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09/12/2019 01:35 PM	Mr. William Tracy	tracywc@gmail.com		If Dr. Chen's maps are used for redistricting, there should be no redrawing of boundaries after a map is chosen. The part of Dr. Chen's maps that protect against double-bunking legislators should not be used. This will still lead to gerrymandering and an unfair GOP advantage, as it protects those GOP representatives that were elected using the maps the courts deemed illegal. Cherry-picking a map from those produced that still give the most advantage to GOP members is an abuse of the court's ruling.
09/12/2019 02:22 PM	Ms Kathleen Gorman	Katgor6@gmail.com		I want to see the redistricting done in a fair and equitable manner by a bi-partisan committee!
09/12/2019 03:02 PM	Rev. William Garrard	pastorgarrard@hotmail.com		Can you comply with the spirit and the letter of the court order? I and the rest of the citizens of our state are watching and hoping that an open fair process will occur and we will soon have districts that do not give any partisan advantage. Thank you.
09/12/2019 08:18 AM	Dwight Jordan	dwight_jordan@hotmail.com	NA	Thanks for taking my comment-I have no faith that you will draw fair maps. If you did, the courts would not have ruled against you. Your current maps are just drawn unfairly. I recommend a bipartisan group be chosen to draw new maps! Thanks for listening!
09/12/2019 09:01 AM	Thomas Gray	tomgrayseagrove@gmail.com	Tom Gray Pottery, Inc.	Partisan gerrymandering, regardless of which party draws the maps, is unfair to the people of North Carolina. We deserve a fair system whereby we are legitimately represented. It takes courage to represent people vs. party lines. I encourage those responsible with redrawing the maps to represent us, the people of the Great State of North Carolina.
09/12/2019 09:42 AM	Sheila Denn	sheila.denn@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	1. The entire process needs to be transparent and open to public view. The House and Senate Redistricting Committees are now live-streaming their meetings, which is commendable, but are there plans for in-person public hearings around the state? 2. Do we have assurances that legislators will actually be able to view public comments easily? 3. Given that public comments are an important part of the process, and the process as a whole is supposed to be transparent, the public comments should also be viewable by the public. 4. I am concerned about the plan to use the set of maps produced by Dr. Jowei Chen that includes incumbency data as base maps. These maps are based on data that is out of date, as there are incumbents included who are no longer legislators, and there are legislators who were elected in 2018 who are not included. The League's position is that *no* incumbency data should be used, except as a way to check *after draft maps have been drawn* to see if current

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09/12/2019 09:58 AM	Dianna Wynn	lwvwakepresident@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	<p>legislators are double bunked.</p> <p>5. The House Redistricting Committee members received via email copies of Dr. Chen's maps that included overlays of political data from defendant's counsel in the case. Political data is specifically disallowed in the court ruling from being used to redraw the maps. The Chairs of the House Redistricting Committee have indicated that all Committee members and staff have deleted these emails, but I would like assurance that any data that might have been included in attachments to the emails has been removed and has not and will not be used as part of the map-drawing process.</p> <p>The League of Women Voters has been working toward nonpartisan redistricting for many decades, and we have carefully followed the issue in North Carolina. Furthermore, the League has long advocated for transparency in government decision making. I understand that the current court-ordered redistricting process requires a transparent procedure with all redistricting decision-making occurring in public. As part of that process, the House has an online portal for public comment. The purpose of public comment is to provide a vehicle for voters to instruct their elected officials. Thus, for public comment to be a meaningful part of decision making, it must be both viewed and considered by our elected officials. Therefore, I have two concerns regarding the current process and the public comment portal:</p> <p>(1) It is not clear that all representatives have the ability to access and view the public's comments throughout the decision-making process. It is important that a comment is readily available for review soon after it is posted so that our elected officials may consider the public's feedback as part of this process.</p> <p>(2) It does not appear that the public is able to view all public comments as they are posted. Our understanding of the court's decision is that all decision making related to the current redistricting process must occur in public view. I assume that this committee considers public comment to be an important part of the process. Therefore, the public should be able to view any public comment as soon as it is submitted.</p> <p>I would appreciate an assurance that the voters of North Carolina, as well as legislators, are able to immediately view the public's comments. Finally, I urge committee members to review and carefully consider all comments submitted to the public comment portal in the course of this important process.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dianna Wynn, President League of Women Voters of Wake County</p>

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09/12/2019 10:06 AM	Dianna Wynn	lwvwakepresident@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	<p>The League of Women Voters of Wake County continues to monitor the current redistricting process and has the following concerns:</p> <p>(1) The process of redistricting is essentially assigning voters into different voting districts to select a common representative or senator that will represent the concerns of those in a given district. These are the people's maps. Therefore, the people of North Carolina should have a greater voice in the process. We are concerned that there appear to be no plans for public hearings to take place around the state. While an online portal has been made available on the committee's website, we don't believe that it has been sufficiently publicized. Furthermore, the process does not appear to require that committee members even review public comments as part of the decision-making process.</p> <p>(2) We are very concerned to hear that the defendant's attorney in the lawsuit that has prompted this current redistricting process emailed documents with partisan data to committee members and staff. I understand that those receiving the email have been instructed to delete it. However, we would like an assurance that the emails remained unopened, were deleted, and were not forwarded to others. Furthermore, we also request an assurance that any files attached to these emails were not saved, were deleted, and were not printed.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dianna Wynn, President League of Women Voters of Wake County</p>
09/12/2019 10:26 AM	Susan Nguyen	semisweetz@yahoo.com		The public should be able to weigh in on the maps before the legislative vote.
09/12/2019 10:40 AM	Victoria Shea	victoria.shea32@yahoo.com		I am appalled (although no longer surprised) by these shenanigans. We need an independent commission with the power to draw maps with no possibility of legislative interference. Otherwise, the Republicans will continue to make maps that benefit themselves and their friends. In plain sight! I hope the Court sees through this charade and puts redistricting in the hands of a special master.
09/12/2019 10:42 AM	Mr. perry woods	PERRY@PERRYWOODS.COM	self	<p>1.) If consideration is given to incumbents, equal consideration must be given to announced candidates who have spent months building support, and raising money.</p> <p>2.) Every redistricting this decade has been used as an opportunity to deny women the opportunity to serve. Extra care should be taken to ensure that isn't the case this time.</p>
09/12/2019 11:07 AM	J S			Why haven't we - the public - been given an opportunity to weigh in? Why haven't we been notified before your top choices were chosen so we can view

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				them? Why haven't we been given information on why those top choices were selected? ...What are you hiding???
09/12/2019 11:16 AM	Ms Dorothy Storey	dstorey0428@gmail.com		Redistricting should be able to represent all citizens of NC equally. It is beyond belief that with receiving less than half the votes in the last election that the GOP still managed to win 54% of the seats. Neither party should be able to manipulate our votes in this manner. "The committee should start with a plan in the middle of the partisan range of outcomes,".
09/12/2019 11:23 AM	Deborah Beroth	Daberoth@gmail.com		The committee is supposed to be open and transparent to the public.i checked the website before I came to the meeting. 5 minutes after it was supposed to start they said will convene 2 hours later, then pushed back 2 more times finally they started at 7:30 pm when supposed to start at 10am ,they don't want the public involved , an outside independent consultant like Dr. Chen should draw the maps
09/12/2019 11:26 AM	Mrs. diane geittner	dianegeitner@yahoo.com		The recent court order demanded fair electoral maps in the state of N.C. It would behoove legislators to 1) pay attention to the will of the people of N.C. and 2) try to have open and honest debates with respect to this issue. The tricks that have been used with regards to the budget don't bode well. Please prove to us that you're capable of being even-handed in this important issue.
09/12/2019 11:27 AM	Ms Michi Vojta	michinjeri@hotmail.com		Good gravy, please QUIT with the gerrymandering that is making us the laughing stock of the US, probably much of the world. Please write fair and balanced rules that delineate fair and balanced districts. It can be done, even in small number of days. Please be realistic, even if it means your party may not have the "lock" on seats because of it.
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09/12/2019 11:38 AM	Caren Weiss	carencweiss@gmail.com		Fair redistricting is paramount to the election process in NC. It should be based on population only, not the political preference of the population. Registered voters in NC are fairly evenly split between the parties, but due to the current districting maps, we do not have this reflected in our elections. All the people of NC deserve to have their voices heard in their vote and their representation.
09/12/2019 12:14 PM	Ms. Paula Jennings	pjennings613@gmail.com	Private citizen	<p>I am concerned that legislators are making changes to maps without audio for us in the audience or anyone, for that matter, to hear why they are changing the maps. We need to have a better feel for what they're doing. Full transparency!</p> <p>I also think that public comments should be sent out to the public.</p> <p>Another point of concern is the use of incumbency data. I believe this should</p>

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				not be done when drawing maps.
				Further, how can we be sure the email that was sent from plaintiff's attorneys with partisan data has been deleted from all pertinent map makers?
09/12/2019 12:26 PM	Mr Michael Lewandowski	mlewand@gmail.com		Do your job
09/12/2019 12:51 PM	sam billings			<p>Generally speaking & in retrospect, the hardest aspect to understand of any redistricting process is the intent of the map makers. This is typically due to the fact that intent is concealed during the process so that the public remains in the dark. However, the intent is clear in this case & expressed openly by the legislature. During this process, the NCGA has made no intention to "draw fair maps", rather they have decided to leave it to chance & use a lotto machine to pick from the highest scoring simulated maps. Although, there is one portion of this process that was not left to chance & that is the explicit effort to avoid pairing incumbents in the same district. It is shocking to me after all this state has suffered that the legislature's only effort to physically "draw new maps" is limited to the extent of allowing politicians to pick their voters & not allowing voters to choose their representatives. Incumbency protections are antithetical to an open democracy & should not be a part of this process.</p> <p>Thank you - Sam</p>