Who Counts Project, Slate, Washington D. C., posted October 2, 2019. https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/10/full-transcript-alec-gerrymandering-summit.html</p> <p>Revealed: ALEC Annual Meeting Attendees. List includes Trump Administration and 2020 Campaign Officials, by Nick Surgey, DOCUMENTED: Investigating Corporate Influence, Documented Investigations, posted August 19, 2019. https://documented.net/2019/08/alec-legislators-am-2019/</p> |
| 11/13/2019 04:12 PM | Ms. Tanisha Rios | | <p>I'm tired of voting in a congressional district that was drawn to favor one political party. I'm tired of politicians in the General Assembly who manipulate our district lines so that the results of our elections are predetermined. It's time for the General Assembly to finally pass a FAIR congressional map.</p> <p>During the map-drawing process, Members of the General Assembly should:</p> <p>? Hold public hearings across the state to make sure citizens like me can advocate for our communities.</p> <p>? After these public hearings, the General Assembly should start drawing a map from scratch. I've seen some members try to make minor changes to old congressional maps, but that is not enough. Minor changes to major gerrymanders are not enough. It's time to start over.</p> <p>It's ridiculous that the General Assembly held a public hearing AFTER the state legislative maps were drawn, failing to incorporate that feedback. It's even worse that they are planning to do the same thing during this congressional redraw. What a disgrace.</p> <p>I strongly encourage you and your colleagues to stop drawing lines to protect yourselves and your party, and start drawing the lines so that people like me have a voice.</p> |
| 11/13/2019 04:33 PM | Ms Sherry Vaughan | sunrise | <p>Jury meandering in NC and around the country IS NOT OK republicans!!! We need fair non partisan Redistricting !!!</p> |