

## 2019 NC House Redistricting Public Comments Report - LINC

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09/16/2019 02:37 PM	Thomas Weaver	tjweaver84@yahoo.com		This state is fairly evenly split at least as far as voter registration goes between Republicans and the democrats. One would never know that based on our current representation especially at the federal level. Our districts should be drawn such that the population of our state is represented according to the actual makeup of the people and their views, not solely by the party in power. Maybe it is time for a new senior chairman of the redistricting committee.
09/16/2019 02:38 PM	Mrs Lorraine Jahn	LFOXJAHN70@GMAIL.COM	private citizen, retired	I feel it would be more honest if present incumbents were not permitted to be part of this process. I feel strongly that a disinterested committee should be doing this, not people who already have a dog in this fight.
09/16/2019 02:42 PM	Independent Redistricting Bobo Ayres	Spoofyhair@yahoo.com		The general assembly has wasted too much of our time and money with their clandestine partisan maps. It is time now to put an end to it and have maps that give equal weight to everybody's vote. I have long felt my vote doesn't count due to being clustered in a sea of Democrat-leaning votes. Do away with David Lewis and his lying ways. Do away with protecting incumbents. Do away with ugly looking maps that look like a pile of snakes instead of evenly distributed districts.
09/16/2019 02:45 PM	Mark Irby	irbyma@gmail.com		I support redistricting by an independent commission with approval by a general referendum. Partisan redistricting is obviously not working in the best interest of the people of North Carolina. It is a terrible disappointment that even now some are attempting to game the current system.
09/16/2019 02:50 PM	Mrs. Evelyn Morehead	Dipstick953@yahoo.com	None	I cannot think of anything more important for the survival of our state and nation than fair elections. Serve the citizens of NC and fix our broken district maps.
09/16/2019 02:51 PM	Mr Michael Beech	Akeeneredge@yahoo.com	Self	I do not believe that any process controlled by a political party can be non-partisan. Redistricting must be non-partisan and should be done scientifically and in the public view. There're are non-partisan computer systems and they should be used. I do not believe these maps are truly non-partisan and there is NO way that Republicans can not be trusted, never, for anything after their scam of the budget override and history with illegal maps.
09/16/2019 02:53 PM	Marvine Cole	Marvinequilts@hotmail.com		I have a constitutional right to have my vote count. But gerrymandering for political gain has robbed me of that right. Let my vote be heard. Let the people choose their representatives!
09/16/2019 02:54 PM	Ms Loretta Martin	Immartin@northstate.net	Democratic Women	I don't think the requirement for transparency when re-drawing the maps has been satisfied. The time for public comment has not been sufficient.

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09/16/2019 02:54 PM	Mrs Margaret Wittke	maggiewittke@yahoo.com	None	We the people deserve the production of fair maps. We should chose our elected representatives. They should not be allowed to choose us. This is a 50/50 state but that is not evident in the gerrymandering districts of North Carolina.
09/16/2019 02:57 PM	Ms Jessica Clark-Rice	Jdclark84@gmail.com	Constituent on Charlotte, NC	North Carolina's Supreme Court found the late Dr. Chen's districting maps to be partisan and unconstitutional. The legislature needs to select maps drawn from an independent statistician to fully capture the will of the people, not to ensure incumbents remain in power. Utilizing Dr. Chen's data, in any way, to create the redistricting maps will only seek to continue partisan politics. Respect the court's decision, and respect the rights of your constituents to decide on their representatives with a fair vote.
09/16/2019 02:58 PM	Dorothy Timmons	Dtimmonws54@msn.com		Please do an independent map most of us really are tired of the partisanship and making national news r/t NC .No representative should draw their own district lines . Please
09/16/2019 03:02 PM	Mrs. Molly Feichter	mvfeichter@gmail.com		Please allow independent redistricting and independently drawn maps. As a native North Carolinian, we don't need the continuous set-backs that illegal gerrymandering presents in our state! Let us be what and who we were meant to be, staring with fair and independent redistricting.
09/16/2019 03:07 PM	Ms. Mary Eubanks	mcceubanks@gmail.com	LWVPT	I fully support the comments provided by the North Carolina League.
09/16/2019 03:08 PM	Concerned Colby Perkins	perkinscolby@gmail.com		<p>The new map for House District 19 is cause for concern. It includes both New Hanover County and parts of Brunswick County with a large river that divides voters between Kure Beach and Southport. So much so that there is no bridge access between the two communities. These communities are separated with access only by ferry or require a long drive through two other voting districts to get there.</p> <p>The base precinct maps used to draw these maps were outdated. Some precincts are omitted and boundaries may have changed.</p> <p>There is limited shared community and culture between the areas included in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties. Southport has its own identity separate from the Wilmington area.</p> <p>People living in South Brunswick do not consider themselves to be part of the Wilmington area, whereas the NHC beach residents do.</p> <p>Most people do not regularly travel, shop, and socialize between these two areas</p>
09/16/2019 03:11 PM	Sarah Miller	Sarahemiller725@gmail.com		We need independent redistributing so that our representatives can actually represent the issues of a district. I live outside of Charlotte in district 9 which stretches welll across the state. Our representative can't possibly address the needs of both urban and rural constituencies when

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				it comes to roads, schools, taxes, you name it.
09/16/2019 03:17 PM	Mr James Kennon	jkennon@att.net		<p>Please, please, please stop the partisan gerrymandering. Use an independent resource!!!</p> <p>What are you teaching our children? Cheating and partisanship are good? Be fair!!! Be honest!!</p> <p>What are you afraid of? Democracy?</p> <p>I'm a 69 year old retired high school teacher in Murphy NC.</p>
09/16/2019 03:19 PM	Mr. John Voelker	javalon@gmail.com		Please adopt independent re-districting. Partisan bickering (by both parties) has eschewed democracy for citizens of North Carolina for decades. It has to end.
09/16/2019 03:20 PM	mrs Neva Scheve	nevaks@centurylink.net		It is imperative for North Carolina to have districts that are not gerrymandered to favor one party over another so we can have fair elections that reflect the wishes of the people of North Carolina. Please do the right thing and make sure that the maps are drawn fairly.
09/16/2019 03:22 PM	Kristin Keliher	Kristinkeliher@gmail.com		I am in favor of third party redistricting; to bring integrity and fairness back to our state. The NCGA should be a representation of the people, this is the best way to ensure that. Gerrymandering creates districts that represent the legislator.
09/16/2019 03:24 PM	Mrs Mary Colman	marycolman@me.com		This redistricting is flat out wrong and you know iit.
09/16/2019 03:34 PM	Mr. Jack Lemmer	Lemmer.jack@Gmail.com		As a NC resident, I implore you to consider how North Carolina can take a big step in the right direction, and lead the nation in reasonable, equitable redistricting. Gerrymandering is a system the undermines the very elections that we pride ourselves in, and robs citizens of their right to a fair vote. Let's show the rest of the country that NC can lead the nation by instituting a process where an independent body draws the maps based on clear and reason-based criteria.
09/16/2019 03:34 PM	Chris Vacca	chris.vacca@gmail.com		It is imperative that a fair non partisan map is utilized for the state. We can't have individual representatives reforming boundaries. The courts have ruled on this, and our representative body should follow that ruling.
09/16/2019 03:35 PM	1941 Juanita Dukes	tw5505@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Orange, Durham, and Chatham Counties	Please assure that the Legislature will incorporate transparency in all redistricting efforts in the future and maintain the portal for public comment until the courts approve the maps. All comments should continue to be made available to the public throughout the remaining steps in order to promote broader engagement and public dialogue. I stand with the League of Women Voters regarding these steps to

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				<p>increase citizens' accessibility to the current and future redistricting processes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make all public comments available in real time continuously through the end of the redistricting process and final approval.</li> <li>2. Make draft maps fully available to the public. The League recommends that the Legislature publish machine-readable maps as well as PDFs on a daily basis.</li> <li>3. Provide more information on how the process will proceed. Citizens need to know what will happen and when so that they can follow the proceedings and provide timely input.</li> <li>4. Give voters a better idea of what they are seeing online. Citizens need to know which districts are being redrawn and who is doing the redrawing.</li> </ol> <p>Please make this a process that voters can understand and participate in effectively.</p>
09/16/2019 03:37 PM	Carolyn Scott	sscott004@gmail.com		<p>Not acceptable maps. Requesting to be redrawn by master map drawer</p>
09/16/2019 03:38 PM	Ms. Kay SANDERS	jraysanders@yahoo.com	retired	<p>"Partisan consideration and elections results shall not be used in drawing maps. Why were incumbents at the terminals trading precincts to protect their districts without any real opportunity for the public to engage? I object.</p>
09/16/2019 03:40 PM	Jeanne Barefoot	jeannebarefoot@gmail.com		<p>We should all want Fair and non partisan maps for NC. All North Carolina voters demand this.</p>
09/16/2019 03:46 PM	Dr. Nanette Fulcher	nanfulcher@gmail.com		<p>First, the process of creating the remedial maps was tainted by the transmittal of partisan data for the Chen maps by the law firm representing the defense. This misstep calls into question whether the data was truly destroyed by all parties as instructed, or whether it was used inappropriately by any party for any of the subsequent steps. Second, Chen's maps were generated and used for a particular purpose to support the plaintiff's case in Common Cause et al. v Lewis. Chen stated in court documents that his analysis of the maps as a collection showed, "the Republicans may have a small degree of natural advantage in winning districts in both the House and Senate." [2019-08-07-Plaintiffs' Proposed Findings of Fact, p. 55] Dr. Chen's analysis "suggests that even under his nonpartisan plans, Democrats may win less than 50% of the seats when the win 50% of the votes. As a result of this documented bias, Chen's collection of maps should NOT have been the basis for generating remedial maps for NC.</p> <p>Since the complete data set for Chen's maps is not currently available to the public, the consequence of the House narrowing the 1000 maps based on the best score for compactness cannot be determined. It could</p>

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				<p>be that the narrowing process exacerbated the pro-Republican bias, had no effect, or the opposite effect. For full transparency, it is essential that nature of the map-in-progress be traceable from one step to the next. However, a more complete data set was only provided for the single base map that was chosen by the House, and the version of the map that was later passed by vote.</p> <p>The base map that was chosen by the House has bias state-wide in favor of Republican candidates, as does the final map. [Efficiency Gap: 4.7%, Partisan Bias= 3.0% in favor of Republicans].</p> <p>For the Senate map, there are similar gaps in information, in that the data needed to re-create the maps was not given for any intermediate versions, only the base map and the final version. The Senate posted a series of map images, but not the data corresponding to the image. Lastly, the Senate should not name their map "consensus nonpartisan map", since it presumes knowledge of the partisanship status that should not be known to the mapmakers. To label it as a "nonpartisan" map is therefore misleading to other lawmakers and the public.</p>
09/16/2019 03:51 PM	Jennifer Boggs	Jaboggs719@gmail.com		The NC House should be comprised of members elected from an actual cohesive district and NOT snaked together bits and pieces of 4-5 different counties. Fairly drawn districts would be comprised of entire counties - or counties split into east-west or north-south to attach to adjacent counties.
09/16/2019 03:55 PM	Michael Levine	Mlevine@levinelawgroup.com	None	Use independence counsel with no consideration for incumbents!!
09/16/2019 04:05 PM	Beth Parker	parkerfamily01@embarqmail.com	Individual	New redistricting maps should be prepared by a nonpartisan, independent, professional entity .
09/16/2019 04:06 PM	Gerrymandered maps John Coleman	mrjcoleman32@gmail.com	Private	You need to do a better job than the ones you've attempted thus far. According to sources these maps aren't much better than the struck down ones. Come on now
09/16/2019 04:06 PM	Mrs Darci Hill	Darcikhill@msn.com		Consider the possible positive outcomes of independent redistricting for the NC House. People are not being heard when partisan districting and gerrymandering occur.
09/16/2019 04:09 PM	Ms Kelly Ayscue	kellyayscue@suddenlink.net	NA	I implore the legislature to fix the shameful gerrymandering once and for all. Make districts fair so that politicians are elected by whomever gets the most votes. Use natural , obvious boundaries, not designed to suppress any group. It is time for this shameful era to end.
09/16/2019 04:20 PM	Dr. Nancy Seamans	nseamans@gmail.com	None	I do not believe you have gotten it right yet. The work done by the non-partisan redistricting panel, in conjunction with the Sanford School at Duke University, used data to eliminate gerrymandering and their process and results should be a model for the legislative committee that is

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09/16/2019 04:20 PM	Deborah Vance	momiam@gmail.com	NC Taxpayer and Citizen	The NC Redistricting maps should be drawn up by a non-partisan third party commission. Please stop spending my tax money defending the awful gerrymandered maps in court!
09/16/2019 04:21 PM	Sandy McFarland	smcfarland0102@gmail.com	none	Redistricting should be done by an independent party to ensure the once and for all - it is done fairly and does not allow any party to take advantage of the redrawing. Please put a stop the the political madness in North Carolina.
09/16/2019 04:25 PM	Todd Dickinson	dicres@mindspring.com	na	It is essential that politics and power are removed from the redistricting process and that color/wealth/party affiliation are NOT considerations. The system is obviously broken when a party with a thin or non-existent overall majority can control the government in the way the Republicans have these last too many years. Geography and county lines should be the only considerations used by an otherwise "blind" design.
09/16/2019 04:29 PM	Redistributing for NC Donna Milam	donna1108@gmail.com		Because the NC Supreme Court determined that existing districts were gerrymandered to the point of illegality, no consideration should be given to maintaining any of the existing representatives because they gained position through illegal gerrymandering.
09/16/2019 04:30 PM	Mrs Bonnie Burge	burge3@ec.rr.com		Please leave our districts along!!! We finally have someone to represent our county and now change would be awful for Columbus County!!
09/16/2019 04:31 PM	Mr Sterling Koonce	Sterling@kooncedrugcompany.com	Medicine Mart Pharmacies	Please keep our Columbus County communities intact. We are a very poor community and we need representation that lives here and understands our issues.
09/16/2019 04:33 PM	Ms Tondra Bowers	leightondra@yahoo.com		The only way to get a fair district map drawn is through a nonpartisan committee. I have no problems with political parties making referrals, but it should be individuals who do NOT belong to a political party that should be on the committee.
09/16/2019 04:37 PM	Linda Smathers	lindasmathers@hotmail.com		It is time to halt the games, stop introducing partisan data into the redistricting process and demonstrate to the CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA that this process is being conducted in a transparent manner.
09/16/2019 04:45 PM	Fair Maps M Whitaker			Over the past several years, the legislators in power have proven time and again that they do not care to fairly and honestly represent the majority of the citizens of this state. They care about forwarding their own agenda, even when proposed legislature is wildly unpopular and hurts North Carolina. Unfair maps have allowed a party to force the will of the few on to the many, without suffering the consequences on election day. Politicians are choosing their voters rather than the voters choosing the politicians who best represent them. We, the voters, are the ones suffering the consequences.

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09/16/2019 04:47 PM	Ms. Amy Jackson	Amysasserjackson@gmail.com		I feel that our country is in danger of doing irreparable harm to our democracy. I believe that fair, secure elections are essential to democracy. We need districts that allow the citizens to actually have and make a choice. Representatives should not get to choose their voters. Voters should get to choose their representatives. We need districts established by an outside impartial means. Gerrymandering must end in North Carolina.
09/16/2019 04:53 PM	Mary Missigman	Mwmissigman@me.com		I live in district 19 and never go to Southport or Brunswick County. I live in New Hanover County and want my vote to be in NH County. Please reconsider this district.
09/16/2019 05:00 PM	Audrey Hammonds			I am a resident of Wilmington NC. I do not feel adequately represented by the NC House of Representatives. I believe the current occupants of NC House of Representatives has gerrymandered the districts to have an unfair majority in the House and I want that to change. I want transparency and openness in the process of re-drawing the general assembly maps. One party should Never have veto proof super majorities. This is not representative of the constituents of North Carolina. All of Thomas Hofeller's documents pertaining to redistricting in North Carolina since 2009 should be released to the public as they were requested by government officials and directly impacted NC voters.
09/16/2019 05:03 PM	Mr David Bergeron	davebergeron59@gmail.com		Please utilize non partisan mathematical models to draw districts.
09/16/2019 05:06 PM	Kent Estep	Rkestep@the2developers.com		The maps should be drawn so that each district is as competitive and compact as possible. Neither party should gerrymander the maps to give anyone an unfair advantage. An independent 3rd party would be the best way to draw the maps.
09/16/2019 05:21 PM	Mrs. Betsy Albright	Betsy.b.albright@gmail.com		It still looks highly gerrymandered to me. For example, Columbus County (inland) and Pender County (coastal) are both the 16th, but their populations have very different representation needs. Pender has coastal concerns, Columbus has inland concerns. They should not be in the same district. The 19th district should end at the Brunswick County line. The crazy "r" shaped crook at the top of the 19th is an obvious shameless gerrymander and should be in District 20. In fact, District 20 Should extend all the way down to the rest Southern New Hanover County and



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				stop at the county line. Northern and Southern New Hanover County should be in the same district, as we share similar coastal living concerns. District 19 should end at the Brunswick County line. Brunswick Beaches are not easily accessible (for residents seeking services or for elected Representatives to travel ) from New Hanover County to Brunswick County and back again. There are only 2 routes that connect them and it is only by bridge (Cape Fear Memorial Bridge and the Isabel Holmes Bridge). The 19th district should not include ANY of New Hanover County.
09/16/2019 05:27 PM	1951 David Force	david.force@sbcglobal.net		Have the courage to represent the residents of this state, not the money from big interest or party "bosses".. I moved here from Texas four years ago. I thought state politics couldn't get any "lower"...guess I was wrong. Between bathroom bills, gerrymandered districts and unethical budget voting, I can see you want to be the worst run state legislature.
09/16/2019 05:28 PM	Sean Osborne	sean.osborne@gmail.com		Anything other than a district map which reflects the actual 50/50 Republican/Democratic nature of the North Carolina electorate is unacceptable. The people have had it with gerrymandering by either party. Uphold your oath of office for a change, and put State over Party.
09/16/2019 05:28 PM	Richard Poole	rapoole2000@yahoo.com	New Hanover County Democratic Party	When I reviewed the map for the House Redistricting Version 2 in the larger format, it was apparent that the map was drawn using outdated precinct data. The easy way to tell if the data is outdated is to look at the northeast corner of the county, and if you can't find H10, H11, H12 and H 13, the map is wrong. I'm sure that other precincts are also wrong. I'm just giving you an easy way to confirm that they are erroneous.
09/16/2019 05:29 PM	Sanji Datar	sanjinerkar@gmail.com		<p>I am writing to express concerns about "public view" and transparency of the remedial process for drawing fair maps.</p> <p>The Court directed Republicans to "conduct the entire remedial process in full public view" and make "any relevant computer screen visible to legislators and public observers." However, the "Base maps" used by both the House and Senate were NOT drawn in public view, as required by court orders. They were drawn in advance by an expert witness for the trial.</p> <p>A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice.</p> <p>In addition, I have concerns about the use of partisan data. The Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps. But the GOP's legal team has had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used.</p> <p>Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not</p>



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				"reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.
09/16/2019 05:29 PM	Ms. Darlene Parlett	dparlett1@ec.rr.com		Please reconsider this map. The new map for House District 19 includes both New Hanover County and parts of Brunswick County. A large part of the Cape Fear River divides voters with no bridge access between the two communities. These communities of Kure Beach and Southport are reachable only by ferry or require a long drive through two other voting districts to get there.
09/16/2019 05:34 PM	Mrs. SUZANNE VEAZEY	SVEAZEY@CAROLINA.RR.COM		If your policies are sound, clear, fair and balanced you shouldn't have to divide us in order to represent us. It's the hard work you are elected to do, you have chosen to do. Rigging the system is the easy way out.
09/16/2019 05:36 PM	James Manning	jcm.69@att.net		I do appreciate posting of the redistricting map on the states website. I've had a chance to review house district 43 under the whole map. I see that Representative Floyd lost his community and now has a larger land mass giving him all of Cumberland County. I believe the courts asked in the redistricting committee to make responsible accommodation for all incumbents. I asked that you please look at the house the district 43 Matt and make an effort to provide responsible accommodations to representative Floyd who I have known for over 10 years as a community activist and 12 years as a legislator. Representative Floyd has provided great service in his district and we indeed would like to keep him as our representative thank you
09/16/2019 05:40 PM	Cynthia Parlier			Make it Equal, Fair, and Independent.
09/16/2019 05:47 PM	Susan Weber	Oqbweb@aol.com		I am 100% in favor of independent nonpartisan redistricting. Let's stand up for fairness and protecting the rights of each citizen in NC's vote to be heard.
09/16/2019 05:48 PM	Jamie Yi	ojungeun@gmail.com	Gcae	One thing for sure is that the entire campus of NC A&T needs to be one district.
09/16/2019 05:49 PM	Mrs. Estelle Burnside	estelleburnside@atmc.net		SHAME on the legislature for its handling of the redistricting maps!
09/16/2019 05:51 PM	Jessica Higginbotham	jlblu@gmail.com		NO to gerrymandering. YES to fair districts.
09/16/2019 05:51 PM	Mr John Graham	Jwg3807@bellsouth.net	Me	The Republicans have proven they cannot be trusted to do the right thing. It's time to take maps out of their hands and put with an independent commission or have the judges draw them!
09/16/2019 05:54 PM	Mrs Marlene Barney	msmwb@aol.com	A concerned citizen	(1) We need decreased partisanship and politicizing. Redistricting should be done by an independent, nonpartisan commission. (2) We want increased transparency

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				<p>in legislative redistricting. Increase the public's access to its redistricting processes. The Legislature should also incorporate transparency in all redistricting efforts in the future.</p> <p>(3). We want the Legislature to maintain the portal for public comment until the courts approve the maps. All comments should continue to be made available to the public throughout the remaining steps in order to promote broader engagement and public dialogue. Make these public comments available in real time continuously through the end of the redistricting process and final approval.</p> <p>(4). We need you to make updated draft maps fully available to the public. Publish these maps as machine-readable maps as well as PDFs on a daily basis.</p> <p>(5) We want you to provide more information on how the process will proceed. We need to know what will happen and when so that we can follow the proceedings and provide timely input.</p> <p>(6). We need you to give us a better idea of what we are seeing online. We need to know which districts are being redrawn and who is doing the redrawing.</p> <p>(7) There should be absolutely no confusion as to which district a voter lives in or where a voter needs to go in order to vote!</p> <p>These steps are necessary to make this process one that is nonpartisan, fair, open, and that voters can understand and participate in effectively.</p>
09/16/2019 06:00 PM	Mr & Mrs Tom & Shar Mulvey	Tomshar2004@gmail.com	AARP	Need more transparency on map restricting.Has to be more fair & Impartial
09/16/2019 06:00 PM	Carol Lenhardt	carolblenhardt@gmail.com		<p>I am concerned about the on-going assault on our democracy by bodies at all levels of government, both in-state and nationally. The doctrine of equal representation is one that school children have been taught throughout history and the current legislative majority has taken every step to tilt the balance in their favor through gerrymander, voter tampering and voter suppression. The idea that elected officials believe they can ignore court orders leaves this voter incredulous and the blatant disregard you have for the law is disrespectful to our institutions and the people who vote in this state. This voter is tired of your dirty tricks and behavior that disenfranchises a majority of voters in the state and which protects the interests of a few. The United States, from its roots as a land of opportunity for all comers, has become a place where small numbers of people in power do anything they can to retain power. I suspect Lord Acton was right...absolute power corrupts absolutely. I hope you get what you deserve in November 2020.</p>
09/16/2019 06:07 PM	Margaret Swezey	mfswezey@gmail.com		The districts that have been drawn since the 2010 election have been found to be unconstitutional gerrymanders several times. I am sick and

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				tired of our state making national news for unconstitutional gerrymandering. Political parties should not be in the business of drawing voting districts. It's time for redistricting to be turned over to the special master. We voters need to be able to choose our legislators, not the other way around! It's also important that districts be drawn in a way independent of whether or not they protect incumbents, particularly incumbents who benefited from the unconstitutional gerrymandering. Independent redistricting is the only answer.
09/16/2019 06:15 PM	Mrs Mercedes Garrett	benzie24@hotmail.com		I'm sick to my stomach that gerrymandering has rendered all of my votes useless in the 10 years that I've called NC home. Independent redistricting with no regard for incumbents is absolutely essential to keeping integrity in our democracy. Without that it's all a sham.
09/16/2019 06:28 PM	Bob Smithwick	Bobleap@gmail.com		I am an independent, and I don't fit in your two party biopoly. There are a good number of us out here with no seat at the table, and you continue to remove chairs. It's a great time to rethink a process that has never worked.
09/16/2019 06:28 PM	Ms Kelly Lyons	Tlyonsden@aol.com	Concerned citizen	Please please make sure the maps and districts are drawn by independent source. As a voting resident of the existing 9th district since 1987, I would really like my vote to count and not be wasted because of the highly partisan lines of my district. It's shameful really and yes all parties are guilty of it. That's why an independent source would be better
09/16/2019 06:30 PM	Ms. Annette Hughes	afhughes5820@gmail.com		Slightly "less bad" gerrymandering is not what the court asked for and not what North Carolinians like me expect. We expect FAIR maps. Gerrymandering is fundamentally unethical and un-democratic. I ask all of you to FIX it all the way. The remedial maps as they are now are unacceptable.
09/16/2019 06:34 PM	Dr. Christopher Baker	christopherbaker191@gmail.com	New Hanover Regional Medical Center	As a concerned citizen and resident of Brunswick County, I strongly oppose revising maps that lead to "gerrymandering" in order to give one party an advantage over the other. The upcoming elections in the next 26 months are too important to be determined by partisan manipulation.
09/16/2019 06:34 PM	KAREN LISNOW	klisnow@msn.com		This map drawing process is extremely upsetting...I demand transparency....
09/16/2019 06:40 PM	Gina DeBose			It's past time for us to end gerrymandering and have independent redistricting!
09/16/2019 07:00 PM	Ann Rogets			Leave Columbus County as is.
09/16/2019 07:02 PM	Gary Damstetter	gdamstetter@gmail.com		Dear NC State Legislature, I am writing to inform you that I strongly support independent district drawing free from the influence of any and all political parties. I believe

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				that partisan district drawing is harmful to our state and our Democracy. I do not believe that any political party should have the ability to choose their voters - I believe the voters should have the power to choose their representatives. Thank you.
09/16/2019 07:24 PM	Mr. Thomas Hinch	tjhinch738@gmail.com		Districting should be done by an independent outside group.
09/16/2019 07:34 PM	Mr. Harley Putnam	aputnam@triad.rr.com		Please, please please, find a non partisan way to FAIRLY redistrict after the census.
09/16/2019 07:50 PM	COMPLETELY UNPARTISAN DIS Rob Bowers	Robnesscharlotte@gmail.com	Boomtown Renovations LLC	You MUST make NC an example of NON PARTISAN districts based on population and shortest lines.  It simply is not equal representation under the law if you do otherwise.
09/16/2019 08:03 PM	Damien Gu	damiengu@gmail.com		Please require independent third party to draft the maps and audit the maps. The map making process should also be released to the public for auditing and transparency. It should be generated without any regard to voter history, race, ethnicity, or any factors. Please recall all representatives elected using these maps as their election was UNCONSTITUTIONAL and recall all their votes and bills.
09/16/2019 08:11 PM	Dr. Sue Peck	sueroy400@gmail.com	retired educator	Just get OUT of the process....let an independent board (or better yet, a computer that has had appropriate data input from independent sources) draw the districts. It was wrong when the Democrats did it and it sure is HORRID and wrong when this legislature majority has done it. Just get out of the whole blessed process!
09/16/2019 08:14 PM	James Frazier	jbfraczie@gmail.com		We need to adopt independent redistricting that doesn't take into account race or partisanship when drawing districts. There should always be competition, neither side should be able to create an advantage that last for decades. Competitive legislative races are what democracy should be based on.
09/16/2019 08:24 PM	Mr. Robert Schultz	torocity@gmail.com		While it's good that the House Redistricting Committee hearings were live-streamed for all to see, it's nonetheless disturbing that the maps that were presented were not drawn for the purpose of addressing the concerns identified by the court. It was really difficult to follow the proceedings, and it's troubling that incumbency was prioritized over other parameters that were emphasized by the judges; e.g. the court ruled that fewer split districts, compactness and contiguity "shall" be emphasized when drawing the maps, but that incumbency "may" be considered. We viewed members at computers drawing lines to favor themselves and, while this displayed transparency, it also demonstrated disdain for the

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				<p>process and for the remedy to partisan maps.</p> <p>So, whether the lines are skewed in public or in secret, this is not where we need to be. We have an opportunity to show good faith and do the right thing at a time the public is cynical about redistricting and those who serve in the legislature. The people of North Carolina also recognize that the party that received the most votes in last year's election is in the minority in both legislative bodies, and that's wrong no matter which party is in control.</p> <p>We must implement fair maps to restore faith and trust in democracy and our system of government, and in our elected representatives. I urge you to make the process fair and transparent, and to implement fair voting maps in 2020 and beyond that reflect the will of the voters; not the will of the legislators.</p>
09/16/2019 08:42 PM	Dr. Dana Hagele	danahagele@msn.com	Citizen	Every single Democrat, Republican, and Independent deserves easy access to voting - within a jurisdiction mapped through a fair and independent process. Who can argue with that?
09/16/2019 08:57 PM	Meg Brown	megandsbrown@att.net		We need to enact a fair and transparent redistricting process, and to put an end to Gerrymandering! We need non-partisan maps drawn in public, not behind closed doors, to ensure that each of our voices is heard.
09/16/2019 09:00 PM	Deb Flowers	dfflowers@hotmail.com		Moral, ethical, unbiased, and independent redistricting should be the basis from which all members of our GA work. Common decency should be the behavior our leaders exhibit. We want fair districting. Stop the heavy handed politics and the absolute lack of respect for NC citizens.
09/16/2019 09:03 PM	Brian Cross	cross.brian.d@gmail.com	Union West Rotary Club	I am disappointed with the maps under their current design. The people of Monroe are getting their city cut in half still. Indian Trail the largest town in the county is cut in 3. Why we we cutting up communities and diving their voice up across different representatives. Neither town is so large they need multiple representatives to represent their community. We already get a poor job with the ones we have. Draw maps so those towns are appropriately represented
09/16/2019 09:07 PM	Dr. Judith Bellin	judybellin@gmail.com		<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the redrawing of NC voting districts.</p> <p>I am disappointed that the materials distributed by the commission to be used as a basis of comments are so very inadequate for the purpose. As a result citizens like myself are hamstrung.</p> <p>1. We need the process to be much more open, transparent and deliberate than seems to be the case.</p>

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				<p>2. I agree with the steps suggested by the League of Women Voters to increase citizens' accessibility to the current and future redistricting processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make all public comments available in real time continuously through the end of the redistricting process and final approval.</li> <li>- Make draft maps fully available to the public. The League recommends that the Legislature publish machine-readable maps as well as PDFs on a daily basis.</li> <li>- Provide more information on how the process will proceed. Citizens need to know what will happen and when so that they can follow the proceedings and provide timely input.</li> <li>- Give voters a REALidea of what they are seeing online. We need to know which districts are being redrawn and who is doing the redrawing.</li> </ul> <p>3. NC needs an INDEPENDENT Redistricting Commission</p>
09/16/2019 09:07 PM	Mr Douglas Fisher	fisherdouglas@hotmail.com		As a registered independent, I would like to know where the independents are who should be involved in this redistricting process? Why is the largest voting block being shut out? We should have a completely independent commission in charge of the redistricting. Otherwise, we are still being taxed without being represented.
09/16/2019 09:26 PM	Transparency of votermaos Megan Heilman	meganh@nc.rr.com		I respectfully that more transparency is used for the drawing of the new voter maps. The GOP cannot be trusted to be unbiased.
09/16/2019 09:36 PM	Jill Salmons	greytabbycat@hotmail.com		Use fair maps
09/16/2019 09:36 PM	Ms. Teresa Priboth	tpriboth@nc.rr.com		Please draw fair redistricting lines. We need the people in our state to know they have a voice. Pretty sure you will just do what you want but at least I have made a statement.
09/16/2019 09:42 PM	Alison Russen	alison.russen@gmail.com		Adopt independent redistricting.
09/16/2019 09:50 PM	Windy Arey-Kent	Nckents@yahoo.com		The unfair and biased gerry mandering by this super majority has intentionally disenfranchised minority voters in this state for way too long. It is completely unconstitutional and needs to stop now! Both sides of the aisle need to listen to your constituents. We want and deserve fair maps and fair elections in this state! Hire a third party to draw new maps and restore our faith in NC state elected officials.
09/16/2019 09:53 PM	Mr. John Cox	john.hume.cox@gmail.com		<p>The court has found partisan gerrymandering in 14 county groupings in the House and 7 county groupings in the Senate.</p> <p>The North Carolina General Assembly is currently considering a proposed</p>

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09/16/2019 10:02 PM	Julie Knutson	Julie_ann_knutson@yahoo.com	Citizen of NC	<p>I implore this committee to adopt independent redistributing. The Republicans in power have displayed over and over that they are deceitful and untrustworthy. Removing legislators from the process of drawing their own district boundaries will ensure that NC citizens again have fair and free elections. For the 9/18 deadline, fix the House districts in Robeson, Columbus and Pender counties immediately, stop protecting Republican incumbents, and give us fair maps. You've stolen our votes for too long.</p>
09/16/2019 10:25 PM	Jimmy Cribb	jimmycribb1968@gmail.com		<p>I do not agree or support the redistricting of Columbus County.</p>
09/16/2019 10:27 PM	Mr. David LaMotte	davidlamotte@me.com		<p>I am horrified by the long history of gerrymandering in this state by both parties. Political gerrymandering is an active effort to subvert the will of the people, and cannot be read in any other light. It is a betrayal of any politician's oath of office. Please move to an independent districting model once and for all, and let the people's voice be heard. The nation is watching, and sees the ongoing deception — scheduling a vote on a day when it was promised that there would be no vote, in order to get around the fact that, even with unfair districts, the people have put a hold on such brazen power-grabs and limited the majority party's power. Please, for the sake of democracy and basic integrity, do better.</p>
09/16/2019 10:32 PM	Independent Redistricting Antonio Rodriguez	2014rodriguez.antonio@gmail.com		<p>Politicians should not be deciding who their voters should be. The citizens should be able to trust that there is a fair process for districts to be created. We deserve an independent body takes the power of creating districts away from politicians and political parties regardless of which side of the isle they happen to stand.</p>



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09/16/2019 10:33 PM	Ms Mary Jane Muse	mjanemuse@yahoo.com		<p>Copied and pasted from a friend because he expresses my thoughts better than I can:</p> <p>The Court has allowed the party that implemented the illegal gerrymandering, to control the redistricting committee. They are flaunting the rules set up by the courts in this redistricting case.</p> <p>An email was sent to the committee, of partisan voter data. Quite obviously, this is against the court ordered "no partisan data". This alone should nullify the maps</p> <p>The court order said the process needed to be public. Public comments were allowed BEFORE the committee's maps were made public at 9AM. The maps were then voted on by the committee, at 10AM, 1 hour after they were made public.</p> <p>No predetermined maps were supposed to be used as a starting point. Yet, they used maps made by Jowei Chen, a University of Michigan professor whose testimony helped show that they constitute an illegal partisan gerrymander.</p> <p>Those maps were NOT intended to be remedial maps</p> <p>The picking of those starting maps, from literally thousands of maps made by Chen was not public. Was the choice a random choice? That is unknown without transparency.</p> <p>Some maps that were agreed upon were then brought out of the room by republicans, and came back not approved. That is not a public process, but backroom dealings.</p> <p>Columbus County was redrawn with 12 precincts changing. The court ordered a minimum change for "double bunking". The question was asked for all 13 district changes, "was this a minimum change?" except Columbus. It would seem that they would not like the answer, so did not ask the question.</p> <p>I would ask the Court to consider these examples of blatant disregard of Court ordered procedure. The process of redistricting by this committee has been usurped by a group bent on self preservation and selecting voters to elevate their power. We need to have voters selecting their representation, not the other way around.</p>

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09/16/2019 10:38 PM	Ashamed of GOP Rhonds Hessner	rhessner57@gmail.com		<p>The Court has allowed the party that implemented the illegal gerrymandering, to control the redistricting committee. They are flaunting the rules set up by the courts in this redistricting case.</p> <p>An email was sent to the committee, of partisan voter data. Quite obviously, this is against the court ordered "no partisan data". This alone should nullify the maps</p> <p>The court order said the process needed to be public. Public comments were allowed BEFORE the committee's maps were made public at 9AM. The maps were then voted on by the committee, at 10AM, 1 hour after they were made public.</p> <p>No predetermined maps were supposed to be used as a starting point. Yet, they used maps made by Jowei Chen, a University of Michigan professor whose testimony helped show that they constitute an illegal partisan gerrymander.</p> <p>Those maps were NOT intended to be remedial maps</p> <p>The picking of those starting maps, from literally thousands of maps made by Chen was not public. Was the choice a random choice? That is unknown without transparency.</p> <p>Some maps that were agreed upon were then brought out of the room by republicans, and came back not approved. That is not a public process, but backroom dealings.</p> <p>Columbus County was redrawn with 12 precincts changing. The court ordered a minimum change for "double bunking". The question was asked for all 13 district changes, "was this a minimum change?" except Columbus. It would seem that they would not like the answer, so did not ask the question.</p> <p>I would ask the Court to consider these examples of blatant disregard of Court ordered procedure. The process of redistricting by this committee has been usurped by a group bent on self preservation and selecting voters to elevate their power. We need to have voters selecting their representation, not the other way around.</p>
09/16/2019 10:41 PM	Ms Caroline Knight	ceaknight@yahoo.com		<p>Please allow this process to be completely independent without taking into account incumbency. Neither Republicans nor Democrats should be in charge of drawing these maps - it should be handled by a completely</p>

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				independent committee. This is how all future maps should be drawn as well. We need to ensure that our representatives are chosen without any predetermined bias.
09/16/2019 10:44 PM	Kaola Smallwood	spiritoflightkao@gmail.com	Elders Fierce for Racial Justice	Fair maps should have been drawn years ago!
09/16/2019 10:48 PM	Andrea Rosal	Ameach@gmail.com		I'm an Asheville, NC citizen and I support an independent redistricting process, one that is vetted by a modeling strategy with transparent merit outside either party's solitary approval. The courts have spoken VERY clearly and the people of NC deserve a better system for electing their representatives. Anything that falls short of this ethical mandate will result in the maps being thrown out again. Please don't waste your time or ours, more than has already happened. Gerrymandered maps have earned this state a famously poor record of integrity across the nation. I can't imagine that is the legacy our state leaders wish to leave, in exchange for the precious lifeblood and hours of your own time in office. Please take this opportunity to recognize that the state needs a better path forward, one that the most central insiders can no longer provide.
09/16/2019 10:52 PM	Tara Waters	T1776000@gmail.com		Stop redrawing district lines when election results do not please you. I'm tired of it from all sides. Leave The lines be!
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09/16/2019 10:53 PM	Mr. Manuel Reyes-Otálora	mro@ro-arch.com		This map-drawing process has been bad from the beginning. Legislators have been working off of flawed maps, had access to partisan data, and – despite the fact they are live streaming the hearings – they are not allowing citizens to provide meaningful input. Lines are being drawn and changed unnecessarily, without any explanation at all. I am demanding that you create a meaningful dialogue with the public throughout this process and keep partisan data out of the process
09/16/2019 11:23 PM	Ms. Nancy Halloran	nanph@att.net		The people of North Carolina deserve non-partisan districts to adequately represent the desires of the people who reside in the district. Politicians should NOT be allowed to pick their voters.
09/16/2019 11:38 PM	Mx. Bill Fricke	illustrobot@yahoo.com	JACKSONVILLE PROGRESSIVES	I could never understand why the repuklican's were so aligned with a narcissistic psychopath. But now that I am here in NC I see all too clearly why. Because that is almost status quo for the gop. They proselytize with their pale sanctimony; they undercut all good programs if not eliminate them, they never cease to see the glass full because they have worked so hard to make it so for themselves. They are racist, they are homophobes, xenophobes. Repuklican's are against clean air and water, they believe that people have some kind of right to amass guns especially auto's and semis and fall into line whenever the nra says jump. They, like the the

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				<p>most despicable deplorable reprobate in government 2nd only to trump/pence who is McConnell love to stick it to the people that are their constituents. They ignore us and callously back ICE as the modern SS not caring literally for a second how their actions or inaction devastates lives. Millions of lives. Ironically everyone's forebears came from somewhere. They scuttle every bill that might allow the marginalized to see light. They make excuses and laws to treat the lgbtq as some kind of aberration while in fact they are the aberration. They are the one's with no compassion and greed till the water and sky fill with toxins. Through willful ignorance and manipulation they can deny the world is in existential crises. They insist on perpetuating a narrative that serves the very rich and the rich and nothing ever trickles down except the blood of the people 'us' that have voted you into office. This latest scum parade just underlines how fucked up the repukican's really are. They like trump are petulant children who if they are told no they use subterfuge to get it anyway. NC has historically been a racist gerrymandered white supremacist autocracy. In microcosm here in Jacksonville the red is backed by trump, toadies et al, all in the same big nepotistic crony filled self-serving boat. The dems have all but disappeared seemingly just giving up and letting the rep's do whatever they want. I have faith and respect for two people here. Roy Cooper and Erica Smith. They have spines and hearts and are the only vestige of what true progressivism looks like. It is time to act in solidarity for the people of the world and not be in it for the short gain. NO one wins with a ton of money and nothing to drink no air to breathe and the risk of dying of too much heat exposure which may well be 5 minutes in the sun. We all should embrace Democratic Socialism which is to be absolutely clear not 'socialism.' To me it means that we all work together for a goal that will enable future generations to flourish and for us currently be able to live somewhat well. To end I am thoroughly pissed off that there is any consideration being given to seismic testing, fracking and oil rigs and exploration. It is more like exploitation of an already fragile ecosystem to putrify our overburdened ocean and beaches. Once again to line trump and his corrupt toadies pockets. I went to a local meeting here and was not given a second to speak before being summarily dismissed. This is what the repukican's have done to counties like ours. They have decimated all hope and kept the narrative to a never ending shit pile of rhetoric. I am canvassing for Bernie simply because of his integrity. He, despite all the facades and charades and political ponzi schemes that make up politics has remained a man for the people. He can and will beat trump. Then and only then do we have a chance of saving this planet and of course our nation. trump and his bastard sycophants have tried to raze everything to</p>

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				the ground. They have all but succeeded in signing the world's death certificate. As Al Gore said centuries ago 'We live in a time of an inconvenient truth.' That truth is global warming and all the subsets that go with it. We have been sold out to the highest bidder and there is no winner although the resident of the us seems to think so. Himself. Like I said NC is a disgusting reminder of just how arrested we have become as a people. The racism is alive here as it has always been. Simply put if you can stand behind and vote for a racist psychopath then you are a racist as well if not at the very least sociopathic. If you think I am crazy you would be wrong. I am amazed that this place earth has become some dystopian surreal nightmare horror story. Let's see the gop and all the dem's that have been bought create a narrative around that. Let's just stop the partisan bullshit and wake up before it is too late. Bernie is the solution not trump and toadies final solution. Why did this answer end here because nothing happens in a vacuum. We are all one despite what one might believe. NC is just another symptom but also the root. It starts here with racism white privilege and entitlement. NC be very ashamed of your ugly base legacy. If you aren't then that is the problem.
09/17/2019 12:04 AM	Ms. Ashley McKenna	Ashleymeares@gmail.com		We need to use Random Computer Generated Nonpartisan Maps in order to restore value to our democracy and allow the citizens to be truly represented. Our current maps are blatant gerrymandering and continued attempts to undercut nonpartisan maps continue like in the case of Senator Alexander. Politicians must earn their votes, not redraw districts to carve out their votes. Stop the map manipulation and use maps based on the number of people in the district without consideration for race, party affiliation, etc.
09/17/2019 12:21 AM	Mallory Moen			Please redistrict. It's not fair what has been done to A&T.
09/17/2019 01:45 AM	Sheryle Augustine	vasewist@gmail.com		I am in favor of an independent commission to draw these maps. Keep party politics out of it. Thank you.
09/17/2019 01:50 AM	Danielle Altieri	Danielle.m.altieri@gmail.com		Every single North Carolinian, regardless of political affiliation, deserves easy/equal access to voting options, within a jurisdiction determined by a fair and independent process. That's it - a pretty basic concept in a centuries-old democracy. These districts are absolutely appalling in their current state.
09/17/2019 01:59 AM	Lara McKinnon	LaraMcK@twc.com		"Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." This quote, over 130 years old, defines the moment we are in. When legislators choose their voters, instead of voters choosing their representatives, the foundation of our Democracy is undermined.
09/17/2019	Judy Koehly	judykoehly@atmc.net		For Democracy to work it is important that each vote actually counts.

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03:49 AM				You must get rid of the partisan lines creating artificial districts where only one party has a chance of winning; let the citizens decide who they want to represent them!
09/17/2019 05:40 AM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gail.com	Citizen, Franklin County	<p>I heard that some of the public declared (during verbal public comment in the LOB room 643 yesterday Sept 16) that the courts had no authority to take the ability to draw districts list away from the legislature. To be blunt, that is wrong. To explain (attempting to legally correct while using my layman's vocabulary) first we must learn that the courts can determine when the courts (themselves) can rule on an issue. That is "Justiciability "</p> <p>From the Cornell web page <a href="https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/justiciability">https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/justiciability</a></p> <p>Justiciability refers to the types of matters that a court can adjudicate. If a case is "nonjusticiable," then the court cannot hear it.</p> <p>Prior to 1993 it was unclear as to the authority of the courts to rule on the authority of state legislatures to draw district boundaries. In 1993 the Supreme Court of the US (SCOTUS) case Shaw v. Reno, 509 U.S. 630 (1993) mostly, there were following SCOTUS cases that clarified the issues,</p> <p>determined that the courts did have the authority to rule on the rights of the state legislatures to draw district boundaries . I.e. that the issue was Justiciable.</p> <p>Perhaps the most common justification for the courts authority to rule is in the US Constitution 14th Amendment "Section 1.</p> <p>No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person: within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.</p> <p>"</p> <p>To paraphrase one SCOTUS justice: there is no more fundamental privilege than to vote. Gerrymandering abridges that privilege and therefore is unconstitutional. SCOTUS can rule on constitutional issues and they have repeatedly have done so on the rights of legislatures to draw district boundaries (since 1993). E.g. Gill v. Whitford, 138 S. Ct. 1916 (2018)</p> <p>and very recently, June 26, 2019, two cases Rucho v. Common Cause and Lamone v. Benisek. I {5-4 ruling}</p> <p>Also states have all the rights that are not given to the Federal government. Several state Supreme Courts have ruled on</p>

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09/17/2019 06:34 AM	Mr. Marc Pendergast	george@rcukes.com		An independent redistricting committee is the only way to guarantee fair and equitable. No party should be allowed to rig the system in their favor.
09/17/2019 07:03 AM	Mr. John Downs	Jdownswsnc@gmail.com	Airbnb owner	Please, do the right thing and create independent districts in our state. NC needs something to be proud of for our future!
09/17/2019 07:04 AM	Independent Redistricting Brian Kaminski	bekamins@gmail.com		Current and past events clearly illustrate that the NC Senate and General Assembly are incapable of drawing fair and just districts. The citizens of NC have lost all respect and confidence for NC legislators to draw their own maps. Therefore, the clear and obvious action would be to create an independent bipartisan committee to draw district maps and reconfirm the power each NC voter wields.
09/17/2019 07:05 AM	1969 Anne Dickens	dickens_anne@hotmail.com		Please use an independent commission to redistrict (or the maps already made by an independent commission for the last round of court cases) so that North Carolina can put this embarrassment behind us. If you are afraid of losing unless you cheat and manipulate the districts, why don't you support policies that the majority of North Carolina will benefit from like investing in education, health security and industry. Don't you want to be beyond reproach? It is time to bring democracy back to NC.
09/17/2019 07:16 AM	Mrs. Barbara Clouse	bclouse4@gmail.com		My concerns are several: The public needs more information on your process; drafts of the maps should be more readily available; public comments should be made available in real time. Most significantly, the current draft combines towns across the Cape Fear, which makes not sense and because it splinters communities with common interests.
09/17/2019 07:23 AM	Untrustworthy legislature Alyce Fowler	AlyceFowler@yahoo.com		The current legislature was installed via gerrymander. It has proven itself time and again to be wholly untrustable, most recently two days ago as they deceptively conspired to thwart democratic process in a veto override.  The maps MUST be drawn by independent party to restore citizens' confidence in the process.
09/17/2019 07:28 AM	Tracey Powell	tapowell60@gmail.com		I would like to go on record and state that the NCGA should not be the ones responsible for drawing the new maps. It is time for NC to establish a fair and impartial redistricting committee. Both parties have abused their power in the past. With new data coming our after the 2020 census, it will be more important than ever to have fair maps. The citizens of North Carolina deserve to know that their vote will make a difference. It is time for us to choose our own legislators rather than allowing our legislators to choose their voters.



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09/17/2019 07:35 AM	Mark Biggers	mrbiggers@yahoo.com	self	Your constituents ask for and indeed demand a non-partisan drawing of these Remedial Maps. Those constituents include at least those who are informed as to (1) what gerrymandering is and (2) how gerrymandering has skewed the representation in NC State and Congressional representation, to the great favor of the Republican Party including racial offsets, and so quite clearly not representing the actual voting public in NC. There must be a fair, "as blind as possible" redrawing of the North Carolina districts map. I am especially concerned with fair representation of the Black population of NC - as a substantial minority, Black folks are 22% of the population! Do your job, and do it fairly without the previous, quite intentional bias!
09/17/2019 07:37 AM	Michelle Hunter			Redistricting should be completed by a neutral body. In addition, this body should be compelled to use existing non-political boundaries: ZIP code lines, municipal and county lines, subdivision boundaries, rivers, and/or highways. Everybody in the same neighborhood should get the same ballot. No more bowls of spaghetti.
09/17/2019 07:59 AM	Mrs Tamara Hutchinson			Independent folks should draw voting the lines!
09/17/2019 08:16 AM	Mary Hasty	mchasty1@gmail.com		I want this to be fair to everyone and representative and I want representatives to HAVE to work together. Our issues are too dire for all this bickering. My proposal is this <a href="https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting-maps/north-carolina/#Competitive">https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting-maps/north-carolina/#Competitive</a>
09/17/2019 08:29 AM	Mr. Richard Fulton	richardefulton@gmail.com		Please respect all North Carolinians with independent, nonpartisan districting maps.
09/17/2019 08:31 AM	NANCY O'DONOHUE	nancy.odonohue@gmail.com		Time to wipe the slate clean. Draw fair maps based on geography and population without protecting incumbents. Everyone being a little unhappy is a good thing.
09/17/2019 08:34 AM	Mr Brian Beauregard	beauregardzephyr39@gmail.com	None	It is VERY disconcerting that the new redistricting lines STILL are drawn to under represent those of us that are NOT Republican, or white. This still shows a tendency by ONE party to subvert the democratic process for their own ends, and prevent ALL of us from being fairly represented. This points to ANOTHER reason that district voting maps should be drawn by a non-partisan group of CITIZENS, not the party in power.
09/17/2019 08:37 AM	Kevin Brock	kevin.brock77@gmail.com		During the sweltering summer of 1776 in Philadelphia, those delegates assembled in that small meeting room charged King George III with denying large groups of colonists the right of representation in the legislature, a right they described as "inestimable to the people and formidable to tyrants." The 9/11/19 shenanigans by the unconstitutionally-assembled House of Representatives denied roughly half the voters of North Carolina their right of representation in the

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				legislature, pulling a parliamentary trick to override the Governor's veto. Draw fair lines. Give the people sovereignty again.
09/17/2019 09:00 AM	Rachel Poller	mwindila@hotmail.com	League of Women Voters Henderson County	<p>Good morning.</p> <p>I don't live in the Raleigh area so can't get to legislative sessions and have been out of town the last two weeks. I do, however, read our local newspaper online and follow what's going on. I have seen /heard almost nothing about the actual process and criteria since the court order to redraw the districts, so it's surprising to me to hear that it's almost completed. Have there been any open meetings across the state to inform/discuss with the public? I think it's absolutely vital that we know how the maps are being withdrawn and that this info should be shared on tv, newspapers, public forums in every county. Transparency is essential if trust in the process and in our governing body is to be established. Thanks so much.</p> <p>Rachel Poller President LWVHC</p>
09/17/2019 09:04 AM	Elizabeth Glatstein	lizglatstein@bellsouth.net	Retired	As a voter I am demanding that unconstitutional gerrymandering be eliminated.
09/17/2019 09:07 AM	Mr Tim Holder	timholder@verizon.net	no organization, just citizen	<p>Here are my comments: Issues that need to be addressed for these proposed new maps:</p> <p>The new map for House District 19 includes both New Hanover County and parts of Brunswick County. A large part of the Cape Fear River divides voters with no bridge access between the two communities. These communities of Kure Beach and Southport are reachable only by ferry or require a long drive through two other voting districts to get there. The base maps that were used to draw the proposed new maps have Some precincts omitted, they are outdated and boundaries may have changed.</p> <p>Due to the separation by the Cape Fear, areas included in Brunswick and New Hanover Counties have limited shared culture and community. Southport's identity is separate from the Wilmington community. The Residents of all NHC beaches consider the Wilmington area as part of their community. However, most people in Brunswick do not see Wilmington as part of their community.</p> <p>Between the areas of Brunswick and New Hanover County, most residents really do not regularly travel, shop, and socialize between these two areas on a day to day basis.</p> <p>Northern Brunswick (which was previously part of District 18) folks often work in Wilmington and commute back and forth over the bridge. Many folks in Wilmington go to Leland to shop and socialize. We know the area we live in best, so provide suggestions on how the map may be better</p>

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				<p>drawn. This can also include personal experiences, including how much time you have spent traveling to the areas of Brunswick County that have been included into District 19 and how you view these communities relationship to one another.</p> <p>When working on your comments, leave out any partisan information about the districts. Partisan data was not to be used when determining these new maps; however, at this point we are still waiting to see if this has been upheld. Keep your comments constructive and avoid accusations. These comments may end up as part of the court record as this case proceeds.</p>
09/17/2019 09:08 AM	Ms Princess Ferguson	princessferguson@yahoo.com		I am disappointed that citizens have not and will not have a chance to view the maps before decisions are made. This process has not been transparent. Did you decide to protect incumbents or divide the district fairly based only on population whenever possible?
09/17/2019 09:14 AM	Dr. Marianne Huntley	marley@alumni.virginia.edu		District 7, my district, still meanders too far inland. Many of the practical interests of coastal communities are quite different from the inland farming communities. Aside from being compact, contiguous, and not splitting municipalities or counties, when possible, is not a very important factor that the districts should represent the interests of the majority of the constituencies within the district? I have not looked closely at other districts, but I hope, for example, that differences in the interests of urban districts from very rural districts are also considered.
09/17/2019 09:17 AM	Mrs Donna Mergliano	kenelin5@gmail.com		The process of creating new maps seems to have been done without time for the public to study and respond to proposals. This is not an open process as directed by the courts.
09/17/2019 09:23 AM	Redistricting Robert Longo	bob.j.longo@gmail.com		It is long past time to take politics out of the redistricting process. The districts should be drawn by individuals outside the Legislature working with apolitical rules and goals to draw districts that keep districts as compact as possible. The individuals should have only population distribution information in terms of geography, no information about race, political party, or any other factor that could influence their decision-making in drawing the districts.
09/17/2019 09:25 AM	Ms. Amy White	parallel.awhite@gmail.com		Our democracy depends on free and fair elections. North Carolina voters will not tolerate anything less than an above-board election in 2020 and beyond. We need transparency and - once and for all - an END to gerrymandering in this state. Gerrymandering is basically a nicer word for "rigged." We must have elections in which every vote is counted and in which the final tally reflects the TRUE WILL OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA.
09/17/2019	Redistricting	Evan.foster31@gmail.com		I ask for the House to employ an independent panel to perform

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09:26 AM	Evan Foster			redistricting. There is too much bias evident in maps chosen by politicians who want to retain their seats in their districts.
09/17/2019 09:31 AM	Karina Mariotti	k.mariotti@gmail.com		Redistricting must be done by an independent or bipartisan body/ commission. Maps should be created by an independent commission, rather than politicians in the legislature,
09/17/2019 09:34 AM	Linda Hansma	llhansma@gmail.com		I object to the legislature's decision to protect each incumbent from being drawn into the same district as another legislator. This is a harmful practice that perpetuates the practice of politicians selecting their voters, rather than the voters selecting their representatives.
09/17/2019 09:35 AM	Dr Aleksandra McClain	aleksm42@gmail.com		NC absolutely MUST have independent, non-partisan redistricting to ensure fair elections in the state. The history of gerrymandering in our state, by both sides of the aisle, is shameful testimony to the fact that the vast majority of politicians will put the benefit of themselves and their party over the will of the voters. The recent unethical behavior by Republicans, both in map-drawing and in calling surprise votes on the budget veto, has reduced trust between colleagues in the NCGA and between the voters and politicians to basically zero. A permanent, independent districting commission is the only sensible answer to restoring integrity to NC politics.
09/17/2019 09:36 AM	Independent Drafting Erin Harris	ercasey@hotmail.com		I am submitting this in favor of requiring independent determination of new districts. I believe any other way will end in another illegally partisan map. Thank you.
09/17/2019 09:41 AM	Nelda Holder	nfholder@gmail.com		Because for a number of years we have been under districting that has been judged illegal, I object to the decision to protect incumbents during the map drawing. To a degree, this preserves the original errors that have brought us to this point! I am not comfortable, as well, with the decision not to fully honor the Voting Rights Act by considering majority/minority districts. I also think additional requests for public input -- a full public hearing at a time when people are not working -- would have made the process more equitable (if they paid attention!).
09/17/2019 09:42 AM	The Rev Charles Zimmerman	RevChas48@gmail.com	Retired	I remain hopeful but concerned as our NC Legislature wrestles with the issue of Redistricting. While both parties have participated in gerrymandering over the course of our history, it has become egregious in recent times. As we go about redrawing the lines, we need to ask: What process and outcome will restore confidence in our democratic system? What is "fair/just" for "all" people regardless of political persuasion, race, gender, or ethnicity? What is the best our democratic sense of government can offer? Thus far, I'm concerned about the process and outcome. Independent studies have provided a direction and possibility for an equitable solution. Why don't we begin there and

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09/17/2019 09:50 AM	Renee Felt	renee.felt@gmail.com		These maps need to be drawn by an independent body that resides outside of politics. Those in both the majority and minority will inherently work to their own benefit when drawing maps that determine/influence their own elect-ability (even if they try not to). These maps continue to instill the current influence of one party over another. This needs to go to an independent body.
09/17/2019 09:58 AM	N Norton	nan.m.norton@gmail.com		Hardly any credible explanation or analysis of what changes have been made to the maps. Public hearings have been severely limited. Incumbents have been primarily focused on protecting their own districts – not creating a fair map. I have no confidence this so-called effort is doing anything other than continuing to keep the GOP in power. Please, for the love of God, stop the gerrymandering and power grabs. Utterly disgraceful.
09/17/2019 10:05 AM	Amanda Salem	Amgoings@gmail.com		Please have the submitted maps evaluated and edited by an independent person or committee! BOTH sides need this!
09/17/2019 10:09 AM	Maria McClain	mamcclain42@gmail.com		NC deserves fair and unbiased representation.
09/17/2019 10:11 AM	Damien Gu	damiengu@gmail.com		Incumbency protection must not be considered for drawing the maps. The incumbents were elected under maps found to be unlawful this decade. You will be perpetuating the unconstitutional and illegal maps. Redraw the maps completely from scratch. Also pass HB 69 and SB 673 to establish an independent, nonpartisan redistricting commission
09/17/2019 10:13 AM	Ms Terry Alston	twa1492@yahoo.com		District 19 has not been given real consideration in design. There is a river running thru it that would require much traveling to get from one side of the district to the other. Have to take a ferry from Southport to Fort Fisher or drive over the bridge and then make their way down to the designated new district area. Madness. Unreasonable. Please take a new look at District 19. Thank you.
09/17/2019 10:20 AM	Dr. John Gary Maxwell	madmax0007@aol.com	none	The hook at the northern-most sections that include as significant section of Wilmington is an error. Wilmington is geographically and culturally related to Northern Brunswick County which is essentially a bedroom community for the city of Wilmington. Many north Brunswick residents travel to Wilmington daily and/or come there for shopping and entertainment. People living in South Brunswick do not consider themselves to be part of the Wilmington area, whereas the NHC beach

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				<p>residents do.</p> <p>Additionally, travel is inefficient and the hook of the proposed map imposes time and distance that the association with northern Brunswick county does not require.</p> <p>A new or additional bridge linking Wilmington more conveniently with northern Brunswick should also argue that they should be together. South Brunswick communities will be far less impacted than those in the north.</p> <p>This proposed map will discourage Wilmington candidates who will find the time and distances expensive in time and money in trying to connect with communities that will see them as foreign and no fully understanding their needs.</p>
09/17/2019 10:32 AM	Tim Gwynn	tim.gwynn@gmail.com		The reason this redistricting is taking place is because politicians took advantage of their power and have proven they cannot draw fair maps. This must be done by an independent party. You've lost the trust of the public and we do not trust you to fix your own abuse of power.
09/17/2019 10:32 AM	Mr Ray Sammis	Crays54@hotmail.com		The district maps need to drawn by an unbiased, independent entity. The lines should reflect population and proximity and incumbency should not be used as a determining factor. For once, put the people of this state first and put maps in place that will reflect the will of the people, not the career politicians.
09/17/2019 10:32 AM	Ms. Martha Hess	Mhesshsd@embarqmail.com		It should be abundantly clear that the maps need to be redone by an independent third party. Do not allow this process ordered by the judiciary to be high jacked.
09/17/2019 10:34 AM	Must be independent Matt Frank	mattjoefrank@gmail.com		Anything but an independent commission is completely unacceptable as a means of drawing new electoral maps in the state of North Carolina. We got here because of corrupt politicians drawing maps to suit their own desires and thus circumventing the will of the people. If we allow those same politicians to draw the new maps, we have changed nothing.
09/17/2019 10:38 AM	Ms Sheila Clendenning	snibbort@aol.com	Ms.	As a Sen 48 voter, I believe the process of redrawing must NOT have been in legislative hands. Independent maps !! Back to the drawing board!
09/17/2019 10:40 AM	Ms Sheila Clendenning	snibbort@aol.com		As a Sen 48 voter, I believe the process of redrawing must NOT have been in legislative hands. Independent maps !! Back to the drawing board!

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09/17/2019 10:49 AM	MR Edward Bassett	ebarrybassett@gmail.com	Citizen Voter	I appreciate that the redistricting work currently being done is with more visibility than in the past ... BUT ... MORE INFORMATION must be available so that the IMPACT of the decisions that are being made can be understood: (1) MACHINE-READABLE maps as well as PRINTABLE ones must be made available to the public DAILY; (2) SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION must be made for meetings etc; (3) IT MAKES NO SENSE TO START WITH OUT-OF-DATE DATA!! I understand that the court order allowed the NCGA to make "reasonable efforts" to protect incumbency – to prevent double bunking of incumbents in districts. But the MAPS that were USED as the starting point were drawn using OUT-OF-DATE DATA. The data includes some "incumbents" who are no longer in the legislature, and likewise there are current legislators elected in 2018 but are not included. NO INCUMBENCY DATA SHOULD BE USED TO DRAW FAIR MAPS!!
09/17/2019 10:54 AM	Gina Collias	gina@colliasattorney.com	Gina Collias Attorney	As a NC attorney and candidate for US Congress for NC-10, the following is my opinion. North Carolinians want fair re-districting. We want a NC law to require an independent, non-partisan redistricting panel for all maps now and in the future. The way the NC GOP drew the maps to such unfair advantage to avoid the wishes of the majority of NC's people and effectively to deprive people of one person one vote is unconstitutional and unconscionable. There must be no appearance of impropriety in the voting process. The NC General Assembly should sua sponte fix our state's Congressional maps now using an independent redistricting panel as well as the state maps without waiting to be sued again. This impropriety is what is happening now under the current Speaker Tim Moore, whether he is trying to draw maps "with laser precision" in his own hen house to favor certain people on a particular street in his county to ensure him votes, whether he is deluded into thinking (and erroneously telling this delusion in comments to the US Supreme Court) that the people of NC agree that he should cook the maps, or whether he is lying to House colleagues and the media to trick the the opposition out of votes to override our NC Governor's veto. These actions are not Christian or diplomatic. We are better than this. We the people of NC insist on fairness and complete transparency in map re-districting, and we want our voices heard and acted upon accordingly.
09/17/2019 11:02 AM	Sarah Hoss	sarah.hoss56@gmail.com		The maps should represent geographic areas, that can build consensus with physical proximity, knowing each other as a community, talking, listening, thinking deeply. Then the community can elect representatives that are able to get re-elected when they support this geographic community with compromise and working for solutions that support the community. The districts should not be related to the two political



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09/17/2019 11:15 AM	Jessica Boles	jessicamboles@gmail.com		NC must have independent, non-partisan redistricting to ensure fair elections in the state. The history of gerrymandering in our state, by both sides of the aisle, is testimony to the fact that the vast majority of politicians will put the benefit of themselves and their party over the will of the voters.
09/17/2019 11:19 AM	Mrs. Katherine Butlerdewit	Katieinamerica@gmail.com	Citizen/resident of NC	Please be fair and transparent.
09/17/2019 11:21 AM	Eric Lugo	Elugo@nc.rr.com		It is time to turn this process over to a third party. Allowing politicians to redistrict their own maps is inherently flawed and does not produce results that benefit the people
09/17/2019 11:32 AM	Mr Donald Dawson	garrencreek@yahoo.com	voting public, veteran who served our country	I agree with the League of Women Voters recommendations regarding transparency in the redistricting process. My vote has been suppressed since the gerrymandered districts were drawn in 2012. My "representative" has little contact with the western portion of his district only showing up for public meetings twice a year and then at odd hours on a weekday. Confident that his gerrymandered map means he doesn't have to deal with real issues and he'll still get reelected. It's time to revamp this map drawing needs to be open and very transparent.
09/17/2019 11:49 AM	Ms. Anne Hummel	annedhummel@gmail.com	none	<p>As a concerned citizen who has been following this redistricting process, I'm very concerned that the legislature decided to protect every incumbent from being drawn into the same district as another legislator, when that was the original strategy for gerrymandering in the first place.</p> <p>I'm concerned about what happened in Greensboro in 2011, and in others as well, to divide the city into separate districts that incorporate rural areas in order to dilute the vote of the majority in the city. This definitely should be corrected.</p> <p>Anne Hummel</p>
09/17/2019 11:51 AM	Christina Berg	ccberg24@gmail.com		I don't understand how hard it is for you all to understand that the public wants transparency and we want fair maps. How hard would it have been to have an independent commission with NONE of you involved to draw fair maps for our elections? Politicians shouldn't be drawing their own maps. Period.
09/17/2019 12:13 PM	Audra Killingsworth	Audrafreethink@gmail.com		I do not believe the maps are fair as drawn. Why? Because you're still protecting incumbents from illegally drawn maps. If you want truly unbiased maps, do it right- hire a firm to draw them fairly from a nonpartisan point of view.

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09/17/2019 12:23 PM	Mrs Nancy Jennings	nanj329@gmail.com		I want a transparent process to make sure we have fair districts all across NC, and especially for us here in WNC. I also think an independent commission would keep politics out of the process now and in the future.
09/17/2019 12:37 PM	Jennifer Gerwig-Dively	Jgerwigdively@hotmail.com		The maps should not be drawn by any politician or any political group. They should be developed and created by an independent 3rd party. With the history of gerrymandering in North Carolina, I don't want anyone involved in politics to take responsibility for the maps.
09/17/2019 01:03 PM	Virginia Adamson	vwadamson526@yahoo.com		The House voted on these "new" maps before public comment was sought. I find it appalling that those who are elected to represent the citizens of this great state do not consider the need for transparency with and input from the public a requirement.
09/17/2019 01:08 PM	Bridget Olender			These newly ordered replacement maps MUST be drawn by independent, neutral entities (only). North Carolinians are exhausted by the corruption of the outlawed versions (and results), and by the time and loss required to return to POSSIBLE fair districts for our voting citizens. Please hear us and don't mess this up. My understanding is the court's order was to have an independent pro team draw the replacements. Anything less will be seen as additional, grand level corruption and cheating, and will confirm intentions of each politician involved in that push. Our patience is long gone on this issue. We are watching and listening closely. Thanks for the space and your service.
09/17/2019 01:34 PM	Sonya Armistead	Armisteadmsw@gmail.com		As a NC citizen, I demand that an independent commission be appointed to redraw FAIR districts for all North Carolinians.
09/17/2019 02:01 PM	Ms. Judy Lotas	judylotas@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Dare County	It is so important that this be done fairly and honestly. People are losing faith in our system of democracy. It is up to you--and to all of us--to restore that faith by doing the right thing.
09/17/2019 02:05 PM	Ms. Kirsten Beth Starr	lamkirstenbeth@gmail.com		Why were politicians involved in drawing up the maps? Why wasn't an independent authority used?
09/17/2019 02:27 PM	Robert McClanahan	rmcclanahan1@icloud.com		It has become clear that the NCGA is incapable of excluding partisan data when drawing its electoral maps. One very clear example is NC House District 63 (Alamance County) where Dr. Chen's map included both Majority party incumbent Stephen Ross, and his previously filed challenger, Minority party Ricky Hurtado . Ross tweaked the line to exclude his opponent from "his" district. We implore the court to instruct the special master to draw the maps and restore our democracy. Thank you.