

2019 NC House Redistricting Public Comments Report - LINC

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09/15/2019 02:57 PM	Mr. Lindy Jacobs	Lanmanmcse@hotmail.com		Leave Columbus County districts alone!
09/15/2019 03:01 PM	Mrs Barbara coulson	dixiespal@aol.com	Common Cause North Carolina	To GOP legislators; Please stop trying to manipulate this map to your advantage. You already know that a 'master' will draw maps for the 2020 election if you continue this charade. You also know that you wanted independent redistricting when you were in the minority- be just a little honest with yourselves and your constituents for a change.
09/15/2019 03:02 PM	Mr Ronald Sigrist	ronaldsigrist@triad.rr.com	Retired	As a concerned citizen of North Carolina I want your to define fair districts in which no party has an advantage. Please use good maps and develop good districts where someone from either party could win. I really want fairness in our elections. Please work toward this end.
09/15/2019 03:03 PM	Helen Livingston	livingston.helen@gmail.com		Now is the time for fairness in drafting Remedial Maps for the House legislative districts for the 2020 election, please.
09/15/2019 03:13 PM	District 19 John LaTorre			House District 19 is extremely skewed in its geographical representation. Downtown Wilmington is not better served by being split into three districts and the beach towns in New Hanover County are not better served by being included with Brunswick county which, due to the river, is separated by either a ferry ride or an hour long drive. Also, it is a poorly disguised partisan gerrymander skewed heavily for the Republican Party.
09/15/2019 03:20 PM	Ms Betty Gunz	bettygunz24@gmail.com		We've been deprived of fair voting maps for far too long. It is unpatriotic and undemocratic. Please give us fair maps. Thank you.
09/15/2019 03:31 PM	Dr. Renee Alsop	Ralsop@gmail.com		Gerrymandering has made my vote meaningless. The citizens of NC deserve fairly drawn legislative maps so that everyone's vote counts equally. When you know better, do better. Stop trying to rig the system to favor one party over another. It's cheating. NC maps need to be redrawn FAIRLY and in a NONPARTISAN manner.
09/15/2019 03:41 PM	Professor Harlow Snyder	grsnyder@davidson.edu	Davidson College	I object to the Columbus County cluster, which has been singled out as particularly problematic. I object to the "inadvertent" release of data containing

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				<p>partisan information, emailed to 31 legislators. Is it guaranteed that all those legislators deleted that data as instructed? I believe the process has been tainted by this and public trust in the process eroded.</p> <p>I object to the base map, already laced with partisan advantage.</p> <p>Most of all, I object to the Republicans attempting to "fix" a problem that they have created and perpetuated to their own advantage. They have every reason to rush the process through without adequate public comment or reflection.</p>
09/15/2019 03:42 PM	Jeffrey Cohen	jeff@jeffcohenstudio.com		<p>I live in Precinct W31. We are currently part of House District 20, which includes the northeastern parts of New Hanover County, though we are in the center of the county. The proposed map would put us in District 19, along with large sections of southern Brunswick County. This is not part of our community, and is in fact separated from us by the Cape Fear River. In order to reach those areas of the proposed district I would have to take a ferry from Fort Fisher to Southport, or drive over the Memorial bridge and head south - either of which takes several hours. Please take into consideration that this proposed district is not a single contiguous community, and that neither of the two areas would be well served by putting them into a single district. I also am concerned that W31 seems to have been singled out for inclusion in this new district, even though it geographically fits well into 18 or 20, both of we identify as part of our community.</p>
09/15/2019 03:49 PM	Sue Marsh	Smarshrlg@yahoo.com		<p>There are several maps that have already been drawn that are both racially and partisan free. I urge you to look at any one of them to use, as they have been drawn by independent groups. Let's finally get gerrymandering out of N.C. politics.</p>
09/15/2019 03:58 PM	Dr. Katherine Connolly	kpcetal@aol.com		<p>As a New Hanover County resident we are very concerned that our newly drawn district reflect our community. Wilmington and Brunswick are completely different communities. We ask you to re-draw the district so that it reflects the natural contours of our community.</p>
09/15/2019 04:10 PM	Mrs Karen Meacham	kckidmuse@yahoo.com	- None -	<p>On behalf of the people of North Carolina, I request that the redistricting committee appoint CITIZENS of North Carolina who are not currently serving as legislative</p>

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				representatives to form a new committee in order to create non-biased, non-partisan districts. Thank you!
09/15/2019 04:13 PM	Ms. Amber GARNER	Garner.amberp@gmail.com	VOTER	I live in district 18. The lines that have been suggested make no common sense. Please, for the sake of history, pride in our state and integrity, do the right thing this time! The county is watching! I disagree with these new lines.
09/15/2019 04:13 PM	Elmer Floyd is my rep Sherwood Williford	SherwoodWilliford@gmail.com	None	Elmer Floyd understands my community and responds to our needs. I understand he's being drawn out of our district or us out of his - and that small changes would let us have a chance to keep voting for Elmer. I hope you will make that change. It makes no sense to take a representative experienced with poor urban populations and send him to a largely rural area.
09/15/2019 04:20 PM	Lynne Shineman	lmsrest@yahoo.com		Please keep politics out of drawing the North Carolina voting district maps. It is an embarrassment to this state how gerrymandering has manipulated the public's voting rights. I am demanding that you create a meaningful dialogue with the public throughout this process and keep partisan data out of the process.
09/15/2019 04:24 PM	James Hurdis	Jim.hurdis@gmail.com	North Carolina Citizen	Spent a little bit of time comparing the 2017 NC House Redistricting Plan as which was passed as HB 927 to the 2019 HB1020 map just passed Friday. SURPRISE!!! GERRYMANDERING STILL LIVES. Both maps are included so you can compare for yourself. Briefly District 119 still has a horn sticking into Haywood County. District 50 still bumps into Durham County District 8 in Pitt County has a hernia bulge into District 9 Every district has lines drawn into and around other district(s). Districts 47 and 46 in Roberson County have been reversed. Now district 46 encompasses district 47. Mecklenburg and Wake County districts still wrap into each other. No clean straight lines. In my opinion they fail the eye test. It is time the court appointed map maker to redraw them
09/15/2019 04:25 PM	Shonta Clemmons			Please leave Columbus Co alone we the citizens do not want any change
09/15/2019 04:31 PM	Mary Brown	Grace93@windstream.net		Please don't change anything, leave it alone.
09/15/2019 04:41 PM	Ms. Helen Wolfson	helen.wolfson@frontier.com		I do not think that the maps that passed the house on Friday, September 13, have solved the gerrymandering

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				<p>problems.</p> <p>First of all, scoring of these maps by PlanScore shows that they remain biased. The PlanScore evaluation assumes a vote of 52% Republican and 48% Democrat. Under these conditions, the efficiency gap, which measures wasted votes, is 4.7% in favor of Republicans. The partisan bias of 3.1% means that Republicans would be expected to win 3.1% extra seats in a perfectly tied election. The Mean-Median difference of 3.3 for the Republicans is also in their favor. In addition, an article by Sam Wang on the website of the Princeton Election Consortium (http://election.princeton.edu/2019/09/14/north-carolinas-new-house-plan-contains-over-half-as-much-partisanship-as-the-original-gerrymander/), shows that in an election with a 50/50 split of Republican and Democrat votes, the proposed map product 53 Democrat and 67 Republican seats. Fair maps would produce 60 of each.</p> <p>Second, there are issues with the maps that were used to start the process.</p> <p>? These maps were created to illustrate that the existing maps were flawed. They were not proposed as new maps (nor were they created in public as the court has ordered the new maps should be).</p> <p>? According Wang's article, the algorithm used to create Chen's maps tended to pack Democrats. The maps were drawn using a simulation that protected incumbents, and owing to the existing gerrymander, the majority of incumbents at that time were Republican. Chen himself said that the maps "distort the partisan distribution of voters across districts" to favor Republicans.</p> <p>? Of Chen's 1000 simulations, all showed a Republican bias according to Slate (https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2019/09/north-carolina-republicans-gerrymander-trolling-court.html).</p> <p>? The whole idea of using Chen's maps as a starting point was further compromised when the mapmakers were emailed partisan data relating to the maps. As NC Policy Watch reported (http://pulse.ncpolicywatch.org/2019/09/09/breaking-republican-attorneys-send-lawmakers-prohibited-partisan-data-during-</p>

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				<p>remedial-mapmaking/) members of the redistricting committee and legislative staff were sent files that contained "extensive partisan data, including the partisan scoring of the simulated maps." The court had expressly prohibited lawmakers from using or considering any partisan data at all in the remedial process.</p> <p>Third, the vote in the House was along party lines. That alone should give anyone pause.</p> <p>I am not an expert in gerrymandering. I have made a good-faith effort to learn about the process and to read about the proposed maps. From what I can tell, these maps do not solve the gerrymandering problem and should not be used.</p> <p>Whatever the outcome with these maps, I believe that North Carolina must create a non-partisan redistricting commission (as described in Senate Bill 673) before the 2021 redistricting occurs.</p>
09/15/2019 04:45 PM	Mr. Jack Harrington	jackharrington44@gmail.com	N/A --CONCERNED Citizen	<p>Your Honors Judges Ridgeway, Crosswhite and Hinton</p> <p>Your work in Common Cause vs. Lewis has been positively heroic, and it is historically momentous. You have been discerning, unflinching, wise, courageous, careful, bold and the list goes on. You have done a truly remarkable job of penetrating multiple veils of artifice, obfuscation and power idolatry.</p> <p>The case now presents what is surely a first-in-a-lifetime, even a first-in-a-century opportunity to lay claim to higher ground in our electoral processes. We cannot re-claim high ground, since we have not occupied it to start with, but we can press a reset button and start afresh.</p> <p>I believe this case to be a kairos moment for N C election fairness, and I encourage you to turn the maps offered at this point for public comment over to your Special Master. Do that so that this sacred, historic opportunity shall not fall prey to any notions of legislative deference nor to presumptions of good faith on the part of legislators.</p>

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				<p>I am convinced that the legislators are actually incapable of completing the “fairness” task assigned by the court. The remedial map process has shown that our legislators, even if given the benefit of the doubt that they are intently trying fully and completely to right a wrong, simply cannot get that job done. In a centuries-old culture of victors taking the spoils, of winner-take-all, an immediate court-imposed counter culture for seeking fairness in electoral process has no soil to root. When there is NO history in NC of legislative leaders coming together to create just and fair electoral districts, when literally 1000’s of options are presented by myriad variables, then the instinct for partisan advantage is simply irresistible. Please let your Special Master do this work.</p> <p>Brazenly, unapologetically, gleefully, and publicly the Legislative Defendants have trumpeted their delight in carving out unseemly partisan advantage. How can anyone expect that these tiger stripes will simply fade away under a court mandate to play fair? Art Pope proffered to be the court’s Special Master??—POINT MADE!</p> <p>Not only is there not a culture of collaboration to build upon; instead there a contaminated culture of conniving, back-stabbing, sucker punching and deceit that puts fair dealing out of reach. Persistently since 2010 Legislative Defendants have overreached. Furthermore they have been unrepentant, recalcitrant and resistant when called to accountability. All of this infuses and pervades the maps being proposed.</p> <p>The latter day efforts to back pedal their revealed intentions have been transparent and vacuous, laughable only in their absurdity, but lamentable in their destructive consequence. For the past 9 years theirs has been pirated power and its skewed policy consequences for NC are positively incalculable. So high are these stakes--please let your Special Master do this work.</p> <p>Are the maps proposed better than the old? Yes indeed, they are. Other than the perpetrators of our gerrymander</p>

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catastrophe, their lieutenants, minions, enablers, and partisans, any fair- minded person would recognize that the maps proposed as of today September 15, are better than those put in place in 2017. However better is surely a relative term. No great accolade accrues to maps that are a step or two above dismal, above cynical disregard for fundamental fairness, above constitutional disdain. Two steps better than dreadful falls way short of good enough and even further short of an optimally and objectively salutary outcome—remedial and restorative in its effect.

As to both bodies House and Senate, please consider this further egregious contaminant. Counsel for the Legislative defendants apparently emailed all chamber members serving on the maps committees some documents revealing data showing POLITICAL data for districts. Apparently, there was a quick confession that a mistake had been made, the information withdrawn and instructions given to delete & not consider the data. Those defendants are saddled with the consequences of their counsel's action/ blunder. How can that bell be UNRUNG? In this overcharged partisan climate, there can be no presumption accorded that no influence was intended nor that no harm was done. Even if forgiveness were to flow, consequences do not cease to flow. Please let your Special Master do this work.

Finally as to the House I am informed and believe that their final remedial map was publicly posted for final public scrutiny and comment less than 2 hours before the vote called. I object!

Finally as to the Senate I am informed and believe that during the map drawing sessions the majority took refuge to private backroom retreats with who knows whom, after which when public session was rejoined changes in position had occurred. Assistance from a retained map drawing expert not court approved in violation of Order paragraph 9? Open? Transparent?I object!

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				E. Jackson Harrington, Jr. 1602 Alderman Dr. Greensboro NC 27408
09/15/2019 04:46 PM	Retired from US DHHS Dennis Dixon	dennisdixon44@gmail.com	Retired	The proposed District 19 combines large areas on each side of the Cape Fear River. These geographic sub-populations are essentially isolated from each other by virtue of the lack of a bridge crossing. A map that adds more area west of the river to District 19 and area further north to District 18 and/or District 20 would seem preferable.
09/15/2019 04:47 PM	Mr. Walter Hartheimer	hartheimer@gmail.com		Please discontinue this redistricting farce. Obey the law and redraw fair and balanced state voting districts
09/15/2019 04:48 PM	Ms Elizabeth Harrington	Betsyharrington@triad.rr.com		I am sorry I cannot be at the public hearing to speak in person, but I want to express my concerns about the redistricting map for the NC House. There was too little time to view and comment on the map before calling a vote. There was no time for public comment before the vote. I believe it is simply impossible (even when they try) for partisan politicians to draw districts without taking into account their party's protection for re-election. Furthermore, I believe they were not supposed to consider protecting incumbents as they redrew maps, but that certainly seems to have been part of their considerations. The legislative majority has tried to bend the rules and look for ways to work around the court rulings at every turn in this process, and I do not trust them to start playing fair now. Please let the court appointed referee draw the new maps.
09/15/2019 04:49 PM	Ms. Catherine Marie	c.marie8@yahoo.com		We need more transparency in the court-ordered redraw of the General Assembly's maps, so that the public can have an opportunity to meaningfully engage in this critical process, and we can be sure that partisan interests do not again prevail over the will of the people!
09/15/2019 04:49 PM	Ms carole Henry	vandykee@rtelco.net		There are already well out lined areas in NC. They are called COUNTYS. Get it?
09/15/2019 05:06 PM	Eva Sclippa	esclippa@gmail.com		It seems quite strange to be drawing a district that combines separate communities that have no bridge access between each other, such as parts of New Hanover County being connected to Kure Beach and Southport,

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				which are reachable only by ferry or require driving through other voting districts.
09/15/2019 05:07 PM	Mr Curtis Andrews	C.gator@hotmail.com		Keep Columbus county as 1 district
09/15/2019 05:09 PM	Pastor Sam Wynn	swynn@nccumc.org	Prospect United Methodist Ch.	For over 50 years Dist 9 has been controller by one party. This isn't a resperntation of the people of Dis 9. This to the magority - Please stop choosing the your voters . I want my vote to count as well. Sam Wynn, pastor PUMC
09/15/2019 05:13 PM	Renee Taylor	taylor.renees@yahoo.com		Do your best to work for fair and bipartisan redistricting maps As a North Carolina resident I do want my vote to count!
09/15/2019 05:18 PM	Mrs Lisa Williams	lnwilliams75@yahoo.com		Please leave our district and representation in Columbus County as is.
09/15/2019 05:19 PM	Redistricting John Meares	jcm0623@gmail.com	Citizen	On behalf of the people of North Carolina, I request that the redistricting committee appoint CITIZENS of North Carolina who are not currently serving as legislative representatives to form a new committee in order to create non-biased, non-partisan districts. Thank you!
09/15/2019 05:20 PM	Ms Linda Alfredson	lsalfredson@charter.net		The maps do not seem much different than the previously gerrymandered map. This should be done by a non partisan commision, not the same partisans that have been continuously giving us rewritten gerrymandered maps. I ask that the courts appoint a nonpartisan commission to do this.
09/15/2019 05:22 PM	Elizabeth Bryant-Richards	ebryantr@gmail.com		The new map proposal doesn't make sense as far as district 18, 19, and 20 are concerned. Wrightsville Beach should be part of the same district as Wilmington. Southport and Wilmington are miles apart as far as distance and residents. Wilmington residents do not have the same sort of concerns as Southport residents at all! Why would those be put together? You have to do a better job and make sure that you are not doing a disservice to

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				the citizens or asking a representative to stretch himself or herself too far. The old maps were terribly drawn to political purposes, and these proposed maps have taken so long and they are not good, either. You need to speak to the people of the area. No one in the Brunswick County beaches wants to be represented by the same person who represents Wilmington or even Carolina Beach. Do better!
09/15/2019 05:29 PM	Mr. C ornelius Kirschner	nkirsch051@gmail.com	Retired USPS	Strongly against this new re-districting plan for #19. This is a far more weighted plan even more than the previous one. This plan in no ways follows the mandate issued by the federal court. Do not allow this plan as presently written to proceed.
09/15/2019 05:30 PM	Tracy Stark	Tlstark@yahoo.com		I am calling on the legislature to draw up voting districts that represent the people who live within them. Districts that allow the people to be fairly represented and heard. No more partisan gerrymandering! The GOP has behaved disgracefully with both its gerrymandered power grab and it's recent disgusting behavior in the budget veto override during 9/11 memorials. If you have to cheat and deceive to get your way, it's time to step aside. Let the people be heard. Draw up fair maps or let an impartial party do it for you!
09/15/2019 05:32 PM	John David Southworth	Dsouth3511@aol.com		No district maps concocted by the Republican dominated General Assembly can be trusted. At every turn, they have shown their sustain for fairness or a commitment to full voter access. Let the naps be drawn by the courts special master. Nothing else will rise above the stench of partisan politics.
09/15/2019 05:36 PM	Brian Cribb	cribb6@gmail.com		I am concerned over the proposed redistributing that is proposed. The only reason for redrawing lines should be if an area has had an extreme population change from 1 census to the next. This has not happened anywhere in Columbus, Robeson, or Bladen counties. If any districts are redrawn then it should be only with bi-partisan agreement. I understand there is a committee however a few people should not make changes that will affect 1000's especially if they are not the direct representatives. If they are redrawn in an apparent attempt to give an advantage then I will help organize and contribute to any legal proceedings against the state if we need to peruse to the SCOTUS

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09/15/2019 05:37 PM	Phyllis Demko	demko@lwwnc.org	League of Women Voters of North Carolina	<p>The League of Women Voters of North Carolina urges the Legislature to increase the public's access to its redistricting processes, even as they are nearing completion of their work. Additionally, the League believes that the Legislature should incorporate further measures to strengthen transparency in all future redistricting efforts.</p> <p>At minimum, the Legislature should maintain the portal for public comment until the courts approve the maps. All comments should be made publicly available throughout the remaining process in order to promote broader engagement, dialogue, and accountability.</p> <p>In addition to these initial improvements to transparency, the League of Women Voters recommends four steps to increase citizen access and participation in the current and future redistricting processes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make all public comments available in real time continuously through the end of the redistricting process and final approval. 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. 3. Provide complete and timely 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 their input in time to make a difference. 4. Enable voters to follow the process effectively online. Citizens need to know which districts are being redrawn and who is doing the redrawing. <p>The League of Women Voters of North Carolina believes that these additional steps are necessary to make this a process that voters can understand and participate in effectively.</p>
09/15/2019 05:44 PM	ms Joan Parks	hmrefuge@gmail.com		Stop these horrific games and allow the citizens of NC to select their reps not have them pick us. We need FAIR votes in FAIR districts.
09/15/2019 05:46 PM	Mrs. Jamie Ashburn	ashburn@juno.com		It is time to draw the districts in a nonpartisan way. The courts have told you to do so! It is hard to trust our leaders when they have been elected in non fair way. If you lead by respecting residents you won't need to manipulate your maps. You will be elected by the good

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09/15/2019 05:47 PM	Cheryl Fulton	fulton3898@gmail.com		<p>that you do. In the past, I have voted both Republican and Democrat. It always depended on the person. Please make sure North Carolina is a state it's citizens can be proud of. Thank you.</p> <p>You do realize that Kure Beach is ACROSS THE CAPE FEAR RIVER AND ACCESSIBLE ONLY BY FERRY (WHICH IS CURRENTLY OUT OF SERVICE FOR AT LEAST A MONTH) OR BY DRIVING ALMOST AN HOUR AROUND THE RIVER. The redrawing of districts MUST BE DONE BY A NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE- THERE ARE EXISTING MAPS DRAW BY PANELS OF JUDGES AND FAIR-MINDED PEOPLE WITHOUT BIAS- PLEASE UTILIZE THESE MAPS. BE FAIR. BE JUST.</p>
09/15/2019 06:13 PM	Mr Thomas Sapp	tsappjr@me.com	Brunswick County Democratic Party	<p>I am making these comments in relation to the 2019 House redistricting that is being rushed through the House at present.</p> <p>After looking through the information which has been released as pertains to the redistricting as ordered by the court, it is apparent that the order to be transparent was violated. The information is not easy for the general public to get and/or understand and there should have been a summary added with the reasoning behind the particular map chosen with explanations. None of that has happened here in this case.</p> <p>Also, it is my understanding that the court did not allow for any past maps to be used and Dr. Chen's maps were used. This is in clear violation of the order as stated.</p> <p>After looking at the map for Brunswick County, I have determined that the principal of continuity has also been violated in the drawing of this particular map. The coastal areas of Brunswick County have been separated for the purpose of which is unknown. The citizens who live in the coastal sections should be kept together in a House district due to the fact that they share the beautiful NC coast and are brought together by the threats and arguments that exist today to destroy that beauty. The only reason to split these coastal towns up would be partisan, to guarantee the ability to split that vote to keep</p>

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				<p>citizens of Brunswick county from electing an advocate for our coast rather than for greed.</p> <p>It is for these reasons, but not limited to only them, that I, as Chair of the Brunswick County Democratic Party, declare that this map as depicted is unlawful and partisan, just as much as the one it replaces.</p> <p>Tom Sapp Chair Brunswick County Democratic Party</p>
09/15/2019 06:18 PM	Martha Stevens	mstevens15@gmail.com		Rep Stevens remarked that she observed Democrats using political data during the maps discussion. If the maps are not created fairly and non partisan, then every map needs to be thrown out. The public deserves to know this process and be in agreement. Re-do these maps and leave Districts 16 and 46 alone!
09/15/2019 06:20 PM	Phillip Marlowe	phillipmarlowe5@gmail.com		This map for Buncombe County completely dilutes the power of my vote in the County. Everyone knows that urban voters vote universally very partisan whereas rural voters are less inclined to do so. Rural voters have proven time and again to be more bipartisan in their voting than urban voters. By weakening my vote you have violated my rights. Who do I sue?
09/15/2019 06:20 PM	Mrs Laura Boyes	boyes@mindspring.com	none	Partisan redistricting must stop! Election maps must be fairly drawn, without regard to retaining the power of individual representatives or political parties. The state of North Carolina must have fair election maps--we the people of the state deserve better than the gerrymandering we have suffered for too long.
09/15/2019 06:20 PM	debi bartholomew	ddbartholomew@gmail.com		<p>This is a new day!</p> <p>Please think carefully and take action to gather and benefit from your constituents input and comments about equitable district representation.</p> <p>Checking boxes never leads to excellence.</p> <p>Please consider what is best for your constituents rather than what is best for you or your colleagues.</p>

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				<p>Thank you for the opportunity to address these concerns.</p> <p>With much appreciation,</p> <p>debi S. Bartholomew Asheville, NC 28805</p>
09/15/2019 06:21 PM	Marcia Boyle	Marciacboyle@gmail.com		<p>More and more Americans distrust our voting system, myself included. Every vote should count and we're hopeful the redistributing effort in N.C. will be reflective of a fair, non-partisan process with maps that represents everyone equally. Please work to ensure our voices are heard and all of our votes are counted by allowing the people to participate in this process .</p>
09/15/2019 06:26 PM	Mrs. sally meserole	SALLYHMESEROLE@GMAIL.COM		<p>Upon reviewing the suggested lines for districts 18,19 and 20 it seems apparent to me that including the southern end of New Hanover County in district 19, of which the majority lies on the other side of the Cape Fear River, makes no sense. Surely, the section of the proposed district 19 that is on the east side of the river should be included in district 20 and perhaps that small piece at the top in district 18. Please rethink these lines. The beach communities of Carolina, Kure, and Wrightsville all feel very connected to Wilmington while many of the areas over the bridge not so much so. It would also be a logistical challenge for a representative from district 19, in its current suggested configuration to service all of their constituents. Please redraw in a more sensible manner. thank you.</p>
09/15/2019 06:33 PM	Christine Beardsell	CBeardsell@msn.com		<p>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."</p>
09/15/2019 06:34 PM	Ms Shel Anderson	sheloregon@gmail.com		<p>I hope the maps you produce will give all of us voters the confidence that all votes matter, and no packing or cracking or any other sneaky trick has been perpetrated.</p>

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09/15/2019 06:53 PM	2522580172 Peter Farrell	paf1147@gmail.com	self	<p>Citizens should be doing the re-districting not politicians and especially not republicans. The criteria must center on and not deviate from the rule that every vote should count as much as every other vote. If this has been a tug of war in terms of giving and taking of territory by you politicians, then you politicians have lost all sense of representative government. I strongly urge you to use unbiased mathematical models to draw the lines. Republicans are hell bent on retaining power and democrats are too ethical to stop them. I hold little hope that you can accomplish anything close to fair maps.</p>
09/15/2019 06:55 PM	Christina Dauer	christina@dauer.me		<p>Top two concerns about the way this process is playing out:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. Also, a public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice and therefore very few citizens were able to attend. The maps were not made available in a timely manner for public comment. 2. The Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps. But the GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used. That they received prohibited data at all is extremely concerning and pollutes the mapmaking process. Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not “reasonable.” The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage. <p>Thank you.</p>
09/15/2019 06:56 PM	Mrs. Christine Barboriak	xinegb@gmail.com	none	<p>I am concerned that the Rep. Lewis is being allowed to run the redistricting. He should recuse himself. Where/when will public comment be allowed? How much notice will we get? In the past, on less important things, I have noticed</p>

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				we got almost no advance notice. This is dirty trickery and full transparency for the public is all I will accept.
09/15/2019 07:01 PM	Ms. Tamara Nimkoff	tamaranimkoff@gmail.com		It is imperative that our elected officials follow the ruling to "conduct the entire remedial process in full public view" and make "any relevant computer screen visible to legislators and public observers"
09/15/2019 07:02 PM	Redistricting maps Raishawn Brown	raishawnb@yahoo.com		The party that initiated the illegal gerrymandering of the maps SHOULD NOT have a say so in setting up a redistricting committee.
09/15/2019 07:05 PM	Marcy Wofford	momo201@hotmail.com		This new map does not address the gerrymandering in Onslow-Duplin counties as referenced in the court ruling.
09/15/2019 07:07 PM	Ms Jeannie Lennon	jeannieglennon@bellsouth.net	Voter!	Please reconsider placement of W31. We have very little in common with the folks of Brunswick county as a large river separates us. It seems more logical to me to keep us with other Wilmington and New Hanover precincts. Thank you!
09/15/2019 07:07 PM	Jenny Kotoralynch	nalcljj@nc.rr.com		<p>I am a voter from Apex, NC, with great interest in fair voting maps. This week I have watched with growing concern as the Senate and House work to amend the NC legislative maps. While there has been great public talk about transparency and about making maps that comply with the court order in NC v. Covington, the committee's actions go against these words.</p> <p>Using the maps drawn by Dr. Chen as a starting point, proclaiming that the court had given them its stamp of approval, is misleading at best. Using the set 2 maps (which started from the incumbents in office in 2017 or even those from 2011) was a bad proposal from the start, as those incumbents had been elected using doubly biased maps. But incumbent consideration, while allowed by the court, is never a good idea. It's a hard fact of service in the legislature that members serve at the will of the people and have no right to expect job protection.</p> <p>The process for amending the base maps was difficult for the public to follow and not as transparent as claimed. The mapmaking terminals may have been in an open room, but they were in a section of the room open only to legislators</p>

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				<p>and staff. Members of the public who tried to see over the shoulders of the privileged few were shooed off on at least one occasion. I witnessed legislative staff conferring on the dais as the public was being sent out of the meeting room; when they stated that they were working on maps, a House member had to push the sergeant major to keep the room open to the public. Yes, they later added that what they were working on was training a new staffer in the mapping software, but the optics were bad at the very least.</p> <p>I commend the committee for live streaming the meetings, but very few people from outside the Triangle could be at the meetings in person. The intermittent on-again off-again scheduling of the meetings made it difficult even for people who live close by to follow the process. Calling for public comment suddenly on Friday was absurd: of course hardly anyone was available and ready to speak. Public outcry should not have been needed in order to get a more reasonable call for comments.</p> <p>And what is happening to the comments on the public portal? How do members view the comments? Will they actually read them and take them into account? Can the public see the comments? They are after all PUBLIC and should be open to all.</p> <p>All this is enough to call the process into question. But what taints it beyond hope is the sending of partisan data to the majority party members. What happened to those emails? Have they been opened by members or staff? What happened to the attachments? Were they stored or printed?</p> <p>Asking us to trust the process at this stage is not reasonable. It's time to send the maps back to the court and call for the special master. More than that, it's time to amend the redistricting process for good and to get the legislature out of the mapmaking business.</p>
09/15/2019 07:07 PM	1969 LAUREN NYLAND	mills.lauren@gmail.com		<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am commenting on the proposed Redistricting Plan. I have concerns about "public view" and "partisan data".</p>

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				<p>Regarding order to create maps in public view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Base maps were not drawn in public view. - There was no advance notice for public comment. - Redistricting maps were not available in time to submit comments. <p>Regarding use of partisan data:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The GOP legal team gave lawmakers access to partisan data. - Republicans used amendments to protect incumbents in way that appeared to be outside the course of reason. <p>Please attend to these violations of the court order and take the time to be sure the maps are correctly drawn. Thank you, Lauren Nyland</p>
09/15/2019 07:12 PM	Ms. Nancy Brown	nanbrown@gmail.com		<p>We need transparency in this process. So far, not so good. Public comment period with no advance notice to the public? Maps drawn by one expert with no public access to the data? Data that was deemed partisan sent to republicans only? Wasn't that noted by the court as a problem already?</p> <p>Start over and get some nonpartisan experts in an open hearing before the public. Let them draw the maps and submit them to the court.</p> <p>We are tired of this gerrymandering merry-go-round. You are here to serve the people. Start doing so with some integrity.</p>
09/15/2019 07:17 PM	Mrs Mary Hardvall	Mhardvall@gmail.com	Voter	<p>We demand transparency in the court-ordered redraw of the General Assembly's maps, so that the public can have an opportunity to meaningfully engage in this critical process, and we can be sure that partisan interests do not again prevail over the will of the people.</p>
09/15/2019 07:20 PM	Herbert Amey	herbamey@gmail.com	Neighbors on Call	<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."</p> <p>However:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Base maps" used by both the House and Senate were NOT drawn in public view, as required by court orders.

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				<p>They were drawn in advance by an expert witness for the trial.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice. • Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online. • The GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used. • Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not "reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage. <p>The only solution now is to tell the court that you have failed, and the referee should complete the process.</p>
09/15/2019 07:25 PM	Ms. Kate Schedler		Retired	<p>We live in communities and communities should be kept together with the right for a representative from that community. Cities should be kept intact as much as possible and rural areas need representatives that are solicitous of their needs. None of us would advise our children to cheat to win at school or sport, so, you, as representatives should no longer try to cheat to win. Win on the merits of your policy positions or go ;home.</p>
09/15/2019 07:28 PM	Ms. Rosemary Lucas	prudencetofu@gmail.com		<p>I am looking at the proposed redistricting maps for New Hanover, Brunswick, and surrounding counties. Is there any logic to this? If so, exactly what was the criteria and protocol for choosing the new lines?</p>
09/15/2019 07:28 PM	Jo Ann Amey	joamey@hotmail.com	Neighbors on Call	<p>I am writing to express my concern about the manner in which the House Redistricting Committee is conducting the redrawing of the maps. After the previous maps were found to be politically gerrymandered, the court commanded you to be completely transparent in the redrawing process. Instead you have continued to work behind closed doors with no transparency and no meaningful public input. You called for comments on Friday without making the maps available to the public. You must realize that if you do not follow the court-</p>

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				mandated rules, the courts will have maps drawn by an impartial party. Knowing your usual methods, that seems like the best resolution.
09/15/2019 07:29 PM	Ms Joanne Levitan	Jolev125@gmail.com		<p>As a resident of Brunswick County I oppose the new maps for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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 by a long drive through two other voting districts to get there. 2. The base maps that were used to draw the proposed new maps have some precincts omitted, they are outdated and boundaries may have changed. 3. 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. 4. 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. 5. 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>I urge you to reject these maps and have the impartial Special Master draw new maps.</p>
09/15/2019 07:30 PM	Mr Ricky Benton	Rbenton@blackstire.com	Black's Tire	Please keep our county of Columbus together as one district.
09/15/2019 07:30 PM	partisan data Tia Cheek	Tchee011997@gmail.com		I think this is all well and good but the partisan data can sometimes lead to cheating with elections
09/15/2019	Rev Elliottte	EAshburn@aol.com	LANC	Court ordered redrawing of our districts critical to a fair

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07:32 PM	Ashburn			election process. We are watching and aware of the underlying motivation for NOT doing it as mandated by the courts.
09/15/2019 07:33 PM	Ms. Judith Droitcour	jdroit@ec.rr.com	Crabby about drilling!	I am concerned about an apparent lack of transparency in the in-going court-ordered reform/redistricting process! Further, as a resident of coastal Brunswick County, I have heard that this area will be split into two districts--and this concerns me greatly! I believe that a continuity issue is at stake! Also: Without a coastal representative, our unique issues will not be adequately represented. PLEASE ASSURE COASTAL BRUNSWICK COUNTY PEOPLE A "DESIGNATED" REPRESENTATIVE FOR OUR ISSUES!! THANK YOU!! PLEASE BE FAIR.
09/15/2019 07:38 PM	Mrs betsy bullen	mdetutu@bellsouth.net		I am dismayed to find that the promises of transparency in the House Redistricting are not being provided as promised. Once again I think I'm being lied to and I don't like it. Citizens, and I am one, are legally entitled to know what is being done. The North Carolina legislature isn't playing fair and sadly, I'm not surprised. Just very, very disappointed.
09/15/2019 07:38 PM	Mrs Kathy Babbis	kathybabbis@gmail.com		Please understand that we are quite concerned with transparency. This is an issue which is important to my family. Thanks for considering my concerns. Kathy Babbis
09/15/2019 07:39 PM	Linda Strickland	Linda.rosestrickland@aol.com		Maps should be drawn by third party panel comprised of people not running as candidates in upcoming election.
09/15/2019 07:46 PM	Mr. Eric Thomas	ericcthomas01@gmail.com		I have tried to educate myself on the ongoing efforts to re-draw the electoral districts in North Carolina. From what I have been able to determine, the maps submitted last week are only marginally better than the ones they replaced. They still appear gerrymandered to strongly favor the Republican party. I urge the General Assembly to throw out those newest maps and, using the proposed methodology outlined in SENATE BILL DRS15331-MTy-103A, appoint an independant commission to draw fair and representational electoral maps. The citizens of North Carolina deserve nothing less.
09/15/2019 07:46 PM	Thomas Greer	greer@treytronics.org		I am dismayed at the lack of transparency in the Republican party's attempts to maintain their

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				gerrymandered districts for the 2020 elections. Is it truly possible that the public got 40 minutes of notice in response to a court-mandated public response period??? I am so frustrated in this state's callous disregard for my right to vote! Because, truly, living in packed districts for state house, state senate, and federal house, my vote DOES NOT COUNT. Disgusting. I'll be in Raleigh tomorrow to register my dismay in person.
09/15/2019 07:50 PM	Doris Hayes	hayesd@ec.rr.com		The State House Redistricting Committee has a Constitutional responsibility to be transparent and fair in the drafting of the districting maps. The Republican Party has abused and unfairly drawn heavily gerrymandered Districts throughout the country and has not truly represented the people that lives in those districts.
09/15/2019 08:04 PM	Mrs. Meryl Meyer	mermey@frontier.com		I am sick of the games you are playing with redistricting. It is unconstitutional. The courts have ruleD So. I want a voice and true representation in district 11. You Republicans are all a bunch of slimebags. Stop the cheating a b d dirty tricks. We are a democracy or have you forgotten.
09/15/2019 08:05 PM	Stephanie Miller			The redistricting plan, as proposed, does not follow the mandate to have the districts make geographical sense. Again, we are part of a map that seems to be more of a politically expedient solution that one that is inherently fair. I hope you will take these comments seriously. We are hoping to be proud of our state. We want North Carolina to be seen as fair-minded and just.
09/15/2019 08:07 PM	Barb Spang	Spangbarb@gmail.com		calling such quick public comment sessions as on sept 13 th may be acceptable by you but clearly is not a method to communicate to many people. This was your method to keep public comment low. Not exactly what the courts had in mind. And how can anyone make meaningful comments without time to study and understand the maps proposed.
09/15/2019 08:10 PM	Shannon Powell			Please keep Columbus County as a whole
09/15/2019 08:15 PM	Mrs. Gail Bromley	gailfbromley@gmail.com	LWVLCF - Fair Elections Action Team Chair	I have seen the new proposed map that is supposed to represent the counties of Southeastern NC. The map was drawn clearly dividing New Hanover and Brunswick

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09/15/2019 08:19 PM	Mrs Jeannie Lennon	jeannieglennon@bellsouth.net	Self	<p>Please reconsider W31. It is shown as part of district 19. We can't get to the rest of our area as the Cape Fear River separates us. It is more logical to put us with other precincts in Wilmington/New Hanover county, not far down in Brunswick county. Please do whatever you can to fix this situation before the maps are final. Thank you!</p>
09/15/2019 08:21 PM	Stephanie Brown	CogSciLibrarian@gmail.com		<p>I have two sets of concerns about this process.</p> <p>1. Concerns about "public view" and transparency</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."</p> <p>"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>Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online.</p> <p>2. Concerns about the use of partisan data</p> <p>The Princeton Gerrymandering Project has reported algorithmic biases in the process used to generate the</p>

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09/15/2019 08:21 PM	Mr Terry Wade Nealey	donnanealey@hotmail.com		As a concerned resident of Columbus County, I am asking you to keep our county as it is. Together, intact and whole.
09/15/2019 08:23 PM	Ms. Patricia Lester	trishalester1@gmail.com		<p>This map-drawing process has been flawed from the beginning. Legislators have been working off of bad 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 care about fairness in this process and demand that you create a meaningful dialogue with the public throughout this process and keep partisan data out of the process. I am tired of Republican legislators abusing their power.</p>
09/15/2019 08:31 PM	Claudia Lange	crlange12@gmail.com		<p>I am absolutely disgusted with the Republican leadership flouting the rules set forth by the three judge panel for map drawing in the NC partisan gerrymandering case - Common Cause v. Lewis. The court order was very clear - there had to be transparency and public involvement at every step of the way. Given the recent budget veto override vote that took place in spite of assurances from Republican leadership that there was NOT going to be a vote that day, I think it is fair to say that if the Republican leadership cannot be trusted to keep their word to their colleagues, we as citizens and tax payers should be rightly</p>

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				<p>suspicious that there will be transparency and fairness in the map drawing process. In fact, we already have evidence of attempts to foil the process and dupe the court, colleagues, and citizens alike. For example -</p> <p>.) The NC House approved its map without giving sufficient time for public to comment - a clear violation of the court's order for transparency and public participation. The court declared that "all map drawing [must] occur at public hearings."</p> <p>2.) The court stated that it would appoint a referee to oversee the drawing of the maps. One recommendation from Republicans was Art Pope as a referee . Art Pope bankrolled the conservatives illegally gerrymandered maps. Almost no one benefitted more than Pope as a result of having Republicans in control of the NCGA.</p> <p>3.) The court stated no partisan information was to be used in drawing the new districts. Republicans have stated they will use the maps drawn by statistician Jowei Chen as a starting point. Chen's maps were used to show the severity of the existing gerrymander, which also allowed for protection of incumbents. They were not drawn in public and were used to illustrate the extent to which the current maps diluted Democratic votes. Chen's maps have built in bias towards Republicans. Therefore, using them as a starting point to redraw maps is another direct violation by Republicans of the court's order for the use of non partisan data and public input in the map drawing process.</p> <p>4.) Finally, in a stunning move, the attorneys for the defense sent raw data to House committee members, including raw partisan scores for each of the 1000 maps of Dr. Chen. Whether this was deliberate or not is up for question; given the past track record of the Republican leadership, the motive for the move casts even more doubt upon an already tainted process.</p> <p>I believe that the map drawing process must be taken</p>

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				completely out of the legislature's hands in order to ensure fair and nonpartisan maps. Doing it any other way leaves the door open for obfuscation and other various and sundry forms chicanery to be perpetrated upon the citizens and tax payers of North Carolina. The actions of the Republican leadership are an affront to the citizens and tax payers of North Carolina. We deserve so much better than this and we will get it, too. Make no mistake. These shenanigans have not gone unnoticed and will not go unchallenged.
09/15/2019 08:32 PM	Mrs. Sara Stephens	sarafaulk@yahoo.com		Please leave Columbus County as it is. We don't want anything that would call for more division to our County.
09/15/2019 08:36 PM	Kathy Ashley	kathy.ashley1961@gmail.com		I request to keep Columbus County together as a whole and also to keep our representation.
09/15/2019 08:43 PM	Mr. H. Michael McQuown	mmcquown@mindspring.com		ANY political districting, "re" or otherwise, done by ANYONE, should be fair to all voters; unbiased; non-partisan; and ANY other descriptor that notifies ALL political parties that "stacking the deck" is TOTALLY unacceptable. Biasing the voting districts has unfortunately been a continuing action on the part of unscrupulous, unAmerican--in fact, greedy, traitorous--politicians. This underhanded action has been happening all too frequently, of late. It's WAY past time to clean up the whole process and restore the voting rights of ALL North Carolina's citizens with fair, unbiased voting districts!
09/15/2019 08:49 PM	Michael Kelley	kelleymic@gmail.com		<p>Concerns about "public view" and transparency 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."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "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. • A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice. • Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online. <p>Concerns about the use of partisan data</p>

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				<p>The Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used. • Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not "reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage. <p>Concerns about lack of objective, independent quantitative analysis of proposed new maps There has been no objective quantitative analysis by an independent expert of the fairness of the proposed new maps to assess the degree to which there is partisan bias, if any.</p> <p>Concerns about House District 19 in proposed new maps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. The base maps that were used to draw the proposed new maps have Some precincts omitted, they are outdated and boundaries may have changed. 3. 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. 4. 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. 5. 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

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				<p>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.</p> <p>.</p>
09/15/2019 08:57 PM	Elizabeth Havice	ehavice@gmail.com		<p>I am concerned about transparency and public participation and understanding of the new redistricting process.</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.”</p> <p>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. A public comment session was held last week with almost no advance notice.</p> <p>Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online.</p> <p>The Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps. However, the GOP’s legal team 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 “reasonable.” The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p>
09/15/2019 08:58 PM	Joshua Brown			<p>Please prioritize maps that are objectively fair and sensible for the sake of our State in the long term, over any short term concerns for protecting incumbents.</p>
09/15/2019 08:59 PM	Dr. Rebecca Powers	rebeccapowers595@gmail.com	citizen	<p>This version seems like an improvement but still difficult to understand what seems in some places, like eastern NC, to be divided up with erratic lines. We must have districts drawn fairly so our democracy works and our constitution</p>

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				is upheld. Be careful, ethical and honest. We are counting on you to do it right!
09/15/2019 09:00 PM	Charles Nintzel	cnintz@earthlink.net		Make it right this time.
09/15/2019 09:10 PM	Jeanette Turbeville	jbturbeville@gmail.com		I am a resident of Columbus County, and I have concerns about the redistricting maps for the House of Representatives. I respectfully ask that you please keep Columbus County, its communities, and municipalities whole and intact. I fail to see where dividing our county and its people will be in their best interest. How can a community thrive and remain united in daily life when its people are divided and each group has different representation? I am concerned that this division of the people will create more problems by further dividing them, and it will also create more hardship for the Representatives. If a community is split and the representatives for each group are not in agreement, that will only further divide the people. In conclusion, I again ask that you keep Columbus County and its communities whole and intact. I strongly believe that this is in the best interest of our county and its people.
09/15/2019 09:14 PM	mrs Elizabeth Eidenier	bettyeidenier@gmail.com	citizen	Putting Southport and Wilmington in the same district is a mistake that seems obvious to any NC tennis player who has been unlucky enough to get to the state USTA tournament based in Wilmington only to find his or her 8 a.m. match is scheduled on a court in Southport. It may seem close to someone in Raleigh, but it is a hell of a long way to get there by river roads or ferry.
09/15/2019 09:17 PM	Georgeanna Godwin	godwin07@srmc.org		Leave Columbus county alone!! The redistricting makes absolutely no sense. You would be putting people in charge of our county that have no clue as to its needs. We are happy with our representatives. Do not redistrict!!
09/15/2019 09:29 PM	Ms Barbara Van Cleve	Bvancleve@triad.rr.com	Private citizen	It is absolutely essential that the redistributing maps be fairly drawn without private, behind closed door meetings of republican legislators with their consultants as they persist in their determination to compromise the fair redistributing process. Many of us are counting on the court to make certain that their maneuvering is frustrated. The future of fair elections in North Carolina hangs in the balance. I urge the court to be aware of shenanigans by the Republicans.

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09/15/2019 09:31 PM	ANN Cherry	AnnCherry2009@gmail.com		<p>My district, House District 19, is split on the new map by the Cape Fear River with no bridge connecting the New Hanover and Brunswick sides, creating a House district that consists of two non-land-contiguous sections.</p> <p>Yes, there's a ferry, but it doesn't operate after 7:00 in the evenings -- when it's working. Right now, it's closed for repairs, which requires travelers between the two counties in the district to drive through downtown Wilmington to go to and from the beach area of New Hanover County and Southport and its environs. That's not conducive to district-wide interaction among the constituents and their elected representative, plus there's the added expense of the ferry tickets.</p> <p>The newly-drawn HD19 also combines two distinctly different types of communities. The Leland area of Brunswick County has more in common with downtown Wilmington and its outlying neighborhoods than does the Southport area.</p> <p>I would like to see the district lines redrawn to place the Leland area of Brunswick County in HD19, instead of the Southport area.</p>
09/15/2019 09:32 PM	Mr. David Ambaras	dambaras@gmail.com		<p>The Republican legislators are not using base maps that were drawn in public view. They have not provided sufficient access to their maps or sufficient time for the public to make comments. They appear to be drawing districts with the intention of protecting incumbents, even when those proposed district lines are hardly reasonable. They appear to have been using partisan data provided by attorneys, even though the court forbade the use of partisan data. In these ways, the Republican legislators are seeking to contravene the court's directives regarding implementing a fair and open redistricting process.</p>
09/15/2019 09:34 PM	Deborah Fintak	debbi.fintak@gmail.com	Pender County resident	<p>After seeing the redistricting for Pender County I see no changes from what was previously drawn. Prior lines were a result of politics and political residency not a fair look at voter preferences. I would hope that this could be looked at..</p> <p>Surf City</p>

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09/15/2019 09:35 PM	Brian Kirschner	brianwkirschner@gmail.com		It seems that the legislature is once again trying to create districts that are not balanced by splitting counties and not keeping communities of interest together.
09/15/2019 09:37 PM	NHCDP 2nd Vice-Chair Susanne Werner	swerner1015@gmail.com	New Hanover County Democratic Party	<p>1. The precinct maps you are using for New Hanover County are out of date by at least a decade, probably more. I can easily send you the current map if someone will get in touch with me and it is available on NHC Board of Elections web site.</p> <p>2. HD 19 would do better to extend west to Leland and beyond rather than south to Southport, as someone has already pointed out, Southport and those even further south do not really relate to NHC and the river crossing can be problematic.</p>
09/15/2019 09:37 PM	Karen Floyd	kfloyd2@nc.rr.com		<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>My understanding of how the redistricting process was supposed to be conducted is that 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."</p> <p>But the Republicans have, as usual, not followed the rules and instead:</p> <p>1. "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>2. A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice.</p> <p>3. Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online.</p> <p>Not much here in the way of "public view and transparency"</p> <p>It is also my understanding that the Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps.</p> <p>But, again, the Republicans did not follow the rules:</p> <p>1. The GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used, which really strains credulity</p>

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				<p>2. Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not "reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p> <p>Clearly, our Republican legislators have neither respect for the law, nor for us North Carolina citizens. They can shamelessly lie and cheat, in order to win, for only so long...but justice will ultimately prevail.</p> <p>Thank you. Karen Floyd</p>
09/15/2019 09:40 PM	Emiko Andrews			The new map is an improvement but it would still not provide an equal number of representatives in the case of a 50/50 split. Please redraw the maps using an unbiased algorithm. Thank you.
09/15/2019 09:40 PM	Ms. Kimberly Biondi	kbiondimorgan@gmail.com		Your attempt to rectify the gerrymandering still falls far short of a fair map. You have split the city of Concord in two and split the African American vote in a clear violation of the Voting Rights Act. Create a fairly drawn map so all NC residents can be fairly counted.
09/15/2019 09:44 PM	1957 Beth Silberman	bethssilberman@gmail.com	self	<p>The court has directed the legislative body to complete the entire process in full public view and this was not done. There is no transparency in this process. These were not drawn in public view, it appears they were drawn in advance by the Republicans expert witness. Public comment was held with little advance notice. Partisan data has been used, Republicans in both chambers made admendments to the maps to protect Republican incumbents..</p> <p>The GOP continues to act in bad faith, the actions of this party continue to try to maintain control at all cost defying democracy. This is shameful.</p> <p>This process has been a sham, perhaps the courts need to draw the maps for NC.</p>
09/15/2019 09:48 PM	Redistricting Columbus co April Tedder	apriltedder@intrstar.net		Please keep all of Columbus county in tact! It's confusing trying to figure out who you're representative is.

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09/15/2019 10:01 PM	Ms Ann Morris	annjmorris14@gmail.com		<p>I am very concerned about the process that has been used to reach the proposed new maps. It was my understanding that the court asked that the maps be drawn from scratch without partisan data being used, but previously drawn maps were used to begin with, and partisan information was made available. Also, there was very little opportunity for public participation, and it was difficult to gain access to the maps and other relevant documents in a timely manner. It did not seem that any public comment impacted the map drawing. On the House side, a vote occurred before any in-person comment session could occur, so citizens have had no chance to influence the process. Finally, incumbency was too highly favored.</p> <p>-</p>
09/15/2019 10:02 PM	Casey McNamara	Caseyberna@gmail.com		<p>I am standing up for fair maps. The base maps used do not include the most current information.</p>
09/15/2019 10:06 PM	Lance Ashdown			<p>Hello. I'm against these maps for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The current legislature is itself the product of an illegal gerrymandered engineered by Republicans to give Republicans legislative power. I read this: "The vote for the House plan was so partisan that the bill had to be split in pieces for final approval, with a handful of Democrats supporting the bulk of the proposal but none backing changes to three House districts in Columbus, Pender and Robeson counties." This means that the maps were voted on along partisan lines, which means that there was NOT a bipartisan agreement about the maps. The only reason these maps were passed is because the Republicans who illegally gained power had a majority! This is absurd. 2. I am just an informed citizen, not an expert mapmaker, but even I can see that if compactness is the criterion, then this map fails. There are weird squiggles and panhandles everywhere. Why is a town in the middle of Haywood County drawn into the district that includes Jackson County? Why does district 90 have such a weird shape? And district 63? And 46? And 16? These are not compact maps: these are maps designed to gain Republican advantage.

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				<p>3. The idea that politicians are not supposed to forget they know what they know about partisan demographics is, frankly, ridiculous. It is like knowing that the quarterback, star running back, and star wide receiver for the Patriots are all incapacitated by a serious flu, but claiming that you're not going to consider this information when you bet on the Patriots game.</p> <p>My conclusion is that these maps are no better than the old ones, or only marginally better. They are not fair. Let the court draw the maps.</p>
09/15/2019 10:07 PM	Dr. William McSherry	clintmcs@gmail.com		PLEASE create a CITIZENS redistricting commission! Let's put an end to hyper-partisan gerrymandering as other fair-minded states have done. Thank you!
09/15/2019 10:08 PM	Lisa Hostetler	Lucyhere@aol.com		<p>Some points I read recently on redistricting that demonstrate how the redistricting process is wrong:</p> <p>Allowing the party that implemented the illegal gerrymandering to control the redistricting committee flaunts the rules set up by the courts in the redistricting case.</p> <p>An email was sent to the committee of partisan voter data. This 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 at 10AM, 1 hour after they were made public.</p> <p>There needs to be non-partisan drawing of our voter districts. Neither party can be trusted to draw them fairly.</p>
09/15/2019 10:14 PM	Mrs Dawn Larma	Dawnlarma@gmail.com		The "remedial" map is still an EXTREME gerrymander. You have split Downtown Concord in half. Even though they were supposed to avoid splitting municipalities. I realize this is to give a guaranteed district to Parrish Moffitt but I am sick of policticians picking their voters. You have cracked the African-American vote in Cabarrus (a violation of the Voting Rights Act). violated the court's order to

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				draw maps in public view. Republican Legislative Lawyers emailed out Partisan Data for all the maps they were reviewing!! (when the courts said do NOT take partisan data into account) This entire process has been a sham. And Kannapolis is split in half. It should be carved out of both rowan and cabarrus and joined with cities that have more in common with it like landis and china grove. Harrisburg has none of the same goals as concord, and south of harrisburg should be grouped with Harrisburg, not stanly county . Quit diluting the African American Vote.
09/15/2019 10:17 PM	Jennifer Stading	jenniestading530@gmail.com		I am a resident of Mint Hill, North Carolina in precinct 221. The voters of this precinct and the other precincts of Mint Hill share a common interest with the citizens of the adjacent community residents of the township of Matthews rather than the voters of precincts located in the city limits of Charlotte . The proposed House and Senate maps are making a clear attempt to split the voting interests of the citizens of Mint Hill and especially precinct 221. The map is a blatant effort to siphon votes from areas of our town and add them to a larger pool of voters who will dilute them. This is map is gerrymandered to the benefit of Democrat voting interests and seeks to deny representation to the voters of the suburban communities in Mecklenburg County. Our votes for local elections have already been minimized in countywide elections, this map would further marginalize our representation. Moreover, this map is contrary to the goals of combating gerrymandering (as it is alleged to do) and is an egregious attempt by one party to gain control of the legislature rather than have fair representation for taxpayers.
09/15/2019 10:17 PM	Mr. Joseph Clarity	joeclarity@gmail.com		I would like the redistricting to be very transparent. Please make this happen. We want to know what is going on at all times.
09/15/2019 10:17 PM	Joanne Durham	beach@mdurham.net		The planned changes in districts 18, 19 and 20 split districts across county lines and even across the river in a way that does not leave intact communities of interest. These are just as or more gerrymandered than the originals. Please go back to the drawing board.
09/15/2019 10:25 PM	Jonathan Medford	jon@inspirenc.com		Dear Representative: My name is Jonathan Medford and I am writing about the

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				<p>redistricting situation for the House seat in Columbus County, North Carolina. I am an unaffiliated voter that is very concerned about the ability for Columbus County to be represented in the NC General Assembly.</p> <p>When you look at the proposed districts in House Bill 1020, you can't help but think that District 46 is gerrymandered. The district even resembles the salamander that partly inspired the gerrymander name.</p> <p>As a concerned citizen, I took it upon myself to find map districting software (davesredistricting.org) and went to the task of trying to make an "un-gerrymandered" map within the confines of Robeson, Columbus and Pender Counties.</p> <p>This "less gerrymandered looking" map would require drawing the city of Lumberton into District 46. This presents several problems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This would double bunk Rep. Jones (R) and Rep. Graham (D) 2) With the population of Lumberton being so heavy, it would be very difficult for Columbus County to elect their own representative in District 46. 3) With Whiteville drawn into Pender County, It's impossible for someone from Columbus County to win a seat in District 16. <p>Columbus County deserves to have its own representation. That's why I recommend that we adopt the map as proposed in HB 1020, despite its inherent flaws.</p> <p>The REAL problem with these three districts is the unnatural pairing of Columbus and Pender counties. Columbus County is the 3rd largest county in North Carolina, but its border with Pender is a 5 mile stretch of the Cape Fear River. In fact, there is not a single road that connects Pender and Columbus County directly.</p> <p>When Rep. Carson travels from Hampstead to Whiteville he has to drive through New Hanover County and</p>

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				<p>Brunswick County just to get to Columbus County.</p> <p>Until we de-couple the unnatural pairing of Columbus and Pender county our districts will continue to appear "gerrymandered". We want Columbus County whole.</p> <p>Best Regards, Jonathan Medford</p>
09/15/2019 10:27 PM	Sarah LeRoux	scd3@alumni.duke.edu		<p>I have concerns about how this entire process was handled. There still seems to be a lack of transparency. The base map was not publicly developed. To my understanding the base map was created for a different purpose, so I am concerned this was not the best map to use. The maps were only posted for a short period of time before they passed the House. I have concerns with how the debunking process was handled. I also do not think debunking should be a high priority. The previous maps were unfair and we should be attempting to change that, not save it as much as possible. You can't take the bias of self-preservation out of the process. Representatives do not need to part of the map making process. The citizens deserve fair maps and fair representation. Having the referee redraw portions of the map is something that should be considered.</p>
09/15/2019 10:28 PM	Brian Irving	brian.irving49@gmail.com		<p>I commend both the House and Senate for the open and cordial manner in which they have conducted this court-ordered redistricting process. I hope the openness and cooperation continues until new districts are approved. Then, I fervently urge both Democrats and Republicans to put all past differences behind them and work together to end the decades-long litigation over redistricting. Consider the several bills before you to create an independent, nonpartisan redistricting process. I particularly urge you to look at SB 673. The people of North Carolina want and deserve a fair and impartial redistricting process that will create districts that represent them and their interests, not the interests of political parties.</p>
09/15/2019 10:30 PM	Jonathan Engel			<p>I'm concerned that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) base maps were not drawn in public view, as required, 2) redistricting maps were not available early enough to allow meaningful comments,

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				3) maps were amended to protect incumbents.
09/15/2019 10:35 PM	Mr. Mark Sutter	mksutter22@gmail.com		I am very dissatisfied with the process for redrawing the legislative maps. It does not seem to me that the legislators - and predictably the GOP legislators, in particular - are trying to follow the courts wishes to FINALLY draw fair maps. By now, it's just more than obvious they don't want to do it and will do anything to avoid it. They are still using using partisan data, along with old maps - and the process has not been as fair and open to the public as I imagine the court wanted it to be. They are still showing contempt for the court and the citizens of North Carolina.
09/15/2019 10:42 PM	Angie Shatas	shatas.angie@gmail.com		<p>It was a damning ruling by the Court: “. . . the Court finds that in many election environments, it is the carefully crafted maps, and not the will of the voters, that dictate the election outcomes in a significant number of legislative districts and, ultimately, the majority control of the General Assembly. . .”</p> <p>So new voting district maps are being drawn . . . finally.</p> <p>The Court ordered that this process be done in “full public view” – Why then did the House only give a few minutes notice before soliciting public comment on Friday? Where was the public process to create the starting point, the “base map?”</p> <p>The Court ordered that no political data be used in this process. Why then did the Republican’s own legal team, Ogletree Deakins, email the complete set of original files from the expert witness, including extensive partisan statistics, to lawmakers, even as the expert witness had already agreed to share the appropriate map data?</p>
09/15/2019 10:54 PM	Ms. Beth Evans	bpullene@aol.com	NC Prayer Caucus	Thank you for all your hard work in redrawing the maps yet again. Standing with you in prayer. Don't back down or give in to the demands of the liberals. We support you! And we're praying fervently for you.
09/15/2019 11:12 PM	Ms Lib Hutchby	libhutchby5@gmail.com		When political parties create unethical voting districts, I feel as disgusted and angry as I was last week when Rep. Moore lied and called for a vote when he didn't even spend as much time memorializing 9/11 as he did creating utter

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09/15/2019 11:15 PM	Dr. Paul Mermin	paulmermin@gmail.com	None	<p>In the face of multiple violations of its order, most of them technical or subtle, but all undermining its spirit, the court is faced with a stark choice: will it be sufficient to "seem", or necessary to "be" in compliance? It is gravely concerning that prohibited partisan actions have influenced the remedial map-drawing and map-approving process, in violation of the court order. Some of these violations are relatively minor and it is possible that some are even inadvertent---in the aggregate, however, they constitute exactly the kind of partisan contamination that the court sought to prohibit.</p> <p>The violations began almost immediately, when defense council Ogletree Deakins sent to legislators the experts' original files which included the partisan scoring of the various potential maps—exactly the material which had</p>

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				<p>been prohibited. Further actions of the legislature have violated the spirit of the court order, including the rush to approve maps prior to any opportunity for public comment.</p> <p>I applaud the appointment of a qualified and independent referee; I further urge the court to consider seriously a) whether to postpone the scheduled primary elections until the process can be made truly nonpartisan; b) whether to remove the remedial process entirely from the legislature and put in the hands of a nonpartisan special master. Again I urge the court to move North Carolina , in this matter critical to the workings of democracy, to practice what we preach: To Be, Rather Than to Seem.</p>
09/15/2019 11:30 PM	Risa Botvinick			<p>Not having been part of the district-maps-drawing process, I can offer only a general response to the proposed maps. For the record, I wish to state the following: If the creators of the maps have followed the court's instructions and, in so doing, produced maps that an unbiased body might well have drawn, then I applaud the efforts of the NC House members. If, however, the proposed maps indicate that representing North Carolina's voters is less important than partisan objectives, then I hope that the court will reject the maps and protect the one-man-one-vote principle.</p>
09/15/2019 11:37 PM	Mr. Ford Worthy	fworthy@nc.rr.com	Private Citizen	<p>September 16, 2019</p> <p>Members of the Joint Redistricting Committee,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.</p> <p>My name is Ford Worthy. I do not represent any group or organization. I am simply a concerned citizen of North Carolina whose roots in our state run deep. I have worked as a journalist, as a lawyer, and, for the past 22 years, as a partner at a Durham venture capital firm that invests in biotech companies.</p> <p>I am foremost a citizen deeply concerned about the long-term impact of partisan gerrymandering on the health of our democracy and our state's economy.</p> <p>Last week I attended in person, or watched online, the vast</p>

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				<p>majority of the House committee proceedings.</p> <p>Many of you, especially on the House side, have stated publicly that we need to fix our current redistricting process. Among the 17 members of the House Redistricting Committee, Representatives Brockman, Butler, Floyd, Grange, Harrison, Hawkins, Horn, Queen, Reives and Warren are listed as sponsors of pending redistricting bills. That's 10 out of 17. In fact, by my count, approximately 75 out of the 120 House members – Republicans and Democrats alike – are listed as sponsors of at least one pending redistricting bill, including the one I personally favor, House Bill 140.</p> <p>You collectively have the power – and the responsibility – to move this legislation forward.</p> <p>I want to thank you for your work over the past week in drawing new maps in response to the court order.</p> <p>I have two specific comments about the process:</p> <p>First, the starting point you chose, the Chen maps, was never intended to be used to draw new maps. In Defendants' Post Trial Brief, on p. 40, the legislative defendants wrote that "Plaintiffs experts admit that their goal was 'not to generate good plans for the North Carolina House and Senate' and that they 'would not recommend that anyone enact the maps generated by [the Chen] algorithm.' " That was a sound argument made at trial by the legislative defendants, and it remains so today.</p> <p>Had the public been permitted to comment upfront on the proposed methodology, I believe this criticism would have received more attention, and perhaps a different starting point could have been developed. It would have been useful, for instance, to have had Dr. Chen himself appear before the committees and answer questions about his maps.</p> <p>My second comment has to do with transparency and public input. It was at times challenging for the public to</p>

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				<p>follow the proceedings, whether in person or online. In my own experience, there were numerous times when the video feed or audio feed (or both) was not available or was suboptimal. Because multiple terminals were used simultaneously in order to expedite the process, it was nearly impossible to keep up with the sidebar conversations as individual legislators swapped VTDs in order to balance population totals and achieve other objectives.</p> <p>Even so, under the circumstances I commend your efforts to comply with the court's requirement that the remedial process be conducted in full public view. You did not get everything right in this regard, but the level of public access was unprecedented.</p> <p>As you look ahead to considering redistricting reform legislation, I strongly encourage you to ensure that the public be able not only to view the process, but to provide timely input on both the methodology and the maps themselves.</p> <p>In closing, I urge members of the General Assembly to enact a non-partisan process for redistricting that will ensure a fairer playing field where we voters, not you legislators, can more effectively determine who represents us. And I urge you to take up redistricting reform now, while there is uncertainty politically, but when our government needs to function well and address the policy challenges we are facing nationally and in North Carolina.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Ford S. Worthy</p>
09/15/2019 11:38 PM	Ms Martha Shafer	mshafer4@gmail.com	retired	<p>I live in Guilford County, in the town of Summerfield, and want to express my thoughts about the redistricting work underway. I understand that districts 62, 61 & 57 were frozen and were not able to be altered in this redistricting process. This makes curing the partisan gerrymandering of district 59 more difficult. There's a limited amount of swapping of precincts that can be done given the small area where the remaining districts (60 & 58) intersect. I</p>

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				<p>have no opinion or comment on how that's been accomplished in the current map.</p> <p>It's unfortunate that HD 62 is frozen, because it combines areas that have little to nothing in common. The small municipalities of Summerfield, Stokesdale & Oak Ridge, all part of 62, have many shared concerns. We have regional water issues, which are being studied collaboratively. We do not have police forces, and rely on the Sheriff's department for law enforcement. We all struggle with balancing growth & preserving rural space. We have no library. Our citizens do a lot of business in nearby Greensboro.</p> <p>High Point is not like these small communities. It has a police force, a library, and is home to the International Furniture Market. However, HD 62 combines much of High Point with the small municipalities mentioned above. It's a strange & incongruous combination. It's fine to include Colfax & Jamestown in a district with High Point, because they are so close to it. Those residents interact with the High Point community. But Oak Ridge, Stokesdale & Summerfield do not fit with High Point. It does not serve the citizens of either to be grouped into one district.</p> <p>Lastly, it concerns me that the mapmaking process started using the Chen maps, rather than drawing them from scratch. It concerns me that partisan data was shared with all parties by the defendant's team, which polluted the process. I don't think enough opportunity has been made for public input, which should have been given during map drawing, not afterwards. I made comments at a public comment session during the last map redrawing undertaken by our legislature, and it's obvious that process was a charade, and a waste of my time. I hope that's not the case now, but I'm starting to lose faith in our ability to address legislative abuse of power. I hope our leaders don't get away with merely seeming to comply with the court's order. It's ironic that our state motto is "To be, rather than to seem." If only our legislature would live up to it.</p>
09/16/2019	Ms. Amy Kidd	amy@mavencom.com		Dear House Members,

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Thank you for your service to our great state.

Maps that are borne from a gerrymandered map will ultimately still be gerrymandered, and as Sam Wang from the Princeton Election Consortium so eloquently put it, a stacked deck can't produce a fair deal. The Chen maps were not drawn in a public hearing as the court requires, and were never intended to be used as a model for redistricting but instead to serve as a record of NC's existing gerrymandering. The court has never "accepted" Chen's maps as remedial maps; they've only accepted them as evidence of the current sad state of affairs, so you're starting from a faulty premise,

It's blatantly obvious that many house members aren't interested in a fair deal, being much more consumed by thinking about their own political futures than wanting to provide the most optimal, fairest map possible for their citizens. Please return to the map-making process with a true commitment to work together for all of the people of North Carolina, even if it means some of you may have to return to the private sector.

And specifically, in New Hanover County, please review your current districts and see if you can determine a way to better redistrict this area; having one house district literally go over the river and through the woods into Brunswick County, where constituents' issues and daily concerns are different, doesn't serve anyone.

Additionally, if it is at all possible, please make the next version of the maps you release to the public slightly more detailed in terms of county borders and even major streets so that one doesn't have to be a professional cartographer to gain an understanding of which areas are most impacted by your changes (e.g. for example, putting major thoroughfares like Market Street and Oleander Drive.) Even a few markers would be extremely helpful for the average citizen.

Thank you for considering my feedback and for

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09/16/2019 12:08 AM	James Turbeville	jrturbeville53@gmail.com		<p>approaching this process with the greater good of NC's citizens in mind. --Amy Hooker Kidd</p> <p>I live in Columbus County. When the redistricting maps are done for the House of Representatives, I would like my county and the communities in it to stay as whole as possible. I believe that dividing our people will cause more confusion and will be a problem for them and their representatives. The issues that are important to the people in different regions may not be the same. I believe a representative can do a better job with people who are similar and who live in the same area. Please do not split my county, its towns, or communities. Thank you.</p>
09/16/2019 12:14 AM	Ms. Adrienne Garnett	artg126@yahoo.com		<p>The Courts have demanded transparency in this (supposed) redistricting process. These demands are being met with direct opacity and obfuscation. We, the public has not been given hearing time, opportunity nor openness.....certainly NOT WELCOME!!! Please, please insist upon compliance with the court demands.</p>
09/16/2019 12:20 AM	Ms Margaret Anderson	carinapup@yahoo.com		<p>The "remedial" maps so far produced are still unacceptably partisan. NC-H18, NC-H71, NC-H72, NC-H75, NC-H42, NC-H44, NC-H46 all reflect strong partisan gerrymanders. I anticipate the courts will decide an independent map maker is necessary, but if Republicans in the House Committee could just NOT make our state legislature look inept, conniving, and self-serving for a change, the citizenry of the state would appreciate it.</p>
09/16/2019 12:33 AM	Ms. Maple Osterbrink	maosterbrink@gmail.com	Alliance to Protect our People and the Places we Live	<p>You had better do this right, we are all fed up with embarrassment. All the laws passed under illegal means should be rescinded!!!</p>
09/16/2019 01:17 AM	Carole Labrum	caroleglabrum@gmail.com	NC Citizen and Voter	<p>On Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019, Three Superior Court judges overturned the state's current political maps as unconstitutional in a 357-page ruling:</p> <p>"the maps violated the state constitution because "it is the carefully crafted maps, and not the will of the voters, that dictate the election outcomes in a significant number of legislative districts and, ultimately, the majority control of the General Assembly."</p> <p>The judges ordered the NCGA to redraw districts fairly; to</p>

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				<p>"conduct the entire remedial process in full public view" and make "any relevant computer screen visible to legislators and public observers."</p> <p>Public view is not provided by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ selecting the maps drawn from the view point of just an expert witness ~ offering just 40 minutes notice of the first (of only two public comment opportunities) last Friday, 9/13/19, ~ nor is Saturday or Sunday notice that public online comment period expires Monday, 9/16/19, at Noon! ~ right before only the second public comment Hearing on Monday, 9/16/19 at 12:00N. <p>None of this accommodates "full public view" nor public observation, much less public participation in the process. It constitutes a failure to comply with the court order.</p> <p>Selecting maps drawn by an expert witness for the trial is not a transparent process, nor was it conducted in full public view, much less does it incorporate public participation. They are, afterall, OUR voting districts in OUR neighborhoods, Shouldn't we have a say and not be subject to just the perception/opinion of the expert witness?</p> <p>Two popup public comment hearings announced with little or no advance notice to the public, does not constitute nor provide reasonable opportunity for observation much less participation. Nor does online public commentary over a weekend to a site that asks only that you apply to speak on Monday at 12 Noon in a hearing room in the LBO.</p> <p>The NCGA should provide opportunity for public observers to participate and provide reasonable notice of, and opportunity for the public's comments.</p> <p>This is an entirely unfair, undisclosed and untransparent process that does not satisfy the court mandated order.</p> <p>The current NCGA is effectively an illegitimate body and likely incapable of openly and fairly redrawing new</p>

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				<p>districts. It is not approaching this mandate in full public view nor are they doing the will of the people, yet - once - again!</p> <p>I object viammently! I hope these Superior Court judges will have access to all public comments!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Carole Labrum Chapel Hill, NC</p>
09/16/2019 01:40 AM	Ms. Julia Trimmer	juliatrimmer@gmail.com	North Carolina Citizen	The redistricting process was court-ordered to be transparent and non-partisan, yet the process and the maps themselves have been woefully missing from public view. NC citizens are calling on the NC House to make the process transparent and non-partisan.
09/16/2019 04:47 AM	Sharon Fowler	fowler.sharon@gmail.com		The GOP-controlled legislature has, once again, produced partisan-gerrymandered maps for four county groupings in the NC House and one in the NC Senate. It now falls to the Court and its appointed referee, Nathaniel Persily, to insist that these county groupings be drawn more fairly and that, after a decade of anti-democratic, deceitful, and illegal Republican behavior, we finally get fair legislative maps for North Carolina for 2020.
09/16/2019 04:55 AM	Sarah Shaefer	Sarah.shaefer@gmail.com	Neighbors on Call	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.
09/16/2019 05:55 AM	Johnette Fields	jfields43@hotmail.com		I am stunned to see New Hanover County gerrymandered again in the proposed redistricting maps. I was formerly in a district that made my opinions and vote unimportant and useless. Now I see that happening again. New Hanover should not be divided into three parts with one district hooked on to Brunswick county. Districts should represent common needs of the people in the district. YYOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS. DRAW FAIR MAPS.
09/16/2019 06:01 AM	Karen Mallam	karenmallam@yahoo.com		Your process is not following the requirements of the Court to be transparent. Giving 40 minutes notice for public comment is unconscionable and would be laughable were the results not so tragic for the people of the state of NC. I am highly suspicious that these maps

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				<p>have been tainted by data on race shared by the NC GOP but "not used".</p> <p>SHAME, SHAME, SHAME ON YOU ALL. The citizens of NC deserve better.</p>
09/16/2019 06:13 AM	Mrs Nan Friedman	Joelnan@aol.com		<p>I read with dismay that a public comment period was held on Friday with THIRTY MINUTES notice. And maps were not made available so people could have time to look at them to make an informed comment. Also amendments are being added that appear to protect incumbents This, to me, does not describe a transparent process trying to change these maps to be fair.</p>
09/16/2019 06:17 AM	Tom Fields	tfields@ec.rr.com		<p>The way New Hanover County is divided into 3 districts is not in keeping with the intent to not divide counties for voting. The continues to show intent to stack certain districts with registered Republicans.</p>
09/16/2019 06:33 AM	Ms. margaret peeples	peeplesmargaret@gmail.com		<p>I believe that new districts should be compact, contiguous, and abide by fed. law to protect voting strength of racial minorities. No use should be made of political factors including voter registrations, previous election results or incumbents addresses. Also please facilitate citizen participation in the redrawing process.</p>
09/16/2019 06:34 AM	Mrs Carol Stanton	carol.bodytalk@gmail.com		<p>Do this with honesty and openness. If you have to cheat to win your insides will rot and smell. Understand what a clear conscience is and how democracy was set up for you to find truth and justice. Not deception and fear. . You'll be free and feel good if you do.</p>
09/16/2019 06:41 AM	Marie Maher	mbm0202@gmail.com		<p>Isn't it about time that redistricting was done in a non-partisan, transparent fashion so that the legislature is truly represented according to its will? Continuing to draw maps that are skewed so severely in one direction only serves to represent one and not all political views, Democrat or Republican. The state does not benefit in the long run from this type of misrepresentation. If NC is to step forward from its backward leaning stance this must be the direction taken. Real democracy is at stake; the only thing that truly made America great! On the world's stage, we are no longer a leader. Any travel outside the US illuminates this sad fact most evidently. NC stands as a once great</p>

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				state, now lagging in democracy, while more centrist states invite better business opportunities, attracting the kind of organizations we need. No more self-dealing, please; our future and our children's futures depend on it. Ignorant partisan entrenchment is the demise of America.
09/16/2019 07:11 AM	Susan Blalock	Sjblalock82@gmail.com		I attended Thursday session, which was scheduled to start at 11:00 am. It was about 15 minutes late starting. Then, there was an almost immediate stand down while maps on computer screens were updated. This took about one hour and maps were so small they were impossible to see from the public seating available in the back of the room. When the computers were finally done, there was about 15 minutes of discussion concerning incumbants. Then, they broke for lunch for about 90 minutes. During this time, staff (I believe staff of Republican representatives) were going to work on redrawing some of the lines. The public was NOT invited to sit in on this redrawing. The long lunch was needed so staff could eat after working. A republican representative stressed the need for staff to have considerable discretion in their redrawing. In the end, it was very clear to me that the process was NOT transparent and I did not return after the lunch break. I do NOT believe that what I witnessed on Thursday was in line with the court order of a fair and transparent process done in the view of the public.
09/16/2019 07:18 AM	Ellen Bonus	Breezy.bonus@gmail.com		Let's make voting fair to everyone that cares enough to vote. We want our votes to count. Please don't let greed trump fair play.
09/16/2019 07:25 AM	Elizabeth Kawabata	lizkawabata@gmail.com		<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."</p> <p>"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>Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online.</p>

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				Please stop the partisan bias and do as the court directed. Let's make North Carolina an example of how democracy works and do not continue the "good ole boy" politics.
09/16/2019 07:29 AM	Dr. Sally Buchanan	sallyperio@bellsouth.net	a private citizen	I have been trying to follow the redistricting process and you've managed to have it so discombobulated that I am not at all sure of what you're voting on; therefore, it should not go ahead until we the people have a chance to see and understand the proposed maps. When I look at the maps on the ncleg.gov website I do not understand how some of these lines could possibly meet the criteria established for redrawing the districts. This should not be rammed through without our input. I am opposed to the maps that I can see and this vote should be delayed until your rationale is explained.
09/16/2019 07:31 AM	Ms Lynn Archbold	Heronswalk@bellsouth.net		The people of North Carolina demand fair and equitable district voting maps. If any party has to cheat to win elections then they are not listening to the people and should not be in power period. We will only have fair elections when ALL of the people are represented, and EVERY vote counts. Gerrymandering is cheating, pure and simple.
09/16/2019 07:31 AM	Patricia English	penglish@wilkes.net		I support more transparency in the court-ordered redistricting process. We need fair maps and fair elections.
09/16/2019 07:38 AM	Toni Chandler	1006@triad.rr.com	Retired educator	We urgently need fairer district maps for elections to ensure that every vote counts.
09/16/2019 07:38 AM	Rebecca Showalter	jbshow@bellsouth.net		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 07:40 AM	Pamela Frome	pam.frome@gmail.com		I am very concerned about the way the redistricting is being conducted. The maps used by both the House and the Senate were not drawn in public view as required by the courts, they were drawn in advance by an expert witness for the trial. A public comment session was held by the House on Friday with almost no advance notice (40 minutes is ridiculous, most people probably hadn't even heard about it by the time it was over, let alone had time to

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				<p>look at the maps, or arrange time off work and to get to Raleigh). Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online.</p> <p>In addition, the Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps. The GOP's legal team emailed partisan statistics to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used. After years of them trying to pick their voters and use trickery and deceit to win, I do not believe them. Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents despite Democrat's objections that they were not reasonable. The Court emphasized the incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to project extreme partisan advantage.</p> <p>All of these issues lead me to believe that this process is not going to lead to fair maps. We are a democracy, voters should pick their representatives, not the other way around.</p>
09/16/2019 07:43 AM	Lea Clayton	Leaclayton@earthlink.net		<p>The new map reference as of Friday night still has at least half the partisan skew of the current district map according to an independent watchdog group, the Princeton Gerrymandering Project. We the voters in NC and the rest of the country are paying attention to how our democracy is being treated. This process must be fair and open. Our maps must be representative of the people. This new map must be scrapped and drawn appropriately. This voter is paying attention!</p>
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09/16/2019 07:53 AM	ms katherine fry	nevista317@gmail.com		<p>these maps do not represent the populations included. the people in northern Brunswick County have some connection to the Wilmington area as far as shopping and</p>

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09/16/2019 07:58 AM	Redistricting Greg Cox	gregcoxnc@yahoo.com		Leave it alone
09/16/2019 08:01 AM	Dr Beth Harvat	bethandpeter@gmail.com		The GOP leadership of the NC legislature has shown repeatedly that they are not to be trusted to draw fair districts for elections. Their unlawful and deceitful action is continuing even today. The only way to have fair districts is for an independent commission to draw the districts. Lacking that, the court should draw districts for the time being. Districts should be compact, not split precincts where ever possible, not take into account race or party registration and have as equal number of registered voters as possible - period!
09/16/2019 08:03 AM	Mr. Larry Reed	lgreed3@gmail.com	Retired	It is critical for the General Assembly to relinquish its partisan approach to redistricting and hold a fair, non-biased redistricting process for North Carolina. For the past eight years North Carolina has been a national disgrace for the Republican anti-democratic gerrymandering. The redistricting must be transparent, open to well informed public comment with days of advance notice and formal response to comments, not based on any partisan data, and not protective of incumbents elected from gerrymandered districts.
09/16/2019 08:11 AM	Makiala Love	Msemien96@gmail.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 08:15 AM	Ralph Lowrance	RalphLowrance@aol.com		Districts should be compact and drawn without regard to the political affiliation of the district's population or the voting history of the precincts included. Those who have

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				knowledge of either of those two factors should recuse themselves from the process.
09/16/2019 08:18 AM	Dr. Marilyn Evans	marilyn.evans@gmail.com		We have 13 NC Congressional members now - and only 3 are Democrats - though this state has a nearly equal split between Democratic voters and Republican voters. We need districts that represent the people who live in them. Everyone's vote should count and until districts are developed so that they accurately represent the people this will not happen.
09/16/2019 08:18 AM	Ruth Held	ruth_h_28070@yahoo.com		I would love to see the redistricting process be completely non-partisan no matter if Republicans or Democrats are in power. NO to gerrymandering!!
09/16/2019 08:18 AM	William Madden	Madden.william@gmail.com	Citizen	I want competitive races because I want the North Carolinians with the better ideas, initiatives, public service records, and constituent services to garner election each term. I want our people to have a higher level of respect for holders of elected office. Lastly, I expect the current Republican members of the current redistricting to continue to act in an unethical manner such that the court will appoint a neutral expert to redraw the maps.
09/16/2019 08:19 AM	Ms. Carol Dille	carol@thomasdivide.com		I would ask that everyone do their best to be honest brokers. For too long everyone has been out for their side, with complete disregard for how this goes back and forth. And gets worse and worse. Lets all try to listen to each other, respect different opinions, and relearn the art of compromise. That is legislation
09/16/2019 08:21 AM	Ms. Debbe Perry	debbe.perry@gmail.com		I strongly believe that the criteria for redrawing the maps include no political data is to be used to redraw the maps, redrawn maps should be started from scratch so the entire process is transparent, that counties be kept whole, that municipalities be kept whole, compactness, that numbers of persons in each district should be as equal as possible, that the redrawing process should be transparent to the public.
09/16/2019 08:22 AM	Susan Keels	susans_syoung@yahoo.com		Districting should and must be done fairly according to population not by declared party. The gerrymandering that has been done here in North Carolina is by its very nature manipulative and unconstitutional.
09/16/2019 08:29 AM	Mr. Kenneth Dalsheimer	kdalsh@earthlink.net	Kenneth G Dalsheimer	Dear NC House Committee on Redistricting ,

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09/16/2019 08:30 AM	Mrs. Robin Leto	birdie86509@gmail.com		<p>I have concerns about the way the court ordered redistricting of NC is being accomplished. I feel the House is not following the court ordered mandates in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. -A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice. -The GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used, but I do not think this is believable. -Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not "reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage. <p>Thank you for considering my comments. Robin Leto</p>
09/16/2019 08:34 AM	Brunswik and New Hanover Carolina Candelaria	carolinamanualpt@gmail.com	myself	<p>New Hanover and Brunswick county district lines are have been drawn combining towns across the Cape Fear river. These towns are not much connected either by commercial or societal interests. Instead of evenly</p>

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09/16/2019 08:40 AM	About redistricting Misako Toda	misakotoda@gmail.com		<p>There are concerns about "public view" and transparency. 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>Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online.</p> <p>There also are concerns about the use of partisan data. Although the Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps, Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not "reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p>
09/16/2019 08:40 AM	Mr, Keith Johnson	kmjohnso15@hotmail.com	self	I am writing to express my concern that the NC General Assembly has not conformed to the court ordered process in developing redistricting. For example, base maps have not been drawn in full public view, public comment session on 9/13/19 was held with only 40 minutes notice and redistricting maps have not been made available so that people could submit comments.
09/16/2019 08:42 AM	1987 Amy White	amykathrynwhite@yahoo.com		The House maps are still drawn to widely favor a Republican majority. After decades of gerrymandering so egregious that NC regularly makes national headlines, let please get fair maps drawn for 2020. We can no longer be the laughing stock of our nation over this issue.
09/16/2019 08:43 AM	Ms Rosemary McGee	remcgee@nc.rr.com		The object of ALL elections is to ascertain, fairly and truthfully, the will of the people. The people demand new maps that are fair and must Not favor Republicans at the expense of Democrats.
09/16/2019 08:44 AM	Jamezetta Bedford	Jamezettab@gmail.com		The base maps are flawed. Maps need to be revised so that there is no racial nor partisan favoritism/

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				gerrymandering. There should be no consideration of incumbents in drawing the maps. These need to be fair for the people of NC.
09/16/2019 08:48 AM	Cassandra Woodhouse	cassandra0627@gmail.com		I am strongly opposed to the continued political maneuvering. Why should districts be redrawn that blatantly protect 2 incumbents from having to run against each other? Why does my vote not count? Hire an experienced and independent person to draw the lines fairly. This is but one step in solving the rancorous partisan environment that divides neighbor from neighbor and prevents duly elected public servants from effectively doing their job to represent ALL the people.
09/16/2019 08:48 AM	Clarice Reber	claricereber@gmail.com	citizen of New Hanover County	I took a look at the proposed legislative districts for New Hanover and Brunswick Counties. You have split up New Hanover County into three separate districts. This is not "keeping communities of interest" together. Looks like another example of splitting us up so we have no unified representation in Raleigh. Please redraw to reflect New Hanover County as a community of interest. Thank you.
09/16/2019 08:50 AM	Dr. Elizabeth Wagner	eliza1738@hotmail.com	NONE	<p>The NC GOP is trying to suppress the vote and destroy democracy. They have drawn the maps so that rural white voters "count" more than other voters. We need districts that are fair and do not discriminate. Allow an independent body to redraw the maps in a fair and balanced way! That's the only way we will have a fair and accurate vote.</p> <p>It's clear from the behavior of NC GOP that they see the writing on the wall. Republicans are stuck in the past, and they can't win without cheating. Luckily for them, the NC GOP have time and time again shown themselves to be cheaters with seemingly zero morals, and that seems to be the only reason why they are still in power. It's not lucky for the rest of us, though. The children, the disabled, the poor all suffer from your GOP lies. Allow an independent body to redraw the maps in a fair and balanced way! That's the only way we will escape this ridiculous mess that brings shame to our state.</p>
09/16/2019 08:51 AM	Mr. John May	john@bonaventureco.com		Redistrict our state the way it should be done, not in the partisan manner in which you overrode Governor Cooper's budget veto. That was sophomoric, devious, unfair,

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				irresponsible, undemocratic, manipulative, asinine, and made House Republicans look like fools.
09/16/2019 08:54 AM	Granville county Anna Elliott	annaelliott55@gmail.com		I have serious concerns about rural Granville county being lumped together with urban parts of Durham!
09/16/2019 08:57 AM	Justin lancaster			Basing maps off of incumbency is in essence keeping traces of the unconstitutional maps in place. An independent commission should be chosen that is appointed term limits via NC Gov - a position that cannot be gerrymandered.
09/16/2019 08:57 AM	Blaire Areaux	baareaux@hotmail.com		The process to create these maps continues to be based on partisan goals and not on fairly representing the people of North Carolina. I strongly encourage the Legislature to reject what has been created and to approve a process that would allow for more equality and less partisanship in the creation of voting maps.
09/16/2019 09:01 AM	Pam Robbins	active.pjr@gmail.com		I feel all district maps should be drawn by an independent group. We must restore democracy by having every vote count.
09/16/2019 09:01 AM	Ms. Chris Roerden	marketsavvybooks@aol.com	self	Without a fair system of voting in NC, I'm ashamed to say I live here. Please removed the stain of gerrymandering from our state.
09/16/2019 09:03 AM	Nathan Ateood	nathanjamesatwood@gmail.com	Private Citizen	Matthews is its own community - it is not "the same" as Charlotte. In fact, those of us who choose to live in Matthews do so because we do not want to live in Charlotte. This new map will "drown" Matthews in the "sea" of Charlotte. Don't do it! Like Mint Hill, we are historically our own community. Preserve our chosen identity politically and keep us aligned with Mint Hill and the other smaller communities south of Charlotte!
09/16/2019 09:07 AM	1940 SONDRA VANSANT	ssvansant@gmail.com	private citizen	Re: Proposed District 19: Having owned and lived in a home in Brunswick County, I'm surprised you have combined the area from Wilmington to Kure Beach with the rest of the designated district. Wouldn't this make more sense to include that area in District 20? As it's proposed, it looks like there is a large unbalance in population density with two cities in 19 (Wilmington & Southport), plus numerous small towns and very low density in District 20.

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09/16/2019 09:08 AM	Katherine Capehart	kdcapheart@gmail.com	UNC Chapel Hill	The best and fairest way to go about redistricting is to have an independent citizens' commission to draw these maps. A lottery machine is a poor choice. If nothing else, the public MUST have ample time and opportunity to review and request review by legislators of the final new maps. If the legislature gets to draw them, the public must approve them.
09/16/2019 09:10 AM	Benjamin Dawson	Bendawson3@yahoo.com		<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.” So far the process has not been transparent, nor has it followed the guidelines required by The Court. “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. A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice. That’s not acting on good faith for your constituents. That’s cheating them out of the representation included in their rights and paid for by their taxes.</p> <p>Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online. Even though The Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps, I’m concerned about the use of partisan data to redraw the maps, again. The GOP’s legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert’s maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used. I think they’re also not playing fair when it comes to incumbency as a factor for drawing the maps because Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat’s objections that they were not “reasonable.” The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p>
09/16/2019 09:16 AM	john montgomery	wisskid2000@aol.com	self	Leave redistricting to the party in power. plain and simple, the Democrats did it for 100 years when they had the GA and when republicans take the majority for the first time in 2011 suddenly they become racial gerrymanders....those get re-drawn with republicans still holding the majority so

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09/16/2019 09:17 AM	Mr Lawrence Cormier	lcormier@triad.rr.com		<p>then the court rules partisan maps are illegal. leave it to the party in power. The democrats in district in question had more registered voters than republicans but still lost... its turnout issues not map issues for democrats.</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>

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				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.
09/16/2019 09:18 AM	Mrs. Cristina Ginsberg	crisrock1967@gmail.com		I want this process of redrawing the General Assembly's maps to be fair and Include the general public's input for the sake of transparency and avoid partisan interest to prevail in using the maps unfairly as in the past.
09/16/2019 09:20 AM	Evan Hackett	Evan.hackett12@gmail.com		I am concerned by the districts within New Hanover county and the surrounding areas. Specifically why are we grouping what appears to be all of the "downtown" Wilmington area into one district and the rest of Wilmington into other districts?
09/16/2019 09:24 AM	Dr. Paul Ringel	pbringel@gmail.com		The process by which these maps are by created is not following the guidelines laid out by the court. The court ordered the process to be public, and it has not been. The court ordered the legislature not to build a model using predetermined maps, and it has. The court ordered the use of no partisan data, and the Republicans have ignored this order. This mapmaking process has not been transparent and honest, and the court needs to take control of this process away from the politicians.
09/16/2019 09:25 AM	Ms. Carolyn Guckert	cguckert@mindspring.com		Two words: BE FAIR! This state is weary of legislators picking your voters instead of us choosing our representatives. We want fair races; we don't want to know ahead of time who is going to win. One man, one vote. The current system debases democracy. Give us a voice, like the constitution intended. What are you afraid of???
09/16/2019 09:27 AM	Kay Pratt	schlegelpratt.kay@gmail.com		Please do the right thing to draw fair maps in North Carolina so all of our citizens will be fairly represented. Please be transparent in this process and allow time for comments as the process unfolds.
09/16/2019 09:27 AM	Alexander Hood	xanhood@gmail.com		I completely disagree with this new re-districting. As a voter in the Meck county area, I would highly suggest this be cancelled!
				Alexander
09/16/2019	Gwen Hall	gwenmcleodhall@gmail.com		I am deeply concerned that our districts are drawn to prove

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09:30 AM				NO ADVANTAGE to either party, and to prove that every single citizen of our state has equal voice. I am in favor of the maps being drawn by a non-partisan agency, and removing the process from the General Assembly leaders.
09/16/2019 09:35 AM	Ms Susan Lindsay	susan.b.lindsay@gmail.com	County to County	So far, the redistricting process has not been "conducted . . . in full public view" as the court mandated. Maps have not been made publicly available in time for citizens to make reasonably informed comment, and virtually no advance notice was given for the "public comment session" held Friday, Sept. 13. Finally, the majority party is moving district lines to protect incumbents and place competitors and and potential competitors at a disadvantage. NC needs government for the people and by the people, not for the incumbents by the incumbents! Voting on these maps now will make a mockery of the process -- again!
09/16/2019 09:36 AM	1942 Walter Salinger	walter.salinger@gmail.com		From my layman's perspective, it would appear that the leadership of the House Committee on Redistricting has ignored key elements of the judgess requirements for a suitable redistricting process. Having watched much of the proceedings it is abundantly clear that the Republicans are not engaged in a good faith effort to follow the guidelines mandated by the judges in Common Cause v Lewis. Based upon what I have seen so far in those proceedings, would not be a surprise if the judges found the Lewis at al. to be in contempt of court.
09/16/2019 09:37 AM	James Noel	james.d.noel@gmail.com		As a resident of NC , I believe in fair elections and the right to assemble as well as the One Person One Vote ideology. I believe in limiting government overreach and call for an independent panel of redistricting to create fair districts requiring an efficiency gap of less than 5% to ensure highly competitive elections. I believe in transparency of government, and that all communications (text, email, phone calls, video calls, meetings) and the data used, to create these voting districts as well as future districts be required to be publicly released with the proposed voting district. Only through complete redistricting transparency and government accountability can we the people of North Carolina have faith in the district process.
09/16/2019 09:38 AM	1977 Jonathan			The state legislature has the duty and obligation to create non-partisan gerrymandered legislative districts. No party

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	Rollman			(Republican or Democrat) should be able to draw maps that favor the majority in power. All citizens of this state deserve to be represented by an elected official that serves in the best interest of his/her constituent's interests, not in the interests of political parties. This power grab has gone on for far too long and needs to stop.
09/16/2019 09:39 AM	Dr. Joel Gallagher	gallagher.joel@gmail.com		<p>Although I was very optimistic about the prospects of redistricting following the Common Cause v. Lewis case earlier this month, I have become more and more disgusted with the Republican leadership over the last two weeks. They have flagrantly ignored the rules set forth by the three judge panel for map drawing in the NC partisan gerrymandering case - Common Cause v. Lewis. The court order was very clear - there had to be transparency and public involvement at every step of the way. However, with Republican leadership in the House is clearly showing its disregard for norms and decency – as evidenced by the deceptive vote to override the Governor's veto on 9/11 of all days after telling the Democratic House members that there would be no vote. In any case, the population of North Carolina has every reason to be suspicious of the Republican's actions. For example -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) The NC House approved its map without giving sufficient time for public to comment (with as little as one hour to comment), which is a clear violation of the court's order for transparency and public participation. The court declared that "all map drawing [must] occur at public hearings." 2.) The court stated that it would appoint a referee to oversee the drawing of the maps. One recommendation from Republicans was Art Pope as a referee. Art Pope bankrolled the conservatives illegally gerrymandered maps through the organization REDMAP project. He should hardly be counted as a referee. 3.) The court stated no partisan information was to be used in drawing the new districts. Republicans have stated they will use the maps drawn by statistician Jowei Chen as a starting point. Chen's maps were used to show the severity of the existing gerrymander, which also allowed

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09/16/2019 09:40 AM	PLEASE SELECT Anne Spruce	aspruce@atmc.net		<p>I am horrified by the NC house republicans' efforts to ignore the orders from the Middle District Court of NC which was upheld by the US Supreme Court. Circumventing this redistricting is decidedly against the will of the people as well as being underhanded and blatantly criminal. You all need to do what is right and let the redistricting stand in order to allow for fair and equitable voting districts.</p>
09/16/2019 09:43 AM	Marilyn Carter	marilyncarter111@gmail.com	Orange County Democratic Party	<p>We have several concerns about transparency: Specifically, the Court directed the NCGA to "conduct the entire remedial process in full public view" and make "any relevant computer screen visible to legislators and public observers." "Base maps" used by both the House and Senate were NOT drawn in public view, as required by court orders. Last Friday's public comment session was held</p>

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09/16/2019 09:43 AM	Dr. Shaylar Padgett	shaylar.padgett@gmail.com		<p>Although I was very optimistic about the prospects of redistricting following the Common Cause v. Lewis case earlier this month, I have become more and more disgusted with the Republican leadership over the last two weeks. They have flagrantly ignored the rules set forth by the three judge panel for map drawing in the NC partisan gerrymandering case - Common Cause v. Lewis. The court order was very clear - there had to be transparency and public involvement at every step of the way. However, with Republican leadership in the House is clearly showing its disregard for norms and decency – as evidenced by the deceptive vote to override the Governor's veto on 9/11 of all days after telling the Democratic House members that there would be no vote. In any case, the population of North Carolina has every reason to be suspicious of the Republican's actions. For example -</p> <p>1.) The NC House approved its map without giving sufficient time for public to comment (with as little as one hour to comment), which is a clear violation of the court's order for transparency and public participation. The court declared that "all map drawing [must] occur at public hearings."</p> <p>2.) The court stated that it would appoint a referee to oversee the drawing of the maps. One recommendation</p>

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09/16/2019 09:45 AM	Mr. Garland Kanady	gkanady@verizon.net	Citizen	<p>Rural county districts include too much urban area. The interests of citizens in rural areas are different than those of citizens in urban areas. Both areas need representation that reflects the views and needs of their respective citizens."</p>

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09/16/2019 09:45 AM	Andrew Horton	abhorton@mac.com		More partisan gerrymandering. These maps are a mess. Some precincts are missing, so what other errors and omissions are there? Please get a non-biased, non-partisan third party to draw the maps.
09/16/2019 09:48 AM	Dr Kenneth Leto	letokj@gmail.com		<p>I have concerns about the way the court ordered redistricting of NC is being accomplished. I feel the House is not following the court ordered mandates in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -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. -A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice. -The GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used, but I do not think this is believable. -Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not "reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage. Thank you for considering my comments.
09/16/2019 09:51 AM	ms Marilyn Zuckerman	mczuckerman@hotmail.com	neighborsoncall.org	<p>I find it disconcerting that the redistricting maps are still not being drawn in an open and honest manner. There is too much secrecy and hidden power plays by the party that is in a majority (by virtue of very skewed voting precincts). I would like to see totally non-partisan districts drawn so that everyone can have a fair chance of having their vote count.</p>
09/16/2019 09:53 AM	Mr Nick Divitci	ltechg@gmail.com	Retired	Please publish the criteria being used in designing new districts and publish the districts and the associated information (population, precincts, and compactness).
09/16/2019 09:54 AM	Mrs LaTonya Rose	Lmrose05@gmail.com		<p>Thank you for posting the redistricting map for District 43. I was just curious looking at the new map for District 43 seems disproportionate to the District the Rep. Floyd has been representing for the 10 plus years. I think this does a disservice to the constituents he has represented for years. Rep. Floyd has been a moving force in his area, he is always accessible and he makes time to speak with you no</p>

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				<p>matter what your concerns may be. Rep. Floyd has served his community very well and we would like to keep that leadership in Raleigh.</p> <p>I urge the committee to reconsider this district map and make it more proportionate to his constituents that have supported him for years.</p> <p>Respectfully L. M. Rose</p>
09/16/2019 09:54 AM	Dr. Rosalie Dominik	rdominikjr@gmail.com	retired biostatistician	<p>As a UNC-educated statistician and NC citizen, I am very disappointed to see that an inappropriate process has been used to draw new maps over these past 10 days. The fact that one party selected one of the 1000 maps that had been generated previously by simulation, without transparently pre-specifying how one "base map" would be chosen from among the 1000 randomly generated, is quite inappropriate. This is partisan cherry-picking.</p> <p>The fact that this base map seems to have been further tweaked in a way that favors one party over the other only increases the resulting bias.</p> <p>What's the fair and appropriate remedy? I hope that NC House and NC Senate district maps generated and checked for fairness by an impartial expert such as Nathan Persily will ultimately be used for the upcoming elections.</p>
09/16/2019 09:58 AM	Carol Williamson	walterandcarol@earthlink.net		Please keep our district the same. Stop messing up our county??
09/16/2019 09:58 AM	Rachel Gallagher	rachel.n.gallagher@gmail.com		<p>There is evidence of Republican resistance to and obstruction of the criteria set by the three-judge panel for the drawing of these remedial maps (use of the Chen maps, approving House maps without enough time for public comment, etc.). The process of redistricting by this committee has been usurped by a group focused on self-preservation. There needs to be greater oversight and transparency in this map-making process. The map drawing process needs to be entirely taken out of the legislature's hands in order to ensure fair and nonpartisan maps. It is clear to me that we need an independent citizens redistricting commission.</p>
09/16/2019	Britany	eiselerb@yahoo.com		The Court has allowed the party that implemented the

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09:58 AM	Eiseler			<p>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. It's obvious that the Republicans on this committee have been bent on self preservation and selecting voters to elevate their power. It's imperative to have voters selecting their</p>

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09/16/2019 09:58 AM	Mrs Bonnie Bechard	bbechard@mac.com	Personal	<p>representation, not the other way around.</p> <p>Why are you splitting Brunswick County? What are you splitting New Hanover County? There is no reason for this except for corrupt partisan purposes. You are directed to keep counties together.</p>
09/16/2019 09:58 AM	Mrs. Julie Albert	juliewalbert@gmail.com		<p>I have concerns about “public view” and transparency in the redistricting project for the NC House. 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:</p> <p>* “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>* Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online.</p> <p>We can NOT allow for these shenanigans.</p> <p>I also have concerns about the use of partisan data. The Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps. However:</p> <p>* The GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used. Can we trust them after all they have done? No.</p> <p>* Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not “reasonable.” The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p>

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				<p>Again, we need support here in case of Republican treachery.</p> <p>At this point, we can only assume they will lie, cheat and steal their way and we have to prevent that at all costs. PROTECT DEMOCRACY!!</p>
09/16/2019 09:59 AM	Cheryl Howard	Cheryl.howard89@yahoo.com		<p>The proposed district redrawing is not fair and is gerrymandering. The lines have been drawn combining areas across county lines, the Cape Fear River, in Brunswick and New Hanover counties. This combines towns which do not have common interests and is an attempt to make district 18 a democrat district and districts 19 and 20, republican, which is gerrymandering. The districts need to be drawn in a fair way that combines people with common interests so they can be best represented.</p>
09/16/2019 09:59 AM	Michele Nolen	mhadburg@gmail.com		<p>Please, NC legislature, ensure that the voting maps are fair and impartial. As a reminder, it was found that you "unconstitutionally [drew] state House and Senate districts in 2011 to weaken black voting power." This unlawful power grab is a disgrace to our state, and I want it to end now. You have a few more days to redraw the maps-- please do so in a legal manner that ensures fair representation for all North Carolina residents. Thank you.</p>
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09/16/2019 10:00 AM	Maria Johnson			Stop playing games and start doing your jobs! You were ordered by the court to redraw the lines in a fair way. If the tables were turned you would be screaming about this very issue. So do the right thing and stop this dishonest way of controlling the outcome.
09/16/2019 10:00 AM	Mrs. Ann Barkley	Ann.barkley301@gmail.com		It is my understanding that the proposed redistricting map still contains between one half and two thirds of the partisan advantage that was present in the illegal gerrymandering! Correct this now!!
09/16/2019 10:01 AM	Pastor William Lucas	wlucas6@nc.rr.com	All On the Line	<p>Good morning, where do I begin? How can I honestly make a cogent argument to someone who has already made up their minds to keep perceived power at any cost? How do make an argument to a group of people who say they love their county, state, nation, and constitution but their hearts are far from it? They say with their mouths and bumper stickers they love God but their actions are far from it. Can send drones in the air, spacecraft to other moons, cure all kinds of diseases, and build almost anything but still haven't learn in over 400 years how to love all of God's people. How do you convince a group of people that still don't believe the constitution "We the People," or "One Vote One Person," or the fact that "We All Need Each Other, No One is a Island unto themselves?" We need each other!!!</p> <p>Therefore, my comment is be careful how you treat other people, especially other Americans because I think I remember another preaching saying "we all rise or fall together", the Prophet Paul saying "we are all part of the body of Christ," and William Lucas saying "we are all in the same boat." This fact is playing out in real time right now in North Carolina. Your policies have drugged up, locked up, and uneducated the African American so dramatically for years that government officials have called it a National Security Problem because they can not find enough qualified Americans to join the Armed Forces that you say with your lips you love so much. As a result of your self defeating policies against African Americans you had to go to Latin America to find labors for this country and now you are attempting to disenfranchise them and send them back to various countries.</p>

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				<p>In conclusion, let's learn to live together as brothers and sisters so North Carolina doesn't destroy itself because we lived as fools. We must give every North Carolinian the power to vote and to have their vote counted, for many North Carolinians that's all they have left!!!</p> <p>"One Vote One Person"</p> <p>Pastor William Lucas</p>
09/16/2019 10:02 AM	1960 Karen Richardson	krichardson406@gmail.com		Allow the court to draw fair maps without gerrymandering.
09/16/2019 10:03 AM	Deborah File	Filedebo@gmail.com		<p>"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."</p>
09/16/2019 10:03 AM	Dr. John Jezorek	suejackj@bellsouth.net		<p>I would like my vote to count as much as my neighbor's. With the present unconstitutional districts that is not necessarily the case. I don't think that incumbents should be protected as they were elected from unconstitutional districts. The new districts should be drawn from scratch and if incumbents are double bunked so be it. Just so the new districts are fair for all and result in "one person one vote".</p>
09/16/2019 10:06 AM	Ms Roberta Lane	robin7.lane@gmail.com		<p>Dear House Members: Although complicated, the redistricting process is so vital to our democracy that I have been following very closely. I now urge you to follow the guidelines of the League of Women Voters: to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make all public comments available in real time continuously through the end of the redistricting process and final approval. 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. 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. 4. Give voters a better idea of what they are

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				seeing online. Citizens need to know which districts are being redrawn and who is doing the redrawing. Thank you, Robierta (Robin) Lane
09/16/2019 10:06 AM	Todd Gers	Tmg.policy@gmail.com		<p>1. 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 at 10AM, 1 hour after they were made public.</p> <p>2. 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>3. 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>
09/16/2019 10:07 AM	Marcia Morgan	m2doc@aol.com		WRT House District 19. With the Cape Fear River running through the middle of the proposed district, it would seem to make more sense to divide Brunswick County into north and south rather than east and west. The northern sector is more closely aligned with Wilmington, which should be a criteria to consider.
09/16/2019 10:13 AM	Ms. Mary Sewell	mssewell2009@gmail.com		These maps still split up neighborhoods and cities. They disregard the directive of the courts to make compact districts.
09/16/2019 10:13 AM	Ms Dana Acciavatti	dacciavatti@intrah.org		As a resident of NC, I urge you to support fair redistricting that does not give special advantages to one part or the other, but rather represents North Carolinians and allows our voices to be heard. We need non-partisan, neutral decision makers doing the redistricting maps.
09/16/2019 10:18 AM	Dr Sherene Min	sherenemin@gmail.com		<p>Concerns about "public view" and transparency 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."</p> <p>"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</p>

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09/16/2019 10:19 AM	Kathleen Knopeck	katkno@nc.rr.com		We must have fair maps. Every voter in North Carolina deserves to have a voice in our government. That can only happen when we have non-partisan districts that allow every vote to carry the same weight. We need open, public hearings to achieve this goal.
09/16/2019 10:22 AM	Mrs Marianne Royle	fernhillfarm@northstate.net	citizen	What happened is NOT what the court instructed to be done. There was a lack of public transparency in the process: no public input. This should be a NON PARTISAN process. The whole thing was rushed through. If the court is so disposed, it can change the Primary date so that there is time for democracy to work.
09/16/2019 10:26 AM	Ms. Yvette Townsend Ingram	bizdoc.yi@gmail.com	Concierge Business Education and Political Consulting	As pertaining to the court order that NC district maps be redrawn to eliminate the unfair, illegal gerrymandering of districts I am still dissatisfied with the proposed redrawing of the maps. Per my political sources, the proposed redrawn maps still unfairly favor Republicans by as much as 2/3. As an A voter in North Carolina, I request and demand that the maps be returned to be amended to include a more balanced distribution of partisanship.
09/16/2019 10:27 AM	NORMA CARLSON	2007helene@gmail.com	Voter	<p>I was outraged this morning to find out that the base maps you used in the process were NOT drawn in public view, as required by court orders, and that almost NO advance notice was given on Friday for the public comment session. How on earth are constituents supposed to be able to access necessary information, review it and comment in the timeframe you provided??</p> <p>Also, the entire point of this effort is supposed to be to make districts FAIR, not to protect incumbents of either</p>

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				<p>party. The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p> <p>I strongly urge you to make this process available to your constituents, and to more closely follow court orders. YOUR VOTERS ARE PAYING ATTENTION!</p>
09/16/2019 10:28 AM	Cheryl Means	cherylmeans@yahoo.com		<p>Prior to taking a vote last Friday to implement the maps, what analysis was done to confirm equal representation in the form of "one person, one vote," elimination of racial bias and elimination of "safe" districts? Simply tweaking the maps to retain incumbents in their districts while live streaming in the room continues to allow legislators to choose their constituents while also claiming that the Public was a part of the process, but does not show, using data, that the process resulted in compliance with the court order to restore equal voting rights to all North Carolinians in the form of fair districts/fair elections. Also, have the maps been tested to confirm that the base maps do not contain inherent bias, since the Chen maps were not created for the purpose of actually drawing the lines?</p>
09/16/2019 10:29 AM	Elizabeth Button	liz.button@gmail.com		<p>Use an algorithm program to draw "optimally compact" equal-population congressional districts, based on 2010 census data. An algorithm, such as Brian Olson's a software engineer from Massachusetts, that draws districts which respect the boundaries of census blocks, which are the smallest geographic units used by the Census Bureau. This ensures that the district boundaries reflect actual neighborhoods and don't, say, cut an arbitrary line through somebody's house.</p>
09/16/2019 10:30 AM	Connie Whitson	connie@leatherwoodmountains.com		<p>MORE TRANSPARENCY for Redistricting !! Conduct the state's business openly and stop being deceitful - act during the daylight and with a full house - not just Republicans. North Carolina is continuing its reputation of trickery and deceit- I am embarrassed for my state. The end does not justify the means !!! Connie Whitson, Wilkes County.</p>
09/16/2019 10:31 AM	Paul Sommers	sommersguy@gmail.com		<p>I am a voter in District 19. The proposed map is a mess for that district. The voting precincts are not the current voting precincts. More importantly, the district is geographically disconnected by the Cape Fear River. It is a</p>

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				long journey from the east side of the river to the west side as there is no bridge in the southern part of the county. Please do better!
09/16/2019 10:36 AM	Robert Bannerman	bobuyen@hotmail.com		<p>I live at 1905 Russell Hewett Rd. SW, Supply, NC in Brunswick County, which is on the Shallotte River estuary across from Holden Beach and Ocean Isle Beach. I strongly oppose the proposed remedial map for District 19 which would make me part of a voting district that includes Kure Beach and other unrelated communities in New Hanover County located across a major natural barrier -- the Cape Fear River -- while not including our close coastal communities in Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach and Calabash. This map splits the natural communities of interest in Brunswick County and unnaturally includes New Hanover communities that are geographically and practically remote from anyone in Brunswick County. There is no bridge connecting the Brunswick County communities of Southport and Oak Island with Kure Beach in New Hanover County. In short, the proposed District 19 simply makes no sense. I urge the House to redraw this map so that Brunswick County remains intact as much as possible. The obvious solution would be to include all of the contiguous coastal communities in Brunswick County and remove all of the communities located across the Cape Fear River.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Robert Bannerman</p>
09/16/2019 10:38 AM	1955 Stuart Ginsberg	happydad1955@gmail.com		<p>Does the Republican-controlled legislature only support democracy when you can control, dictate or artificially alter the political will of its citizens? Or is fascism your tool of choice to ensure victory. You are cowards. 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.</p>

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09/16/2019 10:43 AM	Dr. Sally Buchanan	sallyperio@bellsouth.net	Private citizen	I have had a difficult time to find out details of the proposed redistricting. I now see that Wilmington is included with us Brunswick County beach communities: we have little contact with and little in common with Wilmington. Wilmington and Leland do share community. Please provide time for us to see these maps before they are rushed into stone.
09/16/2019 10:45 AM	Mrs Jacalyn Engler	Jarnocan@gmail.com		Please keep the public well informed, a transparent and fair process. We want fair sensible maps not ones based on bigotry! No more gerrymandering!
09/16/2019 10:46 AM	Meww Gomez	Gomez.meww@gmail.com		A lottery drawing machine?! That's how low the NCGOP has dragged us all down!!! They can't be trusted to be fair so we have to use a lottery to pick a starting set of maps?? They are an embarrassment to the entire county!
09/16/2019 10:46 AM	WALLACE SOUTHER	WSOUTHER@FRANKLINSERVICES.TAX	INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	<p>Please end the political and racial gerrymandering of our districts. I certainly DO NOT feel represented by the horrible representatives that cheated their way into my district.</p> <p>Please draw up fair and not politically nor racially biased maps.</p> <p>Everyone should have a voice in Democracy! My/our voices are not heard, and we want representation, NOT CHEATING GOP CRIMINALS!!!!</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Wallace Souther Asheville, NC</p>
09/16/2019 10:48 AM	Vickie Atkinson	vatkinson@frontier.com	concerned citizen	Using Dr. Chen's maps as a starting point, lawmakers say they have controlled the amendment process to eliminate double bunkings, but, in at least two cases, they used the process to give a Republican incumbent a much greater partisan advantage. The legislature has again produced partisan-gerrymandered maps for four county groupings in the NC House and one in the NC Senate. These county groupings should be drawn more fairly. After a decade of anti-democratic, deceitful maps we need, finally, to get fair legislative maps for North Carolina for 2020.

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09/16/2019 10:48 AM	Mr. Glenn Tetterton	ltettert@yahoo.com	Carolina Jews for Justice	These new districts are not good enough. We need districts that are fairly drawn. Voters should pick their representatives, not representatives choosing their voters.
09/16/2019 10:48 AM	Dr. Sally Buchanan	sallyperio@bellsouth.net	Private citized	Brunswick beach communities have much more in common with Shallotte than with Wilmington. Brunswick County beach communities should not be included with Wilmington and beach communities on the east side of the river: it takes at least an hour to get to Kure Beach from Oak Island. Please rethink these lines to be compatible with the connections between communities.
09/16/2019 10:51 AM	Dr Michael Dillon	mnmdillon@gmail.com	Citizen	KEEP Partisan Politics out of redistricting. The courts have ordered it out. The citizens demand it. STOP TOXIC POLITICS
09/16/2019 10:53 AM	Ms Cheryl Tung	crtung@gmail.com		I am deeply disappointed at the level of transparency in the redistricting process. I attempted to watch the youtube videos. I found them to be a mediocre attempt at transparency. You could not hear any of the conversation taking place around the computers. You could not see what anyone was doing on the computers. I cannot see anyone else's public comment. I tried to sign up over the weekend for public comment during the redistricting meeting on Monday and a "no spots available" message appeared. This legislature and staff have an abundance of training available through NCSL and other organizations about what constitutes good fair redistricting and transparency, however, you all appear to be uninterested in learning, preferring to do the absolute minimum. I've observed and learned nothing from viewing your youtube videos.
09/16/2019 10:54 AM	Patience Vanderbush	patiencevb@gmail.com		I am writing to express my deep concern about the process that was undertaken by NC legislators in the last several days to create remedial legislative maps in response to a Court order to correct partisan gerrymandering in 14 county groupings in the NC House and 7 county groupings in the NC Senate. The Court directed the NC General Assembly to "conduct the entire remedial process in full public view." Yet, the "base maps" used by both the House and Senate were not drawn in public view; rather, they were drawn in advance by an expert trial witness, Dr. Jowei Chen. Further, Dr. Chen's 1000 simulated maps were not drawn for this purpose.

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				They were drawn as a statistical tool to check for partisan bias, not to fix the gerrymanders identified by the Court. Given this flawed process, we have no assurance that these extreme partisan gerrymanders have been remedied. I hope the Court will ask its appointed impartial referee, Nathaniel Persily, to ensure that these county groupings are fairly drawn.
09/16/2019 10:57 AM	Mrs. Cynthia Jackson	cjxon125@gmail.com	Retired	I am a N.C. citizen who votes in every election. I am concerned that the base maps for House redistricting were not drawn in public view as directed by the court. The public was not given ample notice of a public comment session and the maps have not been available in a timely manner so that citizens could make public comments.
09/16/2019 11:00 AM	Ms Barbara Pequet	bkpequet@verizon.net		As vigilant and engaged North Carolina voters, we demand that the remedial process of redistricting be conducted in open, full public view, as ordered by the court. This past week's legislative actions are unprecedented in violating basic principles of democracy on a couple of levels. In this profound instance, the base maps, as used by both the House and Senate, were not constructed in full public view and were not available for engaged and affected citizens to provide meaningful comment. Contrary to the state's Supreme Court's expressed direction, the Republican House members made amendments to the maps to protect Republican incumbents. This rolling over and abrogation of our rights and privileges must stop.
09/16/2019 11:00 AM	retired Grady Ormsby	shady@ec.rr.com		Fairness is possible only through an independent commission. While too many politicians are snarling and sparring over power, we, the people, only want fairness, justice and intelligence. Please do the right thing.
09/16/2019 11:05 AM	Supervisor Nancy Carter	n3157w@yahoo.com	Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District	<p>Basic Principles for Redistricting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The most important principle is that redistricting enhances the capacity of elected officials and the government to address the needs of the residents most effectively. 2. The redistricting process and its resolution need to be public (in real time, with information on how the public can address those who are making the decision). 3. Maps need to be accessible, well defined, justified and reported publicly each time a change is proposed. Each

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				<p>change needs to be attributed to its maker and to those whom the maker represents. The public needs to be able to respond to each proposal.</p> <p>4. Only by adhering to principles well defined and engineered to engage the public throughout the process can North Carolina regain trust in its actions and the respect it needs and deserves from its elected officials, its residents and the nation at large.</p> <p>With gratitude for your diligence and devotion to North Carolina.</p> <p>Nancy Carter Former Chair of Redistricting Committee for the Charlotte City Council</p>
09/16/2019 11:05 AM	Ms. AnnMarie Clark	clarkamc5@aol.com		<p>Despite the Court's direction that this be an open and transparent process, I have not found it to be so. The speed with which this has been pushed through - without a sincere intent for public understanding and comment - has been extremely disheartening. I have no confidence that these redrawn districts reflect a non-partisan approach to redistricting that truly allows for everyone's vote to be fairly counted.</p>
09/16/2019 11:08 AM	Susan pohlmann			<p>I would ask that the courts appoint Master Redistricter to ensure that the maps are drawn equitably.</p> <p>The districts should be as compact as possible and follow boundaries such as precincts and counties.</p> <p>It is my understanding that the committee received and utilized partisan voter data which was forbidden by the court.</p> <p>My understanding is that no map was to be used but a map developed by Jowei Chen to show the gerrymandering was used. This would not be a fair starting point.</p> <p>Columbus County precincts need to adhere to the minimum change expected by the court.</p> <p>Only one hour was allowed for public comment.</p>
09/16/2019 11:09 AM	Susan Pohlmann			<p>I would ask that the courts appoint Master Redistricter to ensure that the maps are drawn equitably.</p>

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09/16/2019 11:10 AM	Stop the partisan game. Courtney Steinberg	cfolden@gmail.com		<p>This redraw is in complete opposition of the expectation sent from the court ruling. Municipalities shall not be split, yet you are purposely splitting Concord. I live half a mile from downtown but will not be part of the Concord district. This is pure partisan crap and Republicans should be ashamed. We the people demand fair representation.</p>
09/16/2019 11:14 AM	MR David Clark	clarkdc5@aol.com		<p>This process has not been open public understanding and review. I am tired of NC being in the National news for all the wrong reasons. It's time for a bipartisan effort to draw fair maps and let the electorate truly decide on the leadership and direction of NC. Please open this process so that the electorate can truly understand what you have done.</p>
09/16/2019 11:16 AM	Patricia Rieser	prieser@me.com		<p>At minimum, the Legislature should 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.</p> <p>In addition to these initial improvements to transparency, the League of Women Voters recommends these steps to increase citizens' accessibility to the current and future redistricting processes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make all public comments available in real time continuously through the end of the redistricting process and final approval.

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09/16/2019 11:18 AM	Mr John van Arnold	vanarnold@mindspring.com		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>One of the most important actions of the legislature is to ensure at the citizens have a direct voice in the running of state government through the election process. Because of that critical duty it is extremely important that legislative districts are drawn without regard to race, or party. Legislative districts should be compact, avoid dividing counties or cities for other political entities which should have a common interest with regard to state affairs.</p> <p>The issues with the legislative districts drawn by the Republican legislature has to do with gaining political advantage rather than representing the citizens needs. The advent of digital information with respect to the party affiliation, income location has made it possible to use computers to test a variety of district maps and pick the ones that favor your political interest. This is not the mission of drawing fair legislative districts, it is to group citizens who buy their residential location will have common needs, such as access to clean water safe transportation, good schools, adequate healthcare for which the state can address.</p> <p>comments on Process so far: "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. A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice. ? Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online</p>

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				<p>Concerns about the use of partisan data The Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps. The GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used. Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not "reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage</p> <p>Going forward the best way for this to occur is to haven't nonpartisan commission set up to draw at our legislative districts and congressional districts</p>
09/16/2019 11:21 AM	Ms. Meredith Dillon	merzny@gmail.com	unaffiliated	<p>During redrawing of the voting districts, citizens and journalists were removed from the map-drawing area by Chairman Sen. Hise in direct violation of the court's order that all map- making occur in public view. The NC Senate Redistricting Committee must immediately restore public and press access to the map-drawing area so that legislators are in compliance with the clearly stated court order that all redistricting be held in full public view.</p>
09/16/2019 11:22 AM	Dale Barry	dalepbarry@yahoo.com		<p>We need a transparent nonpartisan redistricting process with public input. It is very disheartening for my friends and neighbors to have our vote count for nothing because you have us grouped with folks who have a different view that doesn't reflect my community</p>
09/16/2019 11:22 AM	Ms Shirley Huffman	shuff10@atmc.net		<p>The shameful manipulation of district maps has been judged to be illegal and sneak votes are unconstitutional and need to end. If republicans are so confident they are right why do they feel that they can't trust the electorate to make the right choice. Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely has never been truer than in the current majority in the NC House. We the people are in charge, and you must honestly represent us not choose for us. The Speaker needs to resign immediately.</p>
09/16/2019 11:23 AM	Phyllis Gould	Frankieovertone@gmail.com		<p>There has been too much partisanship in the map redrawing process. There shouldn't have been any partisanship. There has also been a lack of adequate transparency in the process. The opportunity to make</p>

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				spoken public comments was nearly nonexistent. NC needs truly independent redistricting.
09/16/2019 11:25 AM	Terry Landers	terrylanders@gmail.com		<p>I am providing these comments as a Concerned NC Citizen who VOTES!</p> <p>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!!</p>
09/16/2019 11:26 AM	1966 Lisa Cribb	lisacribb1966@gmail.com		I am requesting that you do not change the maps and tear up our county lines. Please leave our county's communities and its representation as it is.
09/16/2019 11:28 AM	Christopher Mansfield	mansfieldchris24@gmail.com	Speaking for self as a citizen	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this important issue. It is critical for the future of democracy – the core principal on which this great nation was founded. I ask here questions about the process and results of the House response to the Superior Court order and offer two pleas for further action.</p> <p>Questions about process and results: I tried to follow the actions of the House Committee on Redistricting last week via the live streaming but the audio quality was poor and there was not adequate text information about what was going on. I looked for but did not find any place where the ground rules were posted, the methodologies explained, or a textual summary of the proceedings and results were provided.</p> <p>Where can a clear presentation of the process and</p>

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				<p>methods employed be found? What were the results of the committee's work? How are the Remedial Maps produced better than the one enacted in 2017 in regard to the criteria of limited splitting of municipalities and voting districts and compactness? It is impossible to discern how well these criteria are met in the Remedial Maps without being able to see before-and-after maps for each House district at a scale that shows municipal and voting district boundaries. Were they ALL really drawn independent of partisan voting history? The questions, specifically, are:</p> <p>A. How many municipalities are split in the Remedial (new) map? In the 2017 House map, 79 municipalities are split. In the 1,000 Chen maps submitted to the Court, only 38 to 55 municipalities are split , with an average among the maps about 45 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 15). How many and which municipalities are split in the new House map? Were any splits made by deliberate action of the committee? Why?</p> <p>B. How many VTDs (voting districts) are split in the Remedial House map? The 2017 House map split 48 but only 6 to 18 are split in the Chen maps, about 11 on average. (Plaintiff's Exhibit 16). How many VTD splits are in the new House map? Where, how and why?</p> <p>C. How compact is the Remedial map? What are the Reock and Polsby-Popper scores and how do they compare to the 2017 map (Plaintiff's Exhibit 14)?</p> <p>D. In regard to transparency and integrity of the process, is there a public record of who requested adjustments of any of the House District maps, their rationale for doing so, motions and votes? Where is the public record to be found?</p> <p>Pleas for further action to assure fair maps:</p> <p>A. Redraw the United States Congressional Districts using the criteria directed by the NC Superior Court without data on voting behavior or other data which would result in partisan gerrymandering.</p> <p>B. Enact HB69 Nonpartisan Redistricting Commission.</p> <p>No district should be split between more than 2 counties. Compactness is important.</p>
09/16/2019 11:31 AM	Michael Tutwiler			

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09/16/2019 11:32 AM	Gail Cormier	Gcormier@triad.rr.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</p>

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09/16/2019 11:32 AM	Prof Lloyd Chambless	wchamble@gmail.com	Retired	<p>elevate their power. We need to have voters selecting their representation, not the other way around.</p> <p>Legislatures cannot be trusted to implement fair redistricting. Although NC Republicans have gone to unprecedented extremes in their partisan gerrymandering, NC Democrats gerrymandered when they had the opportunity. Thus we need a constitutional amendment to take the process out of the hands of the legislature and to assure that partisan political considerations and such data, are not used in the process. For the present maps being considered, since we cannot trust that the legislature followed non-partisan methods, it is crucial that the maps be submitted to evaluation by rigorous methods such as those used by Duke Professor Jonathan Mattingly in several recent court cases, to assure that the maps being considered are unlikely to have been drawn with partisan considerations. If the maps cannot pass this test, the courts need to oversee the process. In fact, computer savvy high school students could be given the NC constitution rules for redistricting and could use online redistricting tools and data to draw the maps. These will easily pass Mattingly-type scrutiny and the job will be done.</p>
09/16/2019 11:33 AM	David Brown	NCHouse@drtechnical.com		<p>The process adopted and used so far in the court-ordered redistricting process is not open, it is not transparent, it has been tainted with maps and partisan voter data, and there has been a woefully-insufficient time allocated to public review of the maps. Those who are in control of the process are trying to manipulate it to continue in power in the NC House.</p> <p>I ask the Court to invalidate any maps drawn using the currently-in-place process and to proceed immediately to ordering the Special Master to draw NC House districts which are free from partisan influence.</p>
09/16/2019 11:38 AM	Dr Andrew Palay	ajpalay@gmail.com		<p>While I appreciate that the house has started to make an attempt to come up with fair district boundaries, I am concerned that this has not been done in an open process with the ability for people to give informed comments. In particular there is no publically available description of the basis for choosing these particular boundaries. What criteria did you use. When I look at every other state that</p>

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				has engaged in drawing non-partisan districts, they start with a clear statement of the rules that would be used to form the districts (for example municipality boundaries, shared communities, regular shaped boundaries). I do not see that description and thus have no way to really understand whether the boundaries you have chosen make sense and do in fact eliminate partisan considerations. It is a shame that through your actions, you have tainted what should have been a unifying solution to a long established problem in our state.
09/16/2019 11:40 AM	Ms Betty Johnson	bmj61359@gmail.com		Please do not re-District District 19. It does not make sense it is inconveniencing voters and representatives, there is absolutely no reason to do this, please reconsider this decision
09/16/2019 11:40 AM	Ms. Susan Blount	susanlblount@gmail.com		<p>As a registered voter in NC, I want to express my concerns that the remedial process for redrawing the districts is not conforming to the required process for being conducted in full public view. I realize the two week time span is tight but still, the public comment session last Friday, 9/13, was held with less than an hour's notice!</p> <p>As I understand it, the base maps used by the NC House and NC Senate were not drawn in public view. They had been drawn in advance but last week very little time was given for public access for review.</p> <p>If NC citizens are going to be able to honor and respect the redistricting outcome, it MUST be conducted properly and openly. Please!!</p>
09/16/2019 11:41 AM	Prof. Stephen Jaffe	sjaffe994@gmail.com	[Prof. at Duke University, Department of Music. These comments reflect my own views, not those of Duke University]	<p>Dear Honorable Senate and House Colleagues: I have been active in supporting non-partisan redistricting for North Carolina. My Durham neighbor Sondra Stein has contributed the following comment, from which I quote, and which with which I largely agree:</p> <p>"The North Carolina courts found in Common Cause v Lewis that our state legislative districts are unconstitutional partisan gerrymanders. According to the court, the NC General Assembly has until September 18 to draw new maps. They are expressly forbidden to use partisan data and the entire process must be done in full</p>

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				<p>public view."</p> <p>With Sondra and others, I am very "concerned that while the House has already voted on maps, there have been no public hearings..." She goes on to note that "the Princeton Gerrymandering Project has reported algorithmic biases in the process used to generate the remedial map...and found that the map approved by the House still contains between one-half and two-thirds of the partisan advantage that was present in the illegal gerrymander. In Pennsylvania, under court order, maps were drawn that resulted in an equal number of seats for both parties. This should happen in North Carolina too."</p> <p>I am your neighbor, too, having put down strong roots in our state and having raised my family here, for more than forty years. As a voter, I support the notion that Districts should adhere to established criteria of compactness, contiguity, preservation of counties and other political subdivisions, and preservation of communities of interest. I join the courts, and many citizens in asking that you please draw new maps, in public view, before proceeding to ensnare North Carolina in another ten years in which a sensible and centrist spirit can benefit all of our citizens.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing my views.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Stephen Jaffe</p>
09/16/2019 11:43 AM	Holly Russell	holly.virginia.russell@gmail.com	None	<p>Gerrymandering is a real problem in a democracy. It's been part of the process for far too long and has been used by both sides to enhance their power. But the true effect is to undermine the voice of the people and the foundation of our democracy.</p> <p>If people feel that their vote doesn't matter, how can we encourage them to vote? We already have a problem in this country that not enough people use the ballot box to express their view point.</p> <p>The Republicans used the gerrymander to consolidate</p>

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				<p>their power in the NC House and the Senate. They have finally been forced by a unanimous State Supreme Court to draw new maps in an open, transparent and fair manner. They agreed to do so. But then turned around and tried as best they could to draw electoral maps to their advantage. When, when, when is this going to stop?</p> <p>There is a means of drawing fair maps if the Republicans aren't willing to do it. The courts can work with a non-partisan expert to create maps that are fair. It seems that we have bent over backwards to allow the Republicans to continue to run this process but they have continued to break faith with the electorate.</p> <p>In this case, base maps were not drawn in public view. Base maps were "selected" from the 2,000 simulation maps drawn by professor Chen – half of which were drawn to protect incumbents and half of which weren't. These maps weren't created to serve as base maps but were part of the evidence to the court that the Republican maps were an extreme gerrymander. They were not generated to adhere to some of the court requirements such as keeping communities of interest intact. These maps also provided partisan data that was strictly forbidden by the court.</p> <p>It is very problematic (and also stretches the public trust) that the map the Republicans selected to use as the base map just happened to be one of the 2,000 created that just happened to be drawn to protect incumbents.</p> <p>In addition to the above maneuvering, lawyers for the GOP also accidentally sent out the partisan data to legislators, which to me, indicates the whole process needs to go back to the Supreme Court where fair maps can be more safely assured.</p> <p>Surely this was an opportunity for Republicans to show that they were willing to work not just at the borderlines of fairness – but still taking as much advantage as they could possibly get away with – but with true intention of drawing maps where there would be true debate, true choice and the opportunity to elect representatives that truly worked</p>

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				to represent the full community of diverse opinion. That's what democracy means.
09/16/2019 11:43 AM	Laura Wagenknecht	laurawag42@gmail.com		I am VERY concerned and saddened to understand that the maps are now being determined in a committee of representatives. I understood that the process was going to be handled by an independent group that was NOT politically motivated. I see that once again, the NC House of Representatives, and in particular the GOP, has lied to the citizens of NC. This approach to redistricting is pathetic. It reminds me of cowards who are afraid to lose. It seems that if the GOP can't win on actual merit of ideas and thoughts about how to improve the state and the issues that it is facing, they choose to manipulate the system through gerrymandering the maps yet again to maintain control and power. I call this cowardice, deceitful, and illegal. I believe that to have a FAIR fight, one must have a FAIR playing field (the maps). Thus far, the playing field is rigged in favor of one party. This limits the meaningfulness of many people's votes. This is NOT democratic by any means. Please return us to the democracy of our Founding Fathers. Live their vision and be ETHICAL, MORAL, and of GOOD CHARACTER! You owe the citizens of NC at least that!
09/16/2019 11:43 AM	Cindy Palay	cindy.palay@gmail.com		I am at a loss as all I have are the maps and the knowledge that there are 10 hours of committee hearings with no synopsis of those hearings, nor clear statement of the process behind drawing your maps. This lack of information makes it impossible to trust that your process has been fair and that it lives up to the task you have been given by the court. You could have done so much better by having an orderly process that would have given the citizens of this state the confidence that you are properly discharging your duties.
09/16/2019 11:44 AM	Emily Tsai			I have concerns about the process in which the redistricting of the electoral maps has been conducted. There were 2 key directives from the NC Supreme Court on the redistricting process. One was to ensure that the process was in public view and transparent, and the other was to ensure no partisan data was included as part of the process. Neither of these seem to have been followed by the committee. The maps have not been provided with

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				<p>enough advance notice to the public for comment, as well as meetings for public comment were scheduled with little notice which makes it difficult for people to attend and give there input. In addition, the committee was emailed data on the partisan make-up of the maps.</p> <p>This gives the appearance that the committee really isn't interested in keeping this process transparent and really isn't interested in getting public input. They also should have used a completely neutral party to create the maps, without access to any partisan data. The unfair gerrymandering of the districts has been in discussion and in the courts for years and now that it has been decided, the committee didn't even approach the process in a clear manner to ensure it's citizens feel comfortable with the outcome so that it could be cleanly implemented. By hurrying the process, and providing partisan data to the lawmakers, you have destroyed any confidence among your constituents that you have provided maps for a fair redistricting of NC.</p>
09/16/2019 11:45 AM	Mr. Joseph Tsai			<p>As a resident of North Carolina and a believer in due process and the power of true representative democracy, I am very concerned about the manner in which the Republican majorities in the NC General Assembly have conducted themselves in the court-mandated redistricting process. It is evident that the majority party is averse to complying with the spirit of the court order, by continuing to utilize partisan and political data to re-draw the district maps -- in direct contradiction to the court's instructions; and by hiding the process from public view -- a violation of due process and of the public's trust.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Republican lawmakers were given partisan statistics provided by outside partisan groups -- data that has no place in the redistricting process and in fact is strictly prohibited by the court's orders. o Public comment sessions were announced with less than one hour advanced notice, which is clearly unreasonable and insufficient, and an obvious attempt to minimize public scrutiny. o Republicans in both houses passed amendments

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				<p>utilizing "incumbency" considerations over the objections of their Democratic colleagues, who were not allowed opportunities to question and challenge the reasoning, which is an obvious sign of gross partisanship and contrary to the spirit of the court order.</p> <p>I wish my concerns to become part of the public record, and for all lawmakers to be held to public account for their conduct in this incredibly important and basic process of a true representative democracy.</p> <p>Yours in justice, Joseph Tsai</p>
09/16/2019 11:45 AM	Mr Phillip Reeder	preeder@utexas.edu		<p>I'm tired of politicians manipulating the boundaries of electoral districts to favor a particular result. I'm tired of politicians quashing the impact of a person's vote. Remove politics from the redistricting process. It's time to have an open and transparent redistricting process. I demand that citizens be allowed to provide meaningful input. I demand that you create a meaningful dialogue with the public throughout this process and keep partisan data out of the process.</p>
09/16/2019 11:46 AM	Mr. Douglas Meacham	dmeacham001@yahoo.com		<p>To achieve truly fair, non-partisan redistricting, the committee process needs to be performed by neutral-party citizens who are not current members of the House or Senate. To put this process on our elected officials is letting the foxes guard the henhouses. Even though the court has stated that corrections be made without attention to voter affiliation, our representatives are keenly aware of the locations where they do well and where they do not.</p>
09/16/2019 11:47 AM	Mr. David Hammond	davidh1948@yahoo.com	retired private citizen	<p>As a North Carolina citizen, I am seriously concerned over what appear to be efforts by the majority party in both houses of the NCGA to circumvent the NC Supreme Court's requirements for new redistricting maps. The procedure followed has not been publicly transparent at each stage of the process, as ordered, and opportunities for public feedback seem to have been deliberately minimized. Public comments were allowed before the maps were made available, but the maps themselves were not publicly presented until one hour before they were</p>

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				<p>voted on. The subsequent time allowed for public feedback has also been very short.</p> <p>Despite the court's order that predetermined maps were not to be used in the process, the General Assembly has based its work on the Jowei Chen maps privately created for the majority party in its initial creation of the highly gerrymandered maps currently in use. Moreover, the Chen maps themselves were not drawn in public hearings, which the court made a requirement for any maps used at any stage of the new redistricting process. This fact alone should have disqualified them as a starting point for subsequent mapping and should disqualify any maps now resulting from their use.</p> <p>The court also forbade the use of election data in creating new maps. Republican attorneys nevertheless sent emails to the General Assembly providing partisan scorings of Chen's maps and stating which set of these maps were most favorable to Republicans. Whether the General Assembly requested this information or Republican Party lawyers sent the emails in error (which is difficult to believe), the fact that the General Assembly saw the information should disqualify the entire process they have been following. The Chen maps and their subsequent reiterations should be stricken from the process, which should begin again.</p> <p>House Majority Whip Jon Hardister has made great public display of his alleged support for a non-partisan redistricting commission for the creation of new maps that would put an end to gerrymandering, but he has remained silent about this through the current process, in which he has collaborated with other members of his party in what appears to be their latest attempt to skew the redistricting process in their favor.</p> <p>Some believe this manipulated and deceptive process on the part of the Republican controlled NCGA is an attempt to manufacture a confrontation that will allow them to challenge the authority of the State Supreme Court. If they do that, I suspect that they will brazenly and falsely present</p>

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				<p>themselves as the champions of the people, nobly defending them from the court's overreach. What they will conceal from voters, even from those who support continuing the gerrymandering that is the scourge of the state, is the reality that the gerrymandering they are attempting to continue is depriving at least half the state's voters of their constitutional right to fair representation in the General Assembly. Everyone in the state, voters in both parties, should be concerned about a state legislature that is willing to do this in its pursuit of power. No voter can know how such a legislature might chose to use that power in the future. No voter can trust them.</p> <p>If the point of the corrupt redistricting process that has been followed thus far has been to create such a challenge to the court, the chicanery of the Republicans in the NCGA has reached new levels of effrontery and insolence.</p> <p>The redistricting process needs to start over and be conducted honorably.</p>
09/16/2019 11:49 AM	Beatrice Mandel	b_mandel@yahoo.com		<p>I believe that new maps must be made by an individual or group that does not contain the legislators currently in office - there's no way the latter can be non-partisan, especially if there's "incumbency protection". The new maps do not reflect what the court instructed the current committees to do.</p> <p>Furthermore, asking for the public's input with little notice and hard to see maps is again not following the court's mandate.</p>
09/16/2019 11:51 AM	Dr Charles Burnham	charles_burnham@msn.com		<p>The supreme court's stipulation that redistricting maps be non-partisan is in direct conflict with any map which is drawn to preserve the election of incumbents already elected under district maps drawn using partisan gerrymandering.</p>
09/16/2019 11:53 AM	Rebecca Zerk	beccazerkin@gmail.com	self	<p>To the House Redistricting Committee,</p> <p>Thank you for taking public comments on the new maps. I'm concerned about the process for drawing the maps and do not trust that the best interest of voters is the primary interest of the committee.</p> <p>I've been tracking the process, and these are the reasons for my concern:</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partisan data regarding the Chen maps was sent to members of the committee. • Legislators tweaked their own districts, which is the very definition of politicians choosing their voters instead of the other way around. • It appears that some efforts to preserve incumbents are "unreasonable." • The base map selected was drawn outside the view of the public and was not intended to meet the requirements of fair districts. • Public hearings have been limited, inconvenient (Monday at noon is work time for many of us), last-minute (Friday's hearing), and too late (after the House voted on a map). <p>Thank you for considering my comment.</p>
09/16/2019 11:57 AM	Richard Loeppert	rhl@loeppert.net	self	<p>The entire process of the House and Senate Redistricting Committees was rushed, haphazard and unsubstantiated at best. As a public viewer, there was no apparent time line of why and how changes were made in the proposed districts. Given the information at hand, it is virtually impossible to expect realistic evaluation of the maps for their fairness and potential bias. The pretense of on-line access to the public was a sham. This was not a process that was truly open to public scrutiny and probably even Legislative scrutiny.</p>
09/16/2019 11:58 AM	Daniel Serrano	daniel..serrano77@yahoo.com		<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>My understanding of how the redistricting process was supposed to be conducted is that 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."</p> <p>But the Republicans have, as usual, not followed the rules and instead:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "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. 2. A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice. 3. Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner

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				<p>so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online. Not much here in the way of "public view and transparency"</p> <p>It is also my understanding that the Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps. But, again, the Republicans did not follow the rules: 1. The GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. They claim the information was not used, which really strains credulity 2. Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not "reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p> <p>Clearly, our Republican legislators have neither respect for the law, nor for us North Carolina citizens. They can shamelessly lie and cheat, in order to win, for only so long...but justice will ultimately prevail.</p> <p>Thank you. Daniel Serrano</p>
09/16/2019 11:58 AM	Rep. Verla Insko	verla.insko@ncleg.met	North Carolina General Assembly	Legislators that serve on their chamber's campaign committees know the district maps down to the precinct level. They can tell by looking at a map if it advantages or disadvantages their candidates. Some evidence exists that the Republican committee members knew more, generally, than the Democrats on the committee about which precinct moves would benefit their candidates and that knowledge influenced their decision making - either consciously or unconsciously .
09/16/2019 11:58 AM	Jay Hubbard	thurmanhubbard@gmail.com		I'm sick of living under the tyranny of partisan gerrymandering. District boundaries should be required to adhere to county or municipal boundaries or natural dividing lines such as rivers or the medians of divided highways. Give is fair maps with NO partisanship.
09/16/2019 12:01 PM	Jane Shiflett	jeff9jane@gmail.com		Please ensure the NC A&T campus is within one district, not split in multiple districts.

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09/16/2019 12:02 PM	Ronald Veronese	travelnron@gmail.com		This looks like a rushed job and does not appear to have balance and bi-partisanship as a goal. You NEED to do better!
09/16/2019 12:02 PM	Dr. Marty Younts	Myounts@ec.rr.com	Private retired citizen	Proposed House District 19 makes no sense. The small "proposed district" is divided by the Cape Fear River. The portion of the area that lies north of the river (Kure Beach in New Hanover County) consists primarily of resort rental property. The southern portion (Southport, Oak Island, Shallotte in Brunswick County) is a quickly growing retirement area. There is no doubt the representative for District 19 will want to be highly visible throughout the geographic area. This objective is impeded by the river. There is no direct bridge connection and traveling by ferry or through three other districts to reach the nearest bridge would be required. Surely we can do better, folks. This district should include only Brunswick County. Please try again.
09/16/2019 12:05 PM	Ms. Donna Hagan	donna.hagan@yahoo.com		I am writing to demand more transparency in the court-ordered redraw of the General Assembly's maps, so that the public can have an opportunity to meaningfully engage in this critical process, and we can be sure that partisan interests do not again prevail over the will of the people. Please stop all the unethical behavior - and DO THE RIGHT THING!
09/16/2019 12:07 PM	Ms. Joan Bass	joanbass40@gmail.com		I am concerned that the process followed in the redistricting committees did not follow the guidelines provided by the judges. 1) They did not start from scratch but used gerrymandered maps as a starting point. 2) Maps were available only 1 hour prior to public comment in the House. This did not give adequate time for consideration. 3) It appears that Representatives in areas where "double bunking" was a problem were involved in making the decisions about their districts. 4) There seem to be numerous problems regarding the districts in the Columbus County area. Amendments to address some of these problems were not allowed. 5) Although changes were made in public, there appears to be advising from "back rooms" prior to changes which does not guarantee that party or racial considerations were not made. I would feel more confident that the process was "clean" if a complete outsider drew the maps. I believe that true

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				transparency can never be achieved as long as legislators are involved in the process.
09/16/2019 12:08 PM	Ronald Veronese	ronveronese@hotmail.com		This does NOT look transparent and balanced. You NEED to do better. You don't go to ballgames when you know it's a blowout. Likewise, you don't vote when you feel your vote doesn't matter. Remember the goal here: To create COMPETITIVE districts. I am a Democrat and understand the majority of people in every district will vote for a Dem. I want to know that if a candidate of any party makes a compelling case to vote for that person, they can have my vote, regardless of party. DO SOMETHING!!
09/16/2019 12:13 PM	Katy McDougall-Collins	katy.m.collins@gmail.com		If you want to have fair maps, they should NOT be redrawn and not re-purposed from Dr. Chen's maps, and incumbency should not be a consideration. Both of these elements are perpetuating what was already deemed unconstitutional. You can't use maps that were considered unconstitutional in the first place as starting points to create something fair. You can't consider incumbency as a starting point when the person who was elected's district was unfairly drawn to begin with.
09/16/2019 12:14 PM	Mr Thomas Griffin	tgriffin@ec.rr.com		This redistricting would make in a hardship to reach all constituents without the use of the Ferry.
09/16/2019 12:18 PM	No....i am Not Organized Deb Stephenson	debhstephenson@gmail.com		Why can you not use county boundaries for distracts. Would not that be the simplest and fairest way to do it t ?? That would show no gerrymandering at all. Cutting through or deciding up any county does not seem fair at all to the people and would seem like it would eliminate all appearance of gerrymandering. Dividing the state would be much easier this way. In the end the same number of registered voters are not changing so why the need for cutting up counties ?? We the people of NC deserve and demand FAIRNESS and you have an ethical and now a LEGAL obligation to make sure that it is.
09/16/2019 12:19 PM	Mrs. Geraldine Cartret	Maggievalleyhaven@gmail.com		We live in a country where our votes should count. I think Brenden has done a great job for N. C. We will remember cooper come next election. We will see that he's voted out. Our district has been represented the best it has been in decades!!!!
09/16/2019 12:19 PM	Dr G G Neffinger		Mosquito 2 Precinct Brunswick	The court-ordered redistributing process appears to once again be clouded in obscurity. The court was clear that

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09/16/2019 12:24 PM	Ms Elizabeth Celli	elicelli@att.net		<p>maximum process transparency was required. For once, why not try to be fair and play by the rules.</p> <p>The map is unfair to the people of Kure Beach and Southport - it makes no sense that they have to drive through 2 other voting districts to get to the one for them that is designated on this map. There are also some precincts omitted and the base map used is outdated and boundaries may have changed.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>
09/16/2019 12:30 PM	Brunswick County Maria Surprise	mlsurprise@atmc.net		<p>The proposed map for district 19 appears to chop up Brunswick County, leaving Holden Beach separate from our neighbors in Ocean Isle, Sunset Beach and Calabash, while including Kure Beach and other communities across the Cape Fear River in New Hanover County. The Cape Fear is a massive river with no bridge access between Kure Beach and Southport. This means whoever leads this district would have to drive through three other separate voting districts, or take a ferry, just to reach all the voters in Southport and Kure Beach. What are the practical reasons for this proposed district? Would this new district 19 be the only voting district in the state without reasonable infrastructure to connect voters from New Hanover County with voters from Brunswick County?</p>
09/16/2019 12:35 PM	Mrs. Linds Ball	lfball@bellsouth.net		<p>I appreciate the opportunity to be heard in the matter of redistricting. It should be the goal of the entire electoral process to insure our elections fairly reflect the will of the American people. The current district boundaries in North Carolina have taken away our voice, denying many of us the Constitutional right to fair representation and the ability to help build the future of our communities and our families. We are entitled fair bi-partisan districts that accurately communicate our voting preferences.</p> <p>Thank you Linda Ball</p>
09/16/2019 12:43 PM	Quincy Godwin	quincy6@live.unc.edu	UNC	<p>Gerrymandering is unethical and does not allow democracy to thrive, or even work. Please, when you make decisions that will affect the people of America for years, ask yourself - Do I believe in democracy? Is this action promoting democracy, or is it in opposition to democracy?</p>

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				Please see that any sort of gerrymandering is killing democracy, and should not be tolerated by those who believe in the merits of your duty to represent the people. It is your job to uphold democracy and to promote it in any way that you can.
				Thank you for your time.
09/16/2019 12:45 PM	Ms. Gretchen Stephens	gretchen.stephens@gmail.com		Districts 18 and 19 are not communities of interest that have drawn and counties have been split unnecessarily which is not to be done. This map of our area is not representative of how a fair map should be drawn.
09/16/2019 12:46 PM	No to House Base Map Derrick Miller	Derrick.r.miller@gmail.com		The proposed House Base Map does not satisfactorily address the partisan gerrymander in the New Hanover County area. The districts clustered around New Hanover County appear practically as gerrymandered as before. For example, I and other Democrats are still packed into HD18.
09/16/2019 12:46 PM	Self Employed Virginia Hager	vrhagernc@gmail.com	Hager Law Office, P.C.	I have lived in Wilmington NC for 29 years. Dividing our city between 3 House districts makes no sense. Putting a good part of our city and southern New Hanover County in same district as Southport and Oak Island in Brunswick County makes no sense. Leland should be in same district as downtown Wilmington if districts must cross county lines.
09/16/2019 12:47 PM	Mrs Gloria Meares	Chaydealer@aol.com		Please leave Columbus county alone leave it whole
09/16/2019 12:47 PM	Mrs Gloria Meares	Chaydealer@aol.com		Please leave Columbus county alone leave it whole
09/16/2019 12:49 PM	Mr. james bazan	Jimbazan@yahoo.com		I cannot believe after seven years of illegal gerrymandering you seem to think it is okay for politicians to pick their voters. This is our state, and you work for us. You might want to remember that. The NCGOP has already proven its faithlessness. We need an independent commission.
09/16/2019 12:51 PM	Ms Linda Finch	fotofrieze@nc.rr.com		Shame on you! This is not the transparent process mandated by the court order. We are entitled to see these documents and maps with time to respond before you vote.
09/16/2019 12:52 PM	Lisa Ellsworth	ellsworth2003@att.net		Redistricting should be completed by a blue-ribbon independent commission, NOT legislators.
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09/16/2019 12:58 PM	Mr. Dave Palumbo	glassinteger@gmail.com		the districts should and, by law, are mandated to reflect only the will of the people; not political, business, religious or other prejudicial organizations... therefore no political or ownership organizations should be involved regardless of their previous status in our governing bodies - otherwise we will be stuck in a revolving door of politicians picking their voters according to the private bribes and influence they can solicit from those [generally in a super minority opposed to the will of our self ruling majority] who have no legal commitment to our democracy other than to profit from it. # dp
09/16/2019 01:04 PM	Nell Gilbert	n4gilbert@aol.com	BEAT - Brunswick Environmental Action Team	While we are happy that the Courts have found our gerrymandered districts in North Carolina are illegal, we must be leery of some of the possible new district lines. From the proposal I have seen, the southwest corner of Brunswick County and the northern part of Brunswick County are separated from the rest of Brunswick County while the southeastern part of Brunswick County is joined with New Hanover County. This would be a terrible disservice to Brunswick County and our coastal communities.
09/16/2019 01:05 PM	Mr. Theodore Fuller	ted.fuller@vt.edu		Having look at a portion of the maps that are being drawn for the NC House, it appears that some counties are being divided unnecessarily. It appears, that the map drawers are trying to gerrymander these districts once again. If they don't draw better maps, I trust tht the North Carolina court will redraw the maps.
09/16/2019 01:06 PM	Ms Tanya Froeber	altadestaf@aol.com	non affiliated	The N.C. redistricting maps must be drawn to show a fair & nonpartisan representation of every community residing in said district without prejudice. Our judicial system has ruled it to be so!
09/16/2019 01:06 PM	Sean Krause	sskrause1@gmail.com		What is democratic about politicians slicing up maps to gin up incumbents, create unrepresentative majorities, and disenfranchise minorities? Nothing. Draw up fair maps and let the people choose who they want to represent them. Ya snowflakes.
09/16/2019 01:06 PM	Matt Weitz	weitz1007@gmail.com		Please adopt a non-demographic, data-driven third-party commission approach to redistricting that is non-partisan and scientific. The history of NC shows that the majority,

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				both Democratic and Republican, have been abusive. We don't need the pendulum to swing the other way once the Democrats are back in the majority.
09/16/2019 01:08 PM	Redistricting Ruth Vienneau	crossingwater65@gmail.com		Please choose an independent panel organization to redraw district. This is the way it should be no matter who is in power I didn't like the gerrymandering when the Democrats did it I don't like it when the GOP were doing it.
09/16/2019 01:08 PM	Mike Miller	ecumikejmiller@gmail.com		It's very simple: redistributing should be independent, non-partisan, and inclusive of ALL voters. A transparent and independent process means NO party places a stranglehold on Voters. That would require both parties to actually consider their voter base and not be craven to party influence (coughGOPcough). It really shouldn't be that hard a concept: keep political parties/operatives out and let our state voters participate in a functioning Democracy!
09/16/2019 01:10 PM	Ms. Jane Watson	attorneywatson@yahoo.com		After your shameful behavior on 9/11/19, it's hard to believe that you'll really pay attention to what we citizens really want: a truly democratic form of government devoid of gerrymandering. NC is the nation's exhibit #1 for the horror's of partisan or racial gerrymandering. Pending before the General Assembly, for some time, have been several proposals for a non-partisan entities/commissions to correct the excesses, voter-suppression, and corruption of government that come with gerrymandering. I call on you to be states(wo)men, caring about your Mother-State rather than your personal and party's powers , to act to establish not only a non-partisan commission but NOW, in the meantime, to openly and honestly use the technical and other methods found acceptable and demanded by the court to draw FAIR MAPS! Jane C. Watson
09/16/2019 01:10 PM	Jesse Patton	Jpatton08@gmail.com		As a citizen of north carolina I request this and future redistricting be done by an independent, non partisan group that would then recieve regular judicial review of any change in the district map. With an emphasis on this process being 100% public and transparent.
09/16/2019 01:11 PM	Mr Robert McGee	Rjmcgee2011@nc.rr.com		There is no longer trust in this, committee. It has taken too many paths that show their malicious intent. Therefore true transparency can only be delivered by the courts or independent body.

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09/16/2019 01:12 PM	Mr. Darryl Sawyer	Dsawyer618@yahoo.com		As an unaffiliated voter who is not registered with either party and doesn't value one above the other, I implore you to form an independent organization to handle redistricting so that voters will be assured equal chance of getting their votes heard. The idea that one party would skew the maps in their favor is, to me, disheartening. I consider this a grave threat to our State's liberty and a blight on our democracy. This corruption cannot be allowed continue, the derision and partison politics must end, our democracy is at stake.
09/16/2019 01:13 PM	Dennis Ogburn	deoogburn@gmail.com		The map recently approved by the House is unacceptable, as it still creates a large partisan advantage. As the Princeton Election Consortium noted in their analysis, "the map still contains between one-half and two-thirds of the partisan advantage that was present in the illegal gerrymander." This does not meet the spirit or the letter of the court order. Given that the vote on the map came out fully along party lines clearly illustrates that the map results in highly biased districts favoring one party over the other.
09/16/2019 01:14 PM	Mr. Robert Hoeckele	Bob.hoeckele@gmail.com		Independat Redistricting or by straight county borders.
09/16/2019 01:14 PM	Sydney Sogol	sjsogol@gmail.co		Redistricting should be drawn up by an independent entity. This is the ideal way to have true democracy. FOR THE PEOPLE. This is about making sure the people of North Carolina are being heard in relation to gerrymandering but more importantly to be represented properly. This means getting politics out of map drawing , otherwise it will always be in the majority political parties favor. Think about the people and how to work for them. Not what is best for cooperations, or political parties- think fairness for the people by supporting independently drawn maps .
09/16/2019 01:14 PM	Steven Nash	sen107@gmail.com		I don't understand why a district would divide a county. I live in Buncombe County, 10 minutes from downtown Asheville. Yet, I get cut off and added to Madison and other counties. One redistricting map appeared to cut me off and add me to Henderson County. That's 45 minutes from me! I don't know why Buncombe County cannot be represented effectively and fully in a single district. Draw rational and fair maps!

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09/16/2019 01:15 PM	Robert Roffman	rroffman1960@gmail.com	retired	Adopt independent redistricting. Stop the endless litigation and bickering . If anyone can't win on the issues the people should decide who represent them NOT the legislature or skewed maps.
09/16/2019 01:16 PM	Mr Marshall Lee Skidmore	Leeskidmore5502@gmail.com		An Independent Commision is imperative! We must make all votes count.
09/16/2019 01:18 PM	Mrs Inger Manchester	ingermanchester@icloud.com		I support independent redistricting- not following gerrymandered maps. Make every vote count fairly.
09/16/2019 01:18 PM	Ms Patricia Hudson	patriciabowershudson@gmail.com		I strongly request that North Carolina adopt independent redistricting for North Carolina. Having competitive districts is better for both parties and certainly for the people of North Carolina. It also promotes a legislature that will value moderation and compromise. We all deserve representation.
09/16/2019 01:19 PM	Cameron Bennett Fahsel	cfahsel@gmail.com		Several years ago, a cousin of mine, who does not live in NC, sent me an article which made a very compelling case that NC was no longer a democracy. The state legislature has been told on multiply occasions that our districts have been drawn to favor one party over the other. The redrawing of these districts can no longer be entrusted to politicians - honestly, they should NEVER have been entrusted to politicians. Let's get it right this time with a transparent, non-political process that involves the citizens of NC.
09/16/2019 01:20 PM	Ms. Penny Pridemore	pjpsts@yahoo.com		I understand an outside group of former judges already did district maps in a fair way. You should consider using those. I live in coastal NC in Wilmington. I don't feel we should be lumped in with a district that is mostly rural. We don't have the same concerns and I want reps that are there for our concerns on the coast. We will find a way to take our power back that you have taken. Let's play fair and stop with the sneaky moves, cheating, and power grabs please.
09/16/2019 01:23 PM	Ruth Ray	4dogsrays@gmail.com		As a North Carolina constituent, I kindly ask that independent redistricting be implemented for our court-ordered redistricting. It's fair and it's what's right.
09/16/2019 01:23 PM	Independent redistricting Erik Olson	itseriko@gmail.com		I support independent redistricting. Neither party should be trusted to draw their own districts.

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09/16/2019 01:25 PM	Mrs. Nancy Downing Gainer	downing.gainer@gmail.com		House District 19 is still an issue. Most of New Hanover County and the way it is split is still a concern. Brunswick County as presented, has little to nothing in common with the Southern End of New Hanover County. I live in New Hanover, our issues and concerns are addressed by our Commissioners. Our infrastructure is dealt with by our Commissioners. Our Schools are dealt with by the School Board. There is no shared dealing between these two areas on a daily basis. Our interests when it comes to governing have very little in common. Please correct this.
09/16/2019 01:26 PM	Mrs. Karen Wallace-Meigs	kmeigs2@gmail.com		PLEASE adopt independent redistricting. We ALL deserve to be heard and represented in the General Assembly. Please do not leave NC a laughingstock among states. Allow our state to be rightfully restored to a full democracy. NC is better and we deserve better.
09/16/2019 01:27 PM	Ms Charlene Johnson	Paisley07@twc.com		Independent redistricting is the only way to obtain a non partisan result. Nothing more should be considered.
09/16/2019 01:29 PM	Staci Hining	stacihining@yahoo.com		Independent redistricting is the only answer!
09/16/2019 01:29 PM	Adam Shay	adam_shay@hotmail.com		This needs to be redistricted independently without any bias or appearance of possibility of bias. No representatives. Even if honest and true intentions with redistricted maps, the optics will make people second guess it.
09/16/2019 01:31 PM	Mary McInerney	marymcinerney@hotmail.com		For pity's sake! Can you people *please* stop acting like 2 year olds trying to share a Snickers bar? Just as one kid can't have "the bigger half", neither side gets to rig the map to score an easy win. Want to win? Come up with better ideas, ones that represent the people of the entire State-who, don't forget, put your butt in that chair and can kick it out fairly easily.
09/16/2019 01:32 PM	Susan Collins	aloofest@hotmail.com	N/A	I have been a North Carolina resident and voter for 14 years. North Carolinians want fair elections in fairly-drawn districts. The only way to ensure this for all of us, regardless of political party, is for maps to be redrawn by individuals independent of the political process. It's amazing that we even have to ask the NC legislature for this, but since it's apparent that we do, I'm imploring that North Carolina use an independent source to determine redistricting. It's time we abolish the shameful practices of

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09/16/2019 01:32 PM	Susan Trabka	s.trabka@fromtier.com	NC public school teacher, retired	<p>the NC General Assembly that have become such an embarrassment for residents.</p> <p>You are holding a “public hearing” AFTER you passed new maps and reintroduced partisan data into the process? This shows contempt for NC citizens and is further proof that the majority is determined to find a way to choose their preferred voters. We need a truly transparent process with citizen input at the beginning.</p>
09/16/2019 01:32 PM	Joel Luther	joel.luther@gmail.com		<p>It's time to support a fully independent redistricting commission. Giving legislators the power to draw their own district lines undoubtedly always leads to gerrymandering, partisan or otherwise, in an attempt by legislators to stay in power. Our country is built on the promise of one person, one vote, and it's beyond time to make that a reality in North Carolina. Support independent redistricting commissions and allow voters to pick their politicians, not the other way around.</p>
09/16/2019 01:34 PM	Dr Roy Lenzo	r_lenzo@msn.com		<p>Come on, independent redistricting is the only reasonable solution. Plus, by adopting it now, it protects you from the Democrats abusing the system to THEIR benefit when THEY are again in the majority. Or do you think you will have power forever?</p>
09/16/2019 01:37 PM	Adam Graham-Squire	bijaypur@yahoo.com		<p>Here are my issues with the recent redistricting process of the NC general assembly:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Not enough effort was made by the general assembly (particularly the Republican leadership) to include input from the general public. Specifically, only one session on Monday morning when the maps are due on Wednesday. And this is AFTER the House had already voted on their maps. 2) Dr. Chen's maps were used as base maps, but those maps were in the public view for many months—thus statistical (partisan) analyses could have been done on them beforehand, allowing Republicans to “reverse-engineer” partisan maps by leaning heavily on those already created maps. 3) Some partisan data was “accidentally” provided along with certain maps, even though no partisan data was supposed to be included. 4) Certain decisions seemed to being made in back

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09/16/2019 01:39 PM	Dr. Dennis Welch	Blakeprof@gmail.com		In addition to incorporating transparency in all future redistricting, North Carolina’s Legislature should increase the public’s access to current redistricting processes, even

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				<p>as they near completion. For example, the Legislature should at a minimum 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 redistricting steps in order to promote broader engagement and public dialogue. Along with these improvements to transparency, the following steps should be undertaken to increase citizens' understanding of and accessibility to current and future redistricting processes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. Give voters a clearer idea of what they are seeing online. Citizens need to know which districts are being redrawn and who is doing the redrawing. 3. Make draft machine-readable maps, as well as PDFs, fully available to the public on a daily basis 4. Make all public comments available in real time continuously through the end of the redistricting process and final map approval.
09/16/2019 01:41 PM	Mts Lora Smitj	Lsmith101562@gmail.com		<p>Redistricting maps need to be done in a by partisans way. They do not need yo favor either party. For once, let the people choose who they want to represent them. My opinion would be to have them done by an independent firm in a fair an by partisan way. Imagine that, letting the people choose their representatives.</p>
09/16/2019 01:42 PM	David Baker	dbaker011@live.com		<p>Please draw districts in which each party has a shot. Please</p>
09/16/2019 01:43 PM	Dr. Tracy Raines	racytraines@yahoo.com		<p>I'm writing to express my concern about the redistricting process that has occurred.</p> <p>I'm concerned about the "public view" and transparency of the process. 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." "Base maps" used by both House and Senate were NOT drawn in public view, as required by court orders. They were drawn in advance by an expert witness</p>

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				<p>for the trial. Additionally, redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could submit meaningful comments either in person or online. Though a public comment session was held on Friday, it was held with almost no advance notice.</p> <p>I also have concerns about the use of partisan data in drawing the maps. The Court ruled that no political data be used in the redrawing. However, the GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert's maps and emailed them to lawmakers. Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite Democrat's objections that they were not "reasonable." The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p>
09/16/2019 01:47 PM	Fair Redistricting Thomas Gilbert	tskgilbert@gmail.com		<p>The people of NC have the absolute right to fair elections and fair representation in the legislature. It is evident that the current method of drawing legislative districts is easily abused by bad faith actors, and fails to guarantee those rights. Thankfully the NC courts have ordered this process be remedied, at least in part, for upcoming elections. Going forward though, legislative districts need to be drawn by some kind of non-partisan, independent commission to limit the kinds of assaults on our democracy that have been commonplace for a number of years. The people choose their representatives, not the other way around.</p>
09/16/2019 01:47 PM	N/A Joyce Loring	jloring@pobox.com	N/A	<p>Gerrymandering is wrong! Why would anyone feel like winning this way is not cheating? I don't like it when EITHER party does it. Do the right thing, please...fair elections should be a priority if you want to truly represent all the citizens of our state. We are watching and we vote!</p>
09/16/2019 01:48 PM	Maria Riccobono	tarimormom@hotmail.com		<p>The right of a fair vote is the essence of American democracy. Current North Carolina maps are unfair and biased in favor of the current majority in state legislature. This majority has defied several court findings and orders to re-draw the maps. As a voter, I ask for a non-partisan committee to be appointed to study the current maps and come up with a fair and equitable representation.</p>
09/16/2019 01:48 PM	Elizabeth Perniciaro	Elizabethperniciaro@gmail.com		<p>The redistricting of our maps should be done independently. Your constituents deserve to have a say</p>

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				that actual counts. Partisan map-drawing is an attack on democracy.
09/16/2019 01:49 PM	Sharon Shaner	sharonshaner@gmail.com		Independent, non partisan review board or whatever jeff jackson recommends. He has been working on this for years
09/16/2019 01:50 PM	Mr Shawn Hays	sphays@gmail.com		The ideas of the Republican Party of North Carolina are not representative of the state. If you think this is incorrect, create a fair and balanced district map and present it to the governing authorities. Stop your appeals and comply with the Supreme Court's decision.
09/16/2019 01:50 PM	Mr Indecorous Entercation	Indecorousentercation@gmail.com	IndecorousEntercation.com	I am very glad to say in public what everyone says in private:. Fuck these low life cheating Republican pieces of shit. They are lower than pond scum, defecation, and incest. Anyone that values democracy should be outraged at the crimes they have committed against our great state. Not only do we deserve fair maps created by academics with 0 bias, we deserve retribution for the actions of these assholes.
09/16/2019 01:50 PM	Jeremy Sabo	sabo.jeremy@gmail.com		I urge the NC state legislature to adopt independent redistricting. Voters should choose there politicians, not the other way around.
09/16/2019 01:50 PM	Brandon Hamilton	Brandonbtbh@gmail.com		The drawing of voting districts should be handled by an independent non-partisan group to ensure that our state democracy fully functions.
09/16/2019 01:50 PM	Mrs. Lisa Mitchell	lisajoymitchell@gmail.com		I'm opposed to gerrymandering, regardless of which party is in power at any given time. Gerrymandering sabotages the ideals of a democracy on which this country was founded. Gerrymandering dilutes the ability of every citizen's vote to count and makes a difference, thus subverting the will of the people.
09/16/2019 01:51 PM	Mrs. Lisa Mitchell	lisajoy@sacredanddelicious.com		I'm opposed to gerrymandering, regardless of which party is in power at any given time. Gerrymandering sabotages the ideals of a democracy on which this country was founded. Gerrymandering dilutes the ability of every citizen's vote to count and makes a difference, thus subverting the will of the people.
09/16/2019 01:51 PM	Do it honestly Donna Bissette	Dmbissette@yahoo.com		With 100 some plans randomly generated by an unbiased source, there is no reason why you should be making any changes to the plan randomly selected. Be transparent and

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09/16/2019 01:52 PM	Mr Eric Luffman	eluffman30@live.com		The majority party has always drawn these districts to their advantage. While the GOP's version of this has been much more extreme and targeted than Democrats versions the simple premise of politicians choosing their voters rather than voters choosing their politicians is undemocratic and undermines the common good. Please do NC voters a favor and have districts redrawn by an independent commission going forward.
09/16/2019 01:59 PM	Paul Robinson	prob00@hotmail.com		Please adopt independent redistricting methods. This will ensure fairness and equity to each side and win for Republicans by doing what the Democrats didn't do when they had the power. Furthermore, this will benefit the Republicans in the long run by ensuring maps are fair once Democrats regain the majority, which is inevitable.
09/16/2019 01:59 PM	Dawn Bradfield	dawnb5@hotmail.com		Republicans have shown that they are not to be trusted with drawing fair redistricting lines. We must have independent redistricting.
09/16/2019 02:03 PM	Elizabeth Nursey	Bethnursey2@gmail.com		In light of the rampant gerrymandering that has gone on for years and has damaged the public trust in our leadership, an INDEPENDENT group should be in charge of drawing the redistricting maps. Neither party should ever have the opportunity to put their finger on the scale in their favor again. Our State has become a laughingstock and as born and bred North Carolinian, I am disgusted with the republican majority. We need to know our elections are fair. You need to do your jobs for our state and fix this. In my 50+ years in this state, I have never been so

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09/16/2019 02:04 PM	Frances McSherry	fmcsherry88@gmail.com	Veterans Administration	I'm writing to implore you to use an impartial, external body for redistricting (both for 2020 and beyond) to ensure unbiased redistricting, help generate trust among NC voters, and aid in election results being more representative of the actual desires of the people of this state.
09/16/2019 02:06 PM	Mr. Nathan Jones	neizan.jones@gmail.com		<p>Independent Redistricting is a must. We cannot allow the great citizens of North Carolina to be represented by officials elected through an unconstitutional, downright despicable, electoral process like that ones we've had previously. All citizens will be thankful for independent redistricting because although GOP benefits enormously today, the tide will turn eventually. We need competitive districts, not 20-30% advantages, so that politicians actually have to do something for their constituents.</p> <p>Best, Nathan</p>
09/16/2019 02:08 PM	Ms. Stephanie Benson	stephanie@stephanie-benson.com		I am opposed to the map-drawing process now underway in our Legislature; it is critical that this work must be done by the court or its independent appointees, or at least a citizens' independent commission. The current process is obscured by a lack of transparency, with Republicans disappearing to consult with unknown third-parties (ostensibly their attorneys – no one knows!) and returning with detailed changes that obviously have been the product of computer simulations being run/provided outside view. The process bakes in the sour ingredient of self-preservation and self-dealing by the very legislators whose careers hang in the balance. (Note the lack of dissent amongst the legislators as evidence of the self-dealing.) Take it out of the legislators' hands! I understand that the NC Senate used incumbency-protection maps that favors those already elected under unfair maps! This is not following the court order whose point is fairness over partisanship. The map that the public was allowed to comment on was only released one hour earlier! The public comments today (Monday, September 16, 2019) do not even allow the House to have its own public comment procedure (it is merged with the Senate's!). Furthermore,

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09/16/2019 02:11 PM	Robert Powell	bobp@triad.rr.com		Please adopt a NON-PARTISAN independent redistricting approach. Gerrymandering is the antithesis of a representative government
09/16/2019 02:13 PM	Greg Hicks	lemleyod@gmail.com		We must have independent redistricting. This state has suffered from unethical and illegal gerrymandering for too long. We are better than this.
09/16/2019 02:13 PM	Dr. (LTC ret.) Richard Ferguson	ferguson475@charter.net		With the feckless performance of the NC Republican Party in this matter historically, there will always be a question of intent in any work product from the Right. It will be far better to put in place maps from an academic source to avoid even an illusion of dishonesty.
09/16/2019 02:15 PM	Janessa Baldina	janessab@gmail.com		I would prefer to see independent redistricting maps drawn by computer. Current members of legislature should not be allowed to redraw maps based on where their homes are or based on anything that would personally benefit them.
09/16/2019 02:15 PM	Tara Foss	taradfoss@gmail.com		I don't understand how the GOP continually gets away with this kind of underhanded dealing. The Courts even ruled against them and they are still somehow profiting in multiple ways from what should be INDEPENDENT AND NONPARTISAN map redrawing. Please enforce the Court's ruling in both the letter and intent of ruling and get a non- or bi-partisan commission in there to redraw.
09/16/2019 02:17 PM	Ms. Stephanie Benson	stephanie@stephanie-benson.com		The Senate Redistricting webpage on the Legislative website invites comments, and then won't allow them! I called to complain. Here is what it says: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS 2019 NC Senate Redistricting The Senate Committee on Redistricting and Elections is requesting public comment on the drafting of Remedial Maps for the Senate legislative districts for the 2020 election. Submit Comments

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				<p>Request for comments is not currently active.</p> <p>THIS IS WRONG TO CLOSE THIS PORTAL, ON THE VERY DAY WHOSE EVENING WILL SEE THE VOTE ON THE MATTER!</p> <p>I am opposed to the map-drawing process now underway in our Legislature; it is critical that this work must be done by the court or its independent appointees, or at least a citizens' independent commission. The current process is obscured by a lack of transparency, with Republicans disappearing to consult with unknown third-parties (ostensibly their attorneys – no one knows!) and returning with detailed changes that obviously have been the product of computer simulations being run/provided outside view. The process bakes in the sour ingredient of self-preservation and self-dealing by the very legislators whose careers hang in the balance. (Note the lack of dissent amongst the legislators as evidence of the self-dealing.) Take it out of the legislators' hands! I understand that the NC Senate used incumbency-protection maps that favors those already elected under unfair maps! This is not following the court order whose point is fairness over partisanship. The map that the public was allowed to comment on was only released one hour earlier! The public comments today (Monday, September 16, 2019) do not even allow the House to have its own public comment procedure (it is merged with the Senate's!). Furthermore, there has been ample evidence of packing and cracking districts (ex., Columbus County). I speak for my immediate and extended family, and our circle of friends and acquaintances, all of whom believe it is impossible for the NC Legislature to do the corrective work that must be done to support democracy and the belief in the integrity of the system.</p>
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09/16/2019 02:19 PM	Sigi Markworth	Sigimarkworth@gmail.com		The redistricting process needs to be done by an independent organization using mathematical models!
09/16/2019 02:21 PM	Dr. Frank Peterson	frankhpeterson@juno.com	None	Inasmuch as computers can produce districts based on the federal requirements, just punch the button, and put the burden of justifying changing the computer produced, federally compliant districts on the legislature.
09/16/2019 02:24 PM	Cathy Jane Bowes	sisterwitch2@gmail.com	none	I live in Brunswick County. I don't understand why Brunswick County has to be split 3 ways. And why New Hanover County is split two ways. Why can't the counties just be one district? What is so hard about that. It looks when you show the percentages of parties you are again doing 'gerrymandering.' Please get a non-partisan specialists to do this. Stop wasting taxpayers dollars. Thank you, Cathy Bowes
09/16/2019 02:25 PM	Redistricting Thomas Alexander	gonzopenguin69@gmail.com	Public	We need an independent commission to establish voter districts.
09/16/2019 02:26 PM	Stephanie Lowder	slowder@rarebirdcreative.com	citizen	We The People want, demand, that our votes count, as enshrined in our state constitution. We demand actual representation. We demand fair maps and fair elections. — WE DO NOT consent to be governed by trickery and thrives. — WE REQUIRE district maps be drawn by an independent, neutral, commission - not by partisans. — We are sick and tired of being mis-represented by gerrymandered “elected” persons who conduct themselves with Utter Disregard of their (gerrymandered) minority constituents. — WE DEMAND representation in the accurate measure of our statewide votes.
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09/16/2019 02:27 PM	Eric Buschman	ericwbuschman@gmail.com		<p>"Might does not make right." It's an oldie, for sure, but a goodie. Just because you have the power to do something does not make it it the right thing to do.</p> <p>When our populace has about the same number of Republicans and Democrats, our political representation should reflect that. Having our Congressional districts designed to skew that balance in one party's favor by a 10 to 3 ratio is blatantly wrong, contrary to our values, and dangerous to our way of life. Though the ratios may be different, the same political gaming of the system applies to our State House & State Senate districts as well. It is wrong in every case. The blatant partisan gerrymandering that has taken place in this State is not only wrong, however, it is also embarrassing and goes against the wishes of the citizens of this fine State. Put an end to it once and for all. We need a NON-partisan third-party process to create our districts, districts that are fair and reflect all North Carolinians equally.</p> <p>Stop partisan gerrymandering NOW!</p>
09/16/2019 02:29 PM	Andrew Philpotts	andy.philpotts@gmail.com	Resident of NC	It is clear that having redrawn districts in order to undermine the effectiveness of certain classes of voters, that the current attempt to address this is being done with flawed, partisan data, and a lack of transparency, in other words, more of the same. This deceitful behavior does not go unnoticed. I feel you refuse to allow public participation, in order to reinforce the crooked status quo, this is a disgrace and a perversion of the way a democracy should work. Shame on you
09/16/2019	Ann Parvin	parvacle@aol.com		In looking at the proposed map for Brunswick County, why

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02:31 PM				has it been split with the SE portion combined into district 19 with the south portion of New Hanover county across the river? We share no commerce or interest with this section across the Cape Fear River. It takes over an hour to get there. Why not combined Brunswick County into one district? It appears that there are gerrymandered attempts at play?
09/16/2019 02:34 PM	Independent Redistricting Patricia Saylor	saylor.patricia@gmail.com	NA- Just a lifelong NC voter	Please find a way to create a NONPARTISAN group to draw and maintain district lines for our votes. Gerrymandering is wrong and harms our democracy, no matter which side does it.
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

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				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	lmmartin@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.
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