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09/09/2019 07:33 PM	Mr Michael Riley			You should give up power of redistricting to an impartial special master for a map. The Republicans received partisan data even after told by the courts they could not use it. Give the citizens of North Carolina fair maps where they can choose their legislators rather than legislators choosing their voters.
09/10/2019 09:33 AM	Horton's Egg Hatchery Anne Horton	ahorton@chicagobooth.edu		I am calling upon the state to remove partisan influences from redistricting. This should be done by a 50-50 split group that must create maps that are fair, competitive, and gerrymandered. This redistricting should be done in public with none of the shenanigans that the GOP have tried in the past
09/10/2019 09:39 AM	Mrs. Michelle Susar	michellesusar@gmail.com		Choose a fair map and attempt to not over analyze it. We want fair maps, from both sides. Just get it done. If your party has the best candidates, they should be re-elected.
09/10/2019 09:40 AM	Makiala Love			Our political system is broken and politicians are making it worse by using partisan gerrymandering that almost guarantees they get re-elected. Gerrymandering contributes to the hyper-partisanship in our politics and allows politicians to pander to lobbyists and special interests, but ignore the people they represent. The people should pick their representatives, not the other way around. We will not accept maps that disenfranchise communities of color under the guise of partisan gerrymandering.
09/10/2019 10:35 AM	think Of voter Sonya Glavin	Sonya.glavin@gmail.com		This needs to be non partisan issue. Common cause, Dems and Republicans support real non political districts . Use science and evidence not voting on
09/10/2019 10:49 AM	David T Connelly	drpconnelly@gmail.com	-	What I want to see: District compactness, minimizing split voting precincts and municipal boundaries. What I don't want to see: Protecting incumbents. Current legislators have been illegitimate since 2011, and they should be the first to leave.
09/10/2019 10:50 AM	Mr Gary Clontz	gclontz@msn.com		I want a process so that elections are as they are meant to be. They should deliver a fair outcome no matter which party is currently in power. We have touted democracy and will of the people to the rest of the world. With partisan gerrymandering that message is hollow.
09/10/2019 10:58 AM	Incumbency Protection Renee Sekel	reneeas@hotmail.com		I am writing to ask that the committee not make the protection of incumbents an important part of the redistricting process. Particularly in this situation where many of the incumbents were elected using unconstitutional maps, incumbency protection only perpetuates the problem.
				To be clear, I am not advocating that incumbents should actively be placed in the same district. I'm not looking to handicap anybody. But it seems only fair that these new maps be drawn fresh, without consideration of whether incumbents would be double bunked. Let the voters sort it out.

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09/10/2019 10:59 AM	stephanie zack	lafortunestudios@gmail.com		I would like to make sure that this racially and politically motivated practice skew voting never happens again. If you want to help us trust you in any waypay Stacy Abrams to oversee the process and report to us... .you constituents. And never shame our state again!!!
09/10/2019 10:59 AM	Nicholas Haag	nichaag44@hushmail.com		I see no issue with partisan redistricting. I believe the only reason it is an issue is a "sore loser" mentality that I personally find reprehensible. The SCOTUS has decreed there is no justifiable way to determine a "fair" map, as such courts have no business weighing in on the matter at all. For determining maps, computer simulations are only as logical as the developers that create them, complete with their own conscious or unconscious political biases. I would argue, if tasked to contrive a better way, would be to determine maps economically, by household income, property value or someone economic metric. Aim for a fair mix of upper, middle, and lower economic-class North Carolinian's in each district. Allow for a decent margin error to maintain as compact as possible districts, but use economics as the basis. This completely takes partisanship, race, religion, geography, etc. out of the equation. I believe the way wealth is distributed across NC, this is entirely possible. While ensuring a fair mix of Urban and Rural voters in each district. To me this would be rock solid to defend in court, when the sore loser undoubtedly contests the map.
09/10/2019 10:59 AM	Charles McCracken	cmccrkn@netscape.net		I have seen mention that redistricting is putting emphasis on incumbent legislator's home areas, presumably to ensure that they are not obsoleted by the new maps. This is not only unnecessary, but I believe it goes against the intent of the court ruling. Any and all current incumbents are the result of improper districts and should not be considered in any way for the new map selection
09/10/2019 11:03 AM	Ms Erika Booth			Gerrymandering is a subversion of democratic principles. Redistricting should be a neutral endeavor. There should not be consideration for incumbents political party proportions or previous boundary locations. Redistricting should be a transparent public process. The purpose of voting districts are to properly represent the voters. The voters should be choosing their representatives and not the other way around.
09/10/2019 11:15 AM	Clark Hunsinger	hunsingr@nc.rr.com		The best way to do Redistricting would be to form an Independent Redistricting Commission with equal representation of Republicans, Democrats, and Independent (unaffiliated) members, including nonpartisan academic redistricting experts, like Jowei Chen, Associate Professor, University of Michigan. If that is not done, then the Legislative Redistricting Committees should: 1) immediately ask the Court to approve Jowei Chen, who has proven his unbiased, academic credentials as a redistricting mapmaker, as the NC Redistricting Mapmaker. This step would go a long way in showing that the

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				<p>Republicans in the legislator are serious about creating fair district maps.</p> <p>2) conduct a public meeting to establish the priorities and limits of the "redistricting criteria". Of course, as the Court has directed, there should be no partisan criteria and no political data used in the mapmaking process. If "Incumbency" is an agreed-to criteria, it surely must be "current incumbency" and, therefore, a new computer run is required using the current incumbency data.</p> <p>3) this agreed-to, prioritized list of criteria should be given to Jowei Chen to provide a base map that most closely matches the agreed-to criteria.</p> <p>4) this base, non-partisan map should then be presented in a public meeting where the committee makes any changes that must achieve a bipartisan consensus.</p> <p>5) the Court should then be able to quickly be approve the result.</p>
09/10/2019 12:17 PM	Ms. Dorothy Collins	dorthey9427@gmail.com		It's about time the maps are drawn fairly and not solely controlled by republicans!
09/10/2019 12:36 PM	Ms. Jennifer Bosk	jenniferbosk.raleigh@gmail.com		For once, STOP. PRAY. DO IT FOR THE PEOPLE. Stop working for the almighty dollar and start working for those who put their hope, trust and care into you to represent them. As an elected official, you are not here to make a game of winning, of boosting your bank account - you work FOR ME who helped put you into office and I am asking you to put GOD & COUNTRY first. Thank you.
09/10/2019 12:43 PM	Hope Johnson	hopecj@princeton.edu	Princeton Gerrymandering Project	<p>I am requesting the spreadsheet being shown currently at the hearing (12:43 PM, 9/10/19). The spreadsheet is called "Chen map data.xlsx".</p> <p>It looks as though the compactness measures Polsby-Popper and Reock are combined into the "best combined score". I am also requesting the formula used to combine how these are combined into one score.</p>
09/10/2019 12:49 PM	Mr Michael Parrish	parrishtm@aol.com		Please create fair and honest districts that reflect the population NOT the political party in power.
09/10/2019 12:54 PM	Ms Linda Rudick	jeffrudick@hotmail.com	self	Watching the House stream, I have 2 requests: can the audio be louder and can the print on screen be darker?
09/10/2019 12:59 PM	Mr John Graham	Jwg3807@bellsouth.net	Self	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not allow Art Pope to be involved 2. Stop playing games with start times and recesses for GA members. 3. BE NORTH CAROLINIANS FIRST! 4. Take incumbency out of the equation!
09/10/2019 01:14 PM	Mrs. Robin Cheeley	acheeley@aol.com	non	Please follow the court order and produce districts without considering political party or incumbents. Create districts that represent North Carolina not just one party who wants to keep control. Let's never say again, I created 11 districts because I couldn't figure out how to make 12. I know this order doesn't affect the U.S. Congress, districts that resulted in this comment, but please make our legislature representative of who we are.

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09/10/2019 01:15 PM	Mr. John Hill	johnhill320@gmail.com		Redistricting should be done by an independent non-partisan committee v basis on population statistics.
09/10/2019 01:27 PM	Theresa Lamothe	Tracyforguilford@gmail.com	Self	I am frustrated by the fact that not all NC house districts will be scrutinized. Three in Guilford County will be left the same. I do t know how you can ch part of a county and not the whole thing. I'm glad this is finally happening at least. Make sure what you do change is truly fair.
09/10/2019 01:29 PM	Jeff Collins	jlc1249@aol.com		NC has 10.38 million people 120 house districts and 50 senate districts. Each representative will answer to 86,500 people. Each Senator will answer to 207,600 people. Don't put them in safe spaces and answer they will. Start out towards Tennessee and draw as close to a box as you can. Your house box needs to hold approximately 86,500 people. Your box edge may need to altered slightly to align with a county or city limit. I wouldn't have e in multiple districts was we do now. Your Senate box will be a little larger a will hold approximately 207,600 people. Move east as you go, you will draw house boxes and 50 senate boxes. When you get to the slat water you will done with equally drawn and non partisan voting districts. Get this done, a enjoy your time at the coast.
09/10/2019 01:49 PM	John David Southworth	Dsouth3511@aol.com	N/A	Given recent statewide voting patterns, any map that does create a hypothetical Democratic majority in both houses is illegally drawn.
09/10/2019 01:53 PM	Aylett Colston	AylettColston@gmail.com	Private citizen, on my behalf	<p>Dear Senators,</p> <p>In Common Cause v. Lewis, the NC Superior Court ordered that the NCGA conduct "the entire remedial process in full public view" and for "all map drawing to occur at public hearings."</p> <p>I am a member of the public and a resident of North Carolina. I attended House and Senate redistricting committee meetings yesterday, September 10, 2019.</p> <p>At the beginning of each of the House and Senate committee meetings, the Committee Chair announced a plan to use maps that were done by an expert witness in preparing to give evidence at trial in Common Cause v. Lewis a "base maps" upon which to base the remedial maps. The expert witness' name is Dr. Chen.</p> <p>I did not see Dr. Chen drawing these maps at the public meeting yesterday. I believe the maps were the attending public provided with copies of his maps.</p> <p>I understand that as part of the trial process, the Legislative Defendants had access to partisan data and other information associated with the maps</p>

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				<p>generated by Dr. Chen as part of his expert testimony. None of this data provided to the public at the meeting I attended yesterday.</p> <p>At the redistricting committee meeting yesterday, the redistricting committee members discussed choosing a subset of Dr. Chen's maps based on ordering them by their compactness rating, and then taking a certain top percentage based on the highest compactness rating. They did not give a complete reason for prioritizing "compactness" of the entire district map ahead of all other criteria.</p> <p>The committees did not provide the public with copies of the maps that were rated "most compact" by Dr. Chen, or other maps for comparison.</p> <p>As a member of the public who attended these meetings, it appeared that the entire remedial process was NOT in full public view.</p> <p>I object to using maps that were not drawn at public hearings and request the NC Senate redistricting committee start from scratch in the court-ordered redrawing of specified county clusters.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Aylett Colston</p>
09/10/2019 01:59 PM	Mr Richard Genz	rgenz@skyrunner.net		<p>To the NC Senate:</p> <p>The Court's decision to order new state legislative districts is long, long overdue. Hyper-partisan, computer-guided mapping has severely corrupted the NC General Assembly over the past eight years. GOP voter suppression has compounded the damage.</p> <p>WE ARE WATCHING HOW YOU RESPOND TO THE COURT ORDER.</p> <p>And please note: North Carolina is a democracy, not a computer-optimization problem to solve in one party's favor.</p> <p>On the federal level, I encourage NC's General Assembly to adopt non-partisan commission-based redistricting beginning in 2021. The basic rules of our democracy cannot be left to partisan politicians.</p> <p>Richard Genz Asheville NC</p>
09/10/2019 02:34 PM	Mrs. Jesse Kaufmann	aikido@nc.rr.com		<p>If Art Pope is any part of the redistricting process, it is dead in the water. Do not let Mr. Evil back in power.</p> <p>Spoken from the heart & solid research.</p>
09/10/2019 02:38 PM	Perri Morgan	perri.morgan@duke.edu		<p>I am grateful that you are correcting the extreme gerrymander that has warped democracy in our state for almost a decade now. I was disturbed to hear</p>

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				Art Pope, who was instrumental in the last gerrymanders, was suggested as a potential expert for the current process. I urge you not to include Mr. Pope since this would cast doubt upon the process. Please keep this process open and apolitical. We will be watching closely. Thank you.
09/10/2019 02:38 PM	Dr. Margaret Pennybacker	pennybmrp@gmail.com		Fair districts are essential to fair voting results. Please do all that you can to remove the shame of gerrymandered districts from North Carolina forever. Thank you!
09/10/2019 02:39 PM	Rebecca Maust	rmaust@earthlink.net		I was on the live stream watching the excel spreadsheet being used with live commentary up until the point that I realized they didn't know what they were doing with the sorting of selected columns then commenting that they may have needed someone with excel experience. There was an awful lot of laughing and giggling in the background which added to the sense of casualness in the atmosphere. Those who are using the data which was created by an expert (Chen?) don't seem to understand the data or the formulas that were used. If you are going to use data to interpret and produce an accurate outcome, you have to understand what you're working with.
09/10/2019 02:39 PM	Ms. Chris Ekstedt	auroastra@gmail.com		A lottery machine is not a serious attempt to draw fair maps. We need an independent redistricting commission. Art Pope also has no business at all influencing this process, nor do any other such partisan players. It also does not need to come under the Legislative Services Office. We see you.
09/10/2019 02:39 PM	Dr. Pamela Culp	130pj@gmail.com		I am a life long North Carolinian. Both major parties have gerrymandered during my 6+ decades of life. We, the people of this great state deserve nonpartisan voting district maps so that our votes count and are heard. This is a democracy which our elected officials are pledged to uphold. For the sake of our state, our country and future generations, do the right thing and let a nonpartisan fair process determine our voting districts. Thank you.
09/10/2019 02:40 PM	Ms. Gloria Brooks	brooksgloria@hotmail.com		i want to feel that elections are fair and my vote counts equally with every other's. Please make fair redistricting maps. Our democracy depends on it.
09/10/2019 02:40 PM	Ron Garcia	Nicamerican@gmail.com		Both parties have conspired to draw maps in their favor when in power. The court has demanded accountability, as a NC citizen I demand transparency, fairness, and equal representation in redrawing of the congressional maps.
09/10/2019 02:41 PM	Ms. Carol Perine	c.perine@snet.net		If the maps fairly represent the people, it becomes a bi-partisan issue. We want this to be true.
09/10/2019 02:43 PM	Craig Stogner	craigandlin@gmail.com		As a vet, please make sure that the new maps created are fair to all parties.
09/10/2019 02:44 PM	Rev. Dr. WILLIAM HENRY	mcelveencabin@gmail.com	Moravian Church in America	Please respect and honor the time honored promise to Americans that every vote should count and not be manipulated!
09/10/2019	Dr. Patricia	patricia.kelley.uncw@gmail.com		Please produce maps that are fair and not biased by partisan gerrymandering.

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02:44 PM	Kelley			
09/10/2019 02:45 PM	Mrs Tina Stanton	tinastanton44@gmail.com	Self employed	I am in strong support of fair elections for all North Carolinians. No more gerrymandering!
09/10/2019 02:46 PM	Robert Jordan	roberteJordan@bellsouth.net		Let's put this issue behind us once and for all. No more gerrymandering by either party.
09/10/2019 02:46 PM	Rev. Robert Field	rdfield@rocketmail.com		I am one of the people in North Carolina you represent, and I am asking sincerely -- in fact, I am URGING you -- to please seize this opportunity to make history in North Carolina. Make history for us and make us proud of our legislature by pursuing a genuinely non-partisan (or at least BI-partisan) redistricting process. The N.C. Supreme Court has given us a golden opportunity to not just say we want to be better, but actually do better. Please play your part in being and DOING better for all of us in N.C., regardless of political affiliation. With sincere gratitude, Robert D. Field
09/10/2019 02:47 PM	Ms. Virginia Nilles	atlas2841@gmail.com	None	It's time to get this done right and as fairly as possible. We all need to be assured our voices count and are heard. We cannot exclude people. That should not be who we are or who we become.
09/10/2019 02:48 PM	Linda Tatsapaugh	ltatsapaugh@gmail.com	Ms.	We finally have an opportunity to right the wrongs of both parties. It is imperative to me that our general assembly create Fair, unbiased, logical districts that are not related to anything partisan or prejudicial. A citizens commission with unbiased data to drive decisions is probably our best option. Please keep all parties and motives out of this process.
09/10/2019 02:48 PM	Mr. Zed Director	vjwolf@charter.net		Fair voting maps are a staple of American democracy- those who mess with accuracy and fairness are traitors to foundation of the USA.
09/10/2019 02:49 PM	self Katherine Rowe	kjrowe@bellsouth.net		Stop wasting the citizens time and get this done. It's been too long since we had fair elections and North Carolina has been lopsided for a decade. Legislators who play fair and work together is the standard to which we should return.
09/10/2019 02:50 PM	Dustin Doing	doingdustin@gmail.com		I believe an independent body is required to redraw all maps in North Carolina due to the outrageous partisan and racial gerrymandering. Any packing or cracking used in the future will ultimately result in endless redrawing over the next ten years. The majority party must not meet in back rooms to redraw maps, as has been done in the past. The requirements of the Voting Rights Act and Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment and debate from community members, academics, and other stakeholders must all be present for truly fair maps. This is the first step to rebuilding the NCGA as a democratic institution. People must pick their politicians, not the other way around.
09/10/2019 02:50 PM	Ms Peggy Moore	pegnolia@gmail.com		Fair and unbiased voting districts are critical to our democratic process in the United States. Law makers are elected to represent all of the people, not just those of a particular party. Designing districts to favor one party over another

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				does not give fair representation to the public.
09/10/2019 02:51 PM	Dr Pamela Schwingl	pschwingl82@gmail.com		While you may be worried that fair maps may mean that republicans lose majority in the state legislature, please keep in mind that you swore to uphold the constitution of the state. Please concur with the rulings of the NC Court that warned about not using partisan data in your map making. Come up with ideas that will win you votes instead of having to break norms and rules by which civilized people live. This is what democracy at its best should look like.
09/10/2019 02:51 PM	Mrs. Elizabeth Carlson	Eecarlson2@gmail.com		Please support redistricting reform. It's best for democracy and all North Carolinians.
09/10/2019 02:54 PM	Mr. Larry Reed	lgreed3@gmail.com	Retired	It is critical that the General Assembly have an open, transparent, non-partisan process for redistricting the gerrymandered districts addressed by the recent district court case ruling the present gerrymandered maps as unconstitutional. The General Assembly has not undertaken a fair process to represent every North Carolina voter in the last decade. It is critical for the General Assembly demonstrate that it can openly prepare and present for public review and comment a non-biased redistricting process. If not, the people will overthrow the present non-representative, gerrymandered process and vote the powerful, hungry, anti-democratic pols out of office.
09/10/2019 02:55 PM	Mrs Barbara coulson	dixiespal@aol.com		It is in politicians' interest to draw maps that favor their reelection chances which is why an independent commission should be appointed to draw fair maps. This should not be in your hands, whatever party you claim. Constituents should be selecting candidates, so we should have the choice not someone who is pushed on us.
09/10/2019 02:55 PM	Ms. Henrietta Jenrette	rjstarbuck@aol.com	None	Our people will never believe in our democracy if they think their votes are being devalued. We must have the most fair and just voting districts as humanly possible to draw. North Carolina must stand proud and be a star of such districts for the rest of the country
09/10/2019 02:55 PM	Dr. and Mrs. Michael Moore	michaelmoore@skybest.com		Time for unfair partisan gerrymandering to end. Will Republicans play fair and democratic representation?
09/10/2019 02:56 PM	Mr. Gregory (Greg) Weeks	gweeks1@nc.rr.com	Retired Superior Court Judge	It is time to set partisan politics aside. The people of our state are entitled to have fair maps drawn. For years both parties have engaged in pure politics. Please remember that we are a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." not partisan or special interests. As a judge I sent people to prison on a regular basis who had more character, more integrity and were better human beings than most politicians have demonstrated. Do your job and get out of office.
09/10/2019 02:56 PM	Mrs. Peggy Fry	real_folkie@yahoo.com		This process should be as open and transparent for us North Carolina citizens as it can possibly be. It has been a travesty that the North Carolina Republican Party has been using this extreme partisan gerrymandering to ensure they

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				<p>in power. They apparently don't even believe their own political arguments since they obviously felt they had to basically cheat to maintain a majority 62 years old and was a Political Science major in college, so of course I am aware of the long history of gerrymandering and how both parties have engaged with it in the past. But i also know that most people don't realize computer technology has allowed such precise, pin-pointing tampering with districts to the point where basically, the essential foundation of our one person, one vote democracy has been undermined. And yes, it is also true in the past number of years, it has been the Republican Party, both here and across the country that has abused this technology and used it to draw such partisan, extreme districts. So I hope both parties will understand that for citizens (no, believe it or not, we're not just "consumers"), this is NOT a partisan issue. Unlike so many of our political representatives, we are still naive and idealistic to the point where , no matter what party you may affiliate with, the majority of us all across the political spectrum want open and fair elections meaning we want districts to never be drawn for political advantage, but want them drawn as accurately and fairly as possible. I hope the legislators will listen to us citizens on this one and take the right, moral and ethical steps to ensure that ALL of our votes count.</p> <p>Peggy Fry Wilmington, NC</p>
09/10/2019 02:56 PM	Mr Michael Hall	augusteve.mwhall@gmail.com		<p>Please stop gerrymandering districts to protect a Republican majority. It is wrong and many people suffer from this vote rigging. North Carolina deserves better and can do better. One person, one vote should be good enough for us. Racism or nationalism should not be considered in voting. The voting act is needed again in North Carolina. Enough is Enough.</p>
09/10/2019 02:57 PM	Mr. John Barnwell	john.g.barnwell@gmail.com	N.C. Department of Justice (Retired)	<p>Please respect the rule of law and follow the Court's orders in good faith. long past time when we return to government that is truly representative of people governed, namely, that voters choose their legislators, not the other around.</p> <p>-- John Barnwell, Ph.D., J.D.</p>
09/10/2019 02:59 PM	Mr Ted Frazer	fkassoc@aol.com		<p>I am watching very closely the results of this latest judicial request. I expect non partisan redistricting to be the goal of this process. Elections are coming and I will be strongly motivated to work against those who oppose fair ma</p> <p>Ted Frazer</p>
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09/10/2019 03:01 PM	Irene Rosen	momirene2@gmail.com		Ted Frazer Redistricting should be done with forethought, intelligence and fairness. Please do not redistrict thinking only of politics and re-election. Gerrymandering skews our rights as voters.
09/10/2019 03:01 PM	Dr. Melva Fager Okun	melvafokun@gmail.com	citizen	I desperately await democracy to return to North Carolina, where citizens vote and do so in full confidence that their votes count vs. the system has jerry-rigged so they don't count. I have attended the judge panels and heard presentations. I know that fair maps exist and understand that a mixed group of judges have already drawn up such maps. From the 9th Congressional District previous election, we have much to be ashamed of - robbing democracy is no way to make your way to represent people. We need fair, unprejudiced maps. Show us you are capable of such.
09/10/2019 03:02 PM	Mr Lance Ashdown	lashdown@yahoo.com		Based on what I've read, the senate is trying to game the system yet again anyone in the NC GOP capable of doing the right thing just because it is rigged. Seriously, putting forward ART POPE as a guarantor of partisan fairness? appalled. Also, picking the 1000 maps that are most favorable to the GOP, then "randomly" picking among them is a ridiculous proposal. Do you take people for fools? NO POLITICIANS SHOULD BE DRAWING MAPS.
09/10/2019 03:02 PM	Stacy Stout	stacybrave@gmail.com		The people of NC deserve fair, sensible voting districts!
09/10/2019 03:04 PM	Suzanne DuChanois	Sduchanois@gmail.com	Citizen	Gerrymandering must stop. This should not be a partisan issue, but for some reason your Republican leadership still thinks you should choose your voters instead of voters choosing you. Stop wasting taxpayer money on court battles to string the process out over years. Get serious, get to work and draw fair maps. I am an unaffiliated voter who will never support a party that supports gerrymandering.
09/10/2019 03:06 PM	Ellen Wilson	ellenwilson29@gmail.com		I am very concerned about gerrymandering in our state, which leaves so many of us without true representation. I sincerely hope that the legislature will take a serious, thoughtful approach to redistricting that will finally provide us with fair maps. Ultimately, I think that drawing the maps should not be done by the legislature at all.
09/10/2019 03:07 PM	Mrs Wendy Nitsos	wnitsos@aol.com		It is critical to restore true democracy to our state to have non partisan and impartial maps redrawn. You are all elected to fairly represent the people of the state, which hasn't been done in years with all the gerrymandering and games being played by the General Assembly. So much has gone wrong here since this all began, including millions of dollars in business that won't be a part of the state run like this (recall the "bathroom" bill) and many of the best teachers leaving the state, since they are so clearly not valued by this legislature. The redistricting is one of the most important issues facing us today and needs

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				be done fairly and be representative of the people in the state! This used to be a state I was proud to call home....now we are living in a state that is no longer considered or run like a democracy! Shame on Phil Berger and Tim Moore!
09/10/2019 03:07 PM	MR William McSherry	clintmcs@gmail.com	The Citizenry (your constituents)	PLEASE seriously consider creating an open, fair, transparent system of redistricting by using a CITIZENS COMMISSION to determine new maps! Elections must be maintained so that the public has faith in our electoral system. When one party is able to get fewer votes, yet have FAR more seats in the legislature, that is DE FACTO UNFAIR. For the sake of the country, democracy, and all that America stands for, PLEASE remove partisan politics, racial biases, socioeconomic status, and BIG money lobbying efforts from the electoral process. Thank you.
09/10/2019 03:07 PM	Mrs. Janet Kowal	pesch72el@gmail.com		We need fair districts that are not gerrymandered. Everyone's voice counts. The courts are watching you. Submit proposed districts that are fair.
09/10/2019 03:08 PM	ms Joan Parks	hmrefuge@gmail.com		North Carolina deserves to have all people represented fairly with their votes. Districts need to be non-partisan and not based on race. Each vote MUST count so people elect their officials.
09/10/2019 03:08 PM	Mrs. Laura Ballance	laura@mergerecords.com	n/a	It is very important that the decision of the State Supreme Court is taken seriously and that the new maps are drawn in such a manner not designed to give one party or the other favor. Gerrymandering has gone too far, and the people need fair districts drawn to help restore their faith in the electoral process.
09/10/2019 03:08 PM	Mr. Gary Kenton	garyskenton@gmail.com	Concerned Citizens for Redistricting Reform	Without fair, non-partisan maps, faith in democracy dies.
09/10/2019 03:12 PM	Sheryl Forbis	Skforbis@gmail.com	NC Church Women United	For the good of all North Carolinians, the new maps should be non-partisan and utilize traditional redistricting standards: Compact, contiguous, keeping governments and communities of interest whole. There should be bipartisan support that includes citizen participation and transparency. Maps should be made final on the commission's vote.
09/10/2019 03:13 PM	Mr. Tobias Berla	toby.berla@gmail.com		I favor creating a non-partisan redistricting commission to take over this critical function. Short of that, the process should be driven by the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prohibit the use of political data. - Do not draw districts to favor or disfavor political parties or incumbents. - Encourage competitiveness. District lines should be drawn in a way that increases interparty competitiveness.
09/10/2019 03:15 PM	Mrs Holly Grundheber	HSandTG@att.net		I'm writing to ask that you support Senate Bill 673 – the "North Carolina Citizens Redistricting Commission" legislation sponsored by Senators Four

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				Smith, and Van Duyn. This redistricting reform bill would provide the "gold standard" for citizen-independent redistricting. This new legislation would create an independent commission for map-making that emphasizes public input and transparency. Despite broad support for independent redistricting, for far too long NC's maps have been drawn behind closed doors to protect partisan interests. Please support this important Senate legislation that would put the voters' interests back into North Carolina's voting maps. Thank you.
09/10/2019 03:16 PM	Mr. ROBERT CHERNIAK	robert@cherniak.org		I recommend a citizens' independent commission. It works in other states and it will put to rest suggestions of gerrymandering by either party.
09/10/2019 03:19 PM	Ms Patricia Clark	pat@lieberclark.com		Fair, impartial and transparent district mapping is critical to restoring confidence in our voting system. I do not think use of a lottery or lottery machine to select the map indicates the seriousness the issue deserves.
09/10/2019 03:23 PM	MR Gerald L Agliata	radiogla@gmail.com	GERALD L. AGLIATA	Your redistricting process must be fair. Using any type of lottery in this process is clearly not fair. I ask that you behave like an American that loves his country and wants to preserve the democratic process, not the Republican or Democratic Party process, but the Constitutional Process of one man one vote with clearly delineated election districts. Party politics should have no place in drawing election districts, it is time to end the years of election abuse.
09/10/2019 03:23 PM	Ms. Judith West	jdwest@comporium.net		I hope you will respect the people of your district and the whole state and support non partisan redistricting. It's time to let the people choose their representatives and senators fairly. Please don't do "pay back". Thank you
09/10/2019 03:25 PM	Mr. Michael Sileno	thestatelottery@gmail.com	- Select -	It's long overdue to stop playing political games with voting maps. Gerrymandering is not democratic and only gives those in power more power in rig elections. It's classist and racist. It also puts people with special interests that are not in our best interest in positions to continue to ruin our lives. Stop being plutocrat puppets and let us gain back more freedoms we've lost in the current system. This should truly be an independent endeavor with oversight outside of politicians drawing maps to their advantage. We have plenty of professionals in fields needed to collaboratively and fairly draw election maps. We're also tired of paying for frivolous lawsuits challenge illegal maps, which are known before they even go to court.
09/10/2019	Joshua Lobe	jwlobe@gmail.com		The boundaries of our voting districts are extremely important in protecting

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03:26 PM				ability of our government to function for the people. Districts must be fair to look at the most recent maps, and many maps in the history of North Carolina's voting, there is obviously something wrong. Districts should not spread across half the state. A representative's district should be as geographically succinct as possible and include broad swaths of communities and neighborhoods rather than snaking through areas with certain demographics. It is clear that the politicians in power should not be drawing the map, as it is much too easy to succumb to the temptation to hold onto political power by drawing unfair maps instead of performing the proper duty. For these reasons, an independent commission should be appointed to create the maps. It would also be helpful to set benchmarks into law that would make fair districts easier to create in the future, such as maximum distances from voters to the geographic center of a district. Another tool that should be used is GIS analysis to determine the smallest possible districts for the most equal apportionment of voters. Most importantly, party affiliation should not be considered when creating maps.
09/10/2019 03:27 PM	joanne comito	joannec28804@yahoo.com		I am tired of our state not being accurately represented because of the rampant gerrymandering. Make these maps fair and sensible!
09/10/2019 03:31 PM	Dr. Gracie Galloway	dr.gracie.galloway@gmail.com	AAPI	We must have non-partisan or bi-partisan election committee drawing the maps. What you guys did with your redistricting was absolutely unconstitutional and unfair to North Carolinians who placed their trust in you. Be fair and balanced. Then you proceeded to bring us back to the stone ages with your "reforms". Aren't reforms supposed to be progressive? You instituted REGRESSIVE legislation that sent our education system reeling, taxed the poor to give to the rich, and in general supported a traitorous president. You are all traitors.
09/10/2019 03:31 PM	Mrs. Ann Lenhardt	ann@normsfarms.com	Norm's Farms	Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Redistricting and Elections, It is my dearest hope that you will recognize the magnitude of the opportunity before you to restore the public's faith in our democracy. Gerrymandering, big data manipulation of the district maps has resulted in politicians choosing their voters, rather than the other way around. The current district maps essentially cut citizens out of their own government resulting in a corruption of our democracy. You have an opportunity to restore democracy to the citizens of North Carolina and to chart a course back to representative government by creating fair, non-partisan districts that promote the competition of ideas, reward good work and responsiveness. Please, please, please, do not forget that we are all counting on you to do right by our founding fathers, right by the citizens of NC, and right for our future. Our future as a country depends upon you. Do it!
09/10/2019	George Elam	Elams@cyberport.net		A chance to set a precedent. Just make the maps fair.

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09/10/2019 03:36 PM	Nancy Jones	Nbjsydling@aol.com		Finally, listen to the people and get a neutral map based on population , no political affiliation.
09/10/2019 03:38 PM	Ms. Diane Crompton	dicrompton@gmail.com	Self employed	I strongly support redistricting reform to eliminate partisan gerrymandering current and future elections.
09/10/2019 03:40 PM	janeen gingrich	janeen.gingrich@gmail.com	self-employed	I am thrilled to hear this is finally happening. We clearly need a more even fair system! Thank you for supporting this effort and big thanks especially Jeff Jackson who has made this a priority since he started.
09/10/2019 03:42 PM	Ms. Ruth Wells	rg.wells27@yahoo.com	North Carolina citizen	North Carolina citizens have been dealing with gerrymandered state maps nine years, first from illegal racial gerrymandering and then from highly politically partisan gerrymandering. I am tired of legislators picking their citizens rather than citizens picking their legislators. I do not trust those who are making the maps because they have not been trustworthy in the past. The court needs to watch the selection of maps closely and make sure that they are fair. The citizens of North Carolina deserve free and fair elections.
09/10/2019 03:43 PM	Mrs. Susan Presson	sdpresson@gmail.com	Buncombe County Democratic Party	Please allow for fair elections where we choose our legislators, not that they manipulate their voters.
09/10/2019 03:46 PM	Mrs Kristen Allen	Metalpetalska@gmail.com		Thank you to the judge that will finally get justice for N.C. constituents, by creating more fair and uniform districts, that are not subject to gerrymandering to control election outcomes. Our forefathers would roll in their graves over this even having been allowed, what a shameful and racist slap! Hoping that election laws will further protect these new maps, may this be a step forward for integrity within the NC system. May our voices truly be heard now!
09/10/2019 03:48 PM	Mr. Robert McNeill	rhayesmceill@gmail.com	none-- retired	After the series of bad maps, North Carolina is under scrutiny. This means businesses and institutions will make decisions about whether to locate or expand operations in our State. Fairness and equity is essential for the well being and the reputation of our state. Lawmakers have a chance to correct the political back-and-forth which has been prevalent for decades. Do the right thing for North Carolina.
09/10/2019 03:49 PM	Ms. Diane Chadwell	dchadwell7@aol.com		I want to see an independent, apolitical panel determine districts based strictly on population and an equitable population number and acceptable locations and available voting places. The redistricting decisions should be in effect for 10 years or until a district reaches a 15% change based on any public data.
09/10/2019 03:49 PM	Dr. James Clark	jclark14@nc.rr.com	Barton College (Professor Emeritus)	I strongly support a citizens' independent commission as part of the redistricting reform process. It is long past time to make voting in North Carolina fair and truly representative. Maps should never again be drawn by "the party in power."
09/10/2019 03:52 PM	My vote should count Cindy	Cindysellers49@aol.com	NC Retired school personnel	It's time we picked our representatives instead of partisan districts where votes don't count! It's time for change to level the playing field! Be fair!

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09/10/2019 03:54 PM	Ms Doris Walker	dmowalker@gmail.com	Not employed	We need maps that give each citizen a say in who their representatives are
09/10/2019 03:56 PM	Phillip Scaggs	phil@scaggsmail.com		I'm ready for district maps that fairly represent the people of North Carolina. Gerrymandering needs to end today.
09/10/2019 03:57 PM	Christopher Malcolm	chrismalcolm62@gmail.com		Please support passing Senate bill 763.
09/10/2019 03:59 PM	Dr Gavin Dillard	gavco@me.com		Please fix this. And let's get some of these crazy, corrupt, no-nothing good people out of office.
09/10/2019 04:03 PM	Mrs Iris Carman	icarman@2carmans.com	NA	I support redistricting reform now, especially in the form of a citizens' independent commission. The gerrymandering must stop now! Create fair, competitive districts establishing the lines by an independent commission made up of members who work independently of political parties and pressures from those parties.
09/10/2019 04:06 PM	Linda Smathers	lindasmathers@hotmail.com		After the ruling from the three-judge state court panel that North Carolina's current districts are unfair, partisan, gerrymandered districts that must be redrawn immediately, I strongly urge you to consider your responsibility to the voters of our state and to create a set of fairly drawn maps by the September 18 deadline. Thank you.
09/10/2019 04:07 PM	Ms Erin Carrier	Ehcarrier@gmail.com		Please ensure that maps are fair, non partisan, not discriminatory based on race, gender, minority or other special populations, and allow each vote to count equally.
09/10/2019 04:10 PM	Holly Reiling	tereiling@yahoo.com		I urge fair maps drawn by impartial committee. Take partisan politics OUT of legislative districts. Let each voter have equal opportunity!
09/10/2019 04:18 PM	Erica Shirts	erica.shirts@gmail.com		Please arrange the maps so that no votes are wasted. No elected official should be elected by a super majority percentage, as this shows partisan favoritism in redistricting. Please keep our democracy a true democracy.
09/10/2019 04:26 PM	Carrie Frye	hihicarriefrye@gmail.com		I'm commenting today as a state constituent who believes strongly in the importance of fair maps. There's an opportunity ahead for North Carolina, and I urge you to use it to establish an independent citizens commission to lead the redistricting process.
09/10/2019 04:27 PM	Nona Walker	kropwalk@gmail.com		We need fairly drawn election districts or our "democracy" is a sham.
09/10/2019 04:27 PM	Duane Scaggs	duane@scaggsmail.com	Citizen	Regardless of dominant party, the districts of North Carolina should be based on population that political partisan bias is not part of redistricting process. The people of North Carolina deserve fair representation regardless of party affiliation. A redistricting process that creates a non-partisan group of qualified citizens to be responsible for redistricting would be ideal.
09/10/2019 04:38 PM	Mr. Peter Larson	pwmlarson@hotmail.com		This is all long overdue! As a result, incumbency should not be considered in the process - these people hold office by means of unconstitutional maps

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09/10/2019 04:39 PM	Mr. Bryan Shoemaker	brshoemaker@bellsouth.net		I would like to see Northern Iredell County moved back in to a district with Davie. Southern Iredell should be its own district or with Mecklenburg which shares similar demographics.
09/10/2019 04:42 PM	Lynn Bennett	lcb528nc@aol.com		Having non partisan maps is critical to a democracy. North Carolina citizens want fair and free elections where gerrymandering does not exist. It can be done, done fairly, and without outside influences or lobbying. Answer our concerns by doing what is fair and correct. Make maps that do not divide universities, neighborhoods, communities. as the current maps do.
09/10/2019 04:56 PM	Hannah Strom	stromhan@gmail.com		<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am a Raleigh resident, and I am writing about the new North Carolina maps. Maps should be redrawn so that communities of color are fairly represented. The new maps should not give either political party an unfair advantage. A new map should be drawn with care, and it should not be picked through a lottery system.</p> <p>Sincerely, Hannah Strom</p>
09/10/2019 05:03 PM	1960 WILLIAM WHEATON	gisgeek@nc.rr.com	Self	<p>Previous incumbents were elected from illegal district boundaries. It is unconstitutional and goes against the intent of the court ruling to use the maps that include a measure of incumbency in drawing the boundaries. Those maps should not be used. Only the maps that are unbiased with respect to prior elections should be used. This is an unfortunate continuing example of the party in power attempting to play games with our democratic process.</p> <p>Even Ronald Reagan found political gerrymandering to be un-American. Reagan wrote, "That's all we're asking for: an end to the antidemocratic and un-American practice of gerrymandering congressional districts In California, one of the worst cases of gerrymandering in the country, Republicans received a majority of votes in congressional races, but the Democrats won 60 percent of the races. The fact is gerrymandering has become a national scandal." President Ronald Reagan (R). Reagan's example of California shows how completely non-partisan this issue is-- Democrats did it there and Republicans do it here. No matter which party is in power they will try to create gerrymandered districts.</p> <p>Please do the right thing for democracy and America, don't play games with these new districts. Don't use prior incumbency as criteria for new boundaries.</p>
09/10/2019 05:04 PM	Mr David Walsh	iamdavewalsh@gmail.com		I support an independent commission to draw voting districts since the legislature has demonstrated it is incapable of doing so in a non-partisan manner. I am watching your current process with great interest to ensure

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09/10/2019 05:07 PM	Mr. John Sopper	jrsopper@hotmail.com		Stop partisan gerrymandering. Put democracy over party. Not only is it the right thing to do, it is the only way to legitimate government. Illegitimate regimes don't survive. The citizens who love this country are watching.
09/10/2019 05:11 PM	Holbert Myers	myers.bert99@gmail.com		During this needlessly protracted process there have been reasonable, fair, nonpartisan model district maps prepared by qualified experts. Your responsibility is to represent the best interests of all your constituents. Gather verifiable data and do-able models. Cooperatively deliberate on how best to serve all the people of North Carolina. Develop U.S. Congressional District maps that will assure that everyone is fairly represented as provided for in the U.S. and North Carolina Constitutions.
09/10/2019 05:22 PM	Mrs. Kathleen Eaton	sce9590@verizon.net		As a Republican who despises what has been going on in our government I want to see an independent committee made up of an equal number of members from both parties as well as a number of private citizens that equal the number of politicians included that will redraw the electoral districts in a way that is fair to all. And it must be a transparent system that is used.
09/10/2019 07:14 PM	Joshua Brown			Please don't try to "protect incumbents," instead of focusing on fair and objectively sensible maps as the higher priority while redrawing our State House and State Senate Districts. Maps that make sense are a long-term solution whereas the concern for putting incumbents within the same District is an issue that will be resolved by our next Election, under what I hope are maps that treat all North Carolinians equally, regardless of Race, Party Affiliation, Voting History, etc.
09/10/2019 07:16 PM	mr. Christopher lee	chris.lee@ncleg.gov	ncga	Test senate request
09/10/2019 07:16 PM	Mrs. Carole Schaefer	everglory4@gmail.com		Save our Democracy and do the right thing. Stop voter manipulation and let us have a real election.
09/10/2019 07:16 PM	Ms. Tamara Sanders	tamarab.sanders@gmail.com		I would like to see an intentional focus (not a lottery-style choosing system) in determining fair redistricting maps.
09/10/2019 07:21 PM	karen fowle	kfowle@triad.rr.com		Please have a non-partisan person draw the map. The gentleman that drew the 1000 maps should make the decision -not a lottery machine!
09/10/2019 07:32 PM	Mrs Betsy Webster	betsywebster0@gmail.com		Fair and balanced voting districts for NC, it's about time
09/10/2019 07:36 PM	Robert Dellinger	Bobdellinger67@gmail.com	Public citizen	I am hearing that Republicans are trying to bully their positions to maintain their position on the map controversy. It's time for political posturing to stop. Please work for the people. Draw maps that are fair and that do not discriminate. I know in the current political climate it's hard to work in fairness for the overall electorate but it's time to do just that. The Trump factor has divided both family and country. It's now time for turn and honest America

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				stand up for what is right, and the honest and fair drawing of these maps first step for NC.
09/10/2019 07:46 PM	Mary McInerney	marymcinerney@hotmail.com		Districts must be drawn along actual population lines, not party convenience. To win elections, come up with good ideas instead of stacking the deck so you can win without regard for the will of the electorate.
09/10/2019 07:58 PM	ms. tamara strickland	tam.bellflower@gmail.com		We need redistricting reform in N.C. now . Voting needs to be fair. The people of N.C. do not deserve fraudulent activities during elections.
09/10/2019 07:59 PM	Joshua Tucker			Please end Gerrymandering. Draw the maps fairly and accurately to represent all North Carolinians.
09/10/2019 08:11 PM	Dr Donna Newman	dnewman27606@yahoo.com		Any non-serious attempt at redrawing our maps fairly is merely a delay tactic with which Republicans are hoping to eke out yet another round of voting on biased maps to stay in power before the suing begins all over again. Do not allow a politically-biased person on the map-drawing committee nor approve an unfair result!
09/10/2019 08:23 PM	Ms Gina Bates	star3609@aol.com	N/A	BLOCK ALL GERRYMANDERING!
09/10/2019 08:30 PM	mr Charlie winter	charliecsw1949@aol.com		I would like to see the remedial maps be drafted so they are fairer for voters.
09/10/2019 08:40 PM	Dr Joseph Tanzini	joe_tanzini@yahoo.com		Fair maps are critical for fair and legal elections. They need to be drawn by an independent nonpartisan procedure without the dirty tricks that have so often been applied by our legislators.
09/10/2019 09:04 PM	Mrs Stephanie Wilson	Stephaniedecasa@gmail.com	NC CITIZEN	DO IT RIGHT THIS TIME AND KEEP ART POPE AWAY FROM THE PROCESS. ENSURE A BIPARTISAN PROCESS IS PUBLICALLY DOCUMENTED AND KEPT OPEN TO ALL. NC FAIR - EVERY. VOTE. COUNTS!
09/10/2019 09:25 PM	Mr. Cory Finneron	coryfinneron@gmail.com		Maps should not take into account incumbents address, as the previous maps were judged illegal. Democrats and Republicans should nominate an independent group, so that if Democrats take charge they do not simply repeat the Republican power grab of the last decade. This has been an ongoing power struggle for years, and the group in charge never wants to do the right thing. Partisan gerrymandering just doesn't make sense for democracy.
09/10/2019 09:25 PM	3036233703 Michelle Soule	michsoule@aol.com		I demand fair and honorable maps to accurately reflect the constituency of the people.
09/10/2019 09:25 PM	3036233703 Michelle Soule	michsoule@aol.com		I demand fair and honorable maps to accurately reflect the constituency of the people.
09/10/2019 09:38 PM	Ms Rasheeda Smith	deesmithfromnc@gmail.com		I live in an area that is so badly gerrymandered I can literally walk five minutes to where part of the gerrymander's borders are. The gerrymander cuts through my county and I can't vote for candidates in my own county campaigning for offices such as local educational boards. I would very much like to vote for

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				<p>candidates for education and other local boards in my county again, and I hope the Senate to stop making us once again a national target of derision and draw fair maps, not a power grab for the GOP.</p>
09/10/2019 09:55 PM	Carrboro Community Health Julie Bond-Meers	lustron1@gmail.com		<p>"One Wo/Man One vote." It's wrong, not to mention unconstitutional, for a political party to choose the voters. The VOTERS CHOOSE! That's the American way...</p>
09/10/2019 10:01 PM	Leona Whichard	lpwhichard@bellsouth.net	League of Women Voters	<p>The court has ruled that partisan gerrymandering is illegal. Furthermore, voting districts should be compact and should not rely on the voting records in past elections. The public will be watching. Districts must be drawn, not in such a way that elected officials are choosing their constituents, but so that citizens have a fair chance to elect representatives who will be responsive to them. We need an impartial commission to draw voting districts.</p>
09/10/2019 10:13 PM	Sean Pratt	crazyninjamaster@gmail.com		<p>Don't start with the maps that take into account incumbency. The incumbent members are all incumbent from unconstitutional maps. They should discontinue where current or former members live. They shouldn't use that data at all unless perhaps a district line happens to go through their street. Or maybe don't use that data at all. Make this a truly fair and open process which will benefit everyone who lives or will live in North Carolina.</p>
09/10/2019 10:13 PM	Ms. Elisabeth Motsinger	Elisabeth.motsinger@gmail.com	WSFC Board of Education	<p>Non partisan districts are fair districts. Our elected bodies would serve our people better if they ran in competitive districts where the best candidate actually win regardless of party.</p>
09/10/2019 10:24 PM	Fair Districts Fair Maps John Harvey	Jyharvey6@gmail.com	Constituent	<p>The maps we have now are clearly partisan and racially based. Our districts need to be drawn without consideration of party or race, but with consideration to each district's geographic location. This is an issue not only with the NC Senate's current districts, but with the NC House as well as our US House districts. Take NC-3 (US Congress) why is Pitt County split? Why isn't all of it in NC-03? Why aren't several counties in NE ENC included in this district? Why are parts of places like Greenville & Bertie Co. in the same district (NC-01)? Why Durham? ENC & the Triangle face different issues, and should not be split up and divided to give one party an advantage over another. Just as Buncombe County is split in two, dispersing the Democratic vote into two separate districts, the same is done in the Triad (Greensboro, Winston-Salem, High Point) and in the Charlotte area – districts are drawn for the sole purpose of political gain. It is urgent for our state and the state of our democracy here in North Carolina that all members of the NC House & Senate draw our districts FAIRLY and NONPARTISAN! Voters must be able to choose their representatives, not the other way around!</p>
09/10/2019 11:01 PM	Mr Nick Divitci	Itechg@gmail.com	Retired	<p>Please design compact districts to have competitive elections so people have a chance to compare good ideas and candidates.</p>

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09/10/2019 11:20 PM	PAUL Strop	arbolitopaul@aol.com	citizen	Please, let's have fair maps
09/10/2019 11:20 PM	Erik Parsels	erikeparsels@gmail.com		While I applaud all efforts to restrict or eliminate manipulation of the redistricting process for partisan gain, I would like to point out that even politically neutral districts deliver unrepresentative and skewed legislative representation, since the single-member-district system only allows for a party's candidate to "represent" all the voters in any given district. All voters whose candidates do not win are essentially deprived of representation, and voters are heavily pressured to vote based on the size of the parties rather than on how closely they agree with the party's proposed policy agenda. As I see it, the only way to introduce some measure of fairness into the electoral process is to institute a form of proportional representation in place of first-past-the-post single-member-district voting. International experience shows that proportional representation constructs legislatures that are much more representative of the racial, gender, partisan, religious, age, and economic identity mix of the electorate. I seriously urge the committee to consider solving the important difficulties involved in redistricting by switching to proportional representation.
09/10/2019 11:33 PM	Dr. Derrick Miller	derrick.r.miller@gmail.com		On first inspection, the Bladen - Brunswick - New Hanover - Pender base map appears to be more logical to me as a resident of the "Wilmington Notch" (I am a plaintiff in this case). We are returned to our city and the rest of our precinct rather than cut out of them and artificially attached to Brunswick County across the Cape Fear River. Community-wise and culture-wise, we are quite distinct. The northern precincts are a closer, more organic fit to Pender County (and the others) than we are to Brunswick (and the others), and they do not need to be split off from their municipality.
09/10/2019 11:39 PM	Jonathon Beall	Hoodedtardis09@gmail.com		Can you people please stop gerrymandering Guilford County. Cutting a hole in the middle of the county when it is wrapped around by another district (which has yet another piece of it cut out to feed into Randolph) is absurd. A+ for stupidity, C- for fair districts.
09/10/2019 11:39 PM	P Conder	Pconder7@roadrunner.com		Still looks wonky.
09/10/2019 11:48 PM	Ms. Jennifer Smyth	smyth.jennifer@gmail.com		Once again, the map makers have split a historic community of interest in Northeastern NC. Halifax, Bertie, Northampton, Hertford, and Gates counties are tied together with familial, economic, and historical bonds. Nearly everyone down here has family in multiple counties in the region; many of us go to church in a county different than where we live; some of these churches even share pastors. We work and shop in counties other than we live, too. We send judges and District Attorneys, and we share an economic status that is quite different from counties to our east, who can rely on a tourist economy to

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				<p>supplement farming as an industry. Why, then, are Hertford and Gates counties split from this community of interest in this Senate map, if not to weaken our voices, which we know are stronger when we get to speak together? Why did map makers determined to split us from this community of interest, and how do they keep getting away with it? That last question is rhetorical - we're talking about a region that is primarily poor and minoritized - that's both why the map keeps trying this, and how they get away with it - no one in the rest of the state cares because we are small, poor, and minoritized. What you all do to us in order to facilitate your political goals is shameful. You'll do what you will; under no illusion that you'll actually listen to what any of us (who don't have direct access to lobby you) have to say. I just wanted you to know we see this and that you should be ashamed.</p>
09/11/2019 01:03 AM	Daniel Gottlieb	daniel.e.gottlieb@gmail.com		<p>Using incumbency maps from 2011 and 2017 and not including 2018 is inherently biased towards Republicans and goes against the ethos of the ordered redistricting. Do better!</p>
09/11/2019 02:10 AM	Mrs Sharon OKelley	flopeared@aol.com		<p>We are putting our trust in you to draw a fair map that won't give an advantage to either political party. All we the people of NC want is for our votes to count and for elections to be fair to all.</p>
09/11/2019 03:39 AM	RCDP Roxanne Griffin	rmgriffin.rcdp@outlook.com		<p>The practice of gerrymandering is long overdue for being made illegal, as it undermines the integrity of elections. When legislators (regardless of party) are able to pick who gets to vote for them, it devalues the very core of our constitutions, state and federal, by weighting one set of voters above another. This must end. I encourage each and every NC Legislator to do their best to conform to the court decision that State Legislative districts for the 2020 elections be redrawn without partisan bias. I also encourage every NC Legislator to go beyond this and take up legislation to end the practice of gerrymandering in our state. At a time when the outcome of the next election is likely to favor one party as the other, now is the time to act. Due your duty. Protect yourselves and protect voters, by eliminating this vile practice so voters can trust elections and our state can be freed from unnecessary future litigation costs. Thank you.</p>
09/11/2019 04:59 AM	Ms Virginia Woodhouse	virginia.woodhouse@gmail.com		<p>Let's take pride in the fact that our state court panel has issued of a ruling that North Carolina's General Assembly districts are unlawful partisan gerrymanders under our state constitution. Please support redistricting reform now . Let's make NC democratic again - in the fair sense of 1 person/ 1 vote. Thank you.</p>
09/11/2019 06:50 AM	Dr Gray Clark	grayydawg@gmail.com	Presbyterian Church of the Cross	<p>Please do not split the ncat campus. Greensboro as a whole should be in one district</p>
09/11/2019 07:12 AM	Ms. Terry Buehner	earthnwearwhisper@gmail.com	Taxpayer	<p>Please- do not use any bias methods to redistrict North Carolina. Avoid using partisanship methods. One way to do this is to research methods used in</p>

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09/11/2019 07:28 AM	Sharon Withrow	sharon.b.withrow@gmail.com		North Carolina's past that were fair and unbiased. Also can research other states that have fair and unbiased districting policies.
09/11/2019 07:34 AM	Diane Wallis	deewallis@aol.com		North Carolinians of all political affiliations deserve non-partisan electoral districts. Constituents should choose their legislators--legislators should not choose their constituents. Gerrymandering not only promotes extremism and inflexibility, it undermines faith in the entire electoral process. Using the electoral system to achieve change in a peaceful, legal way is a small conservative idea, and deliberately depriving citizens of that ability will ultimately come back to haunt you.
09/11/2019 08:07 AM	Mr. Marc Pendergast	george@rcukes.com		I am watching this process with great interest. I very much hope that you will move in the direction of fair districts to allow fair elections. I see from yesterday's special elections that citizens are not pleased with the direction the government has taken in the last ten years. I see this outrage increasing and hope the legislature responds appropriately.
09/11/2019 08:27 AM	Susan Trabka	s.trabka@frontier.com	retired NC public school teacher	The voting public would like fair maps that do not explicitly benefit either Democrats or Republicans. I would also like to see maps that help more people vote more easily. The heart of democracy is the right to vote. Traditional voter turnout numbers are an absolute embarrassment. It is considerably past time to fix this problem.
09/11/2019 08:50 AM	Ms. Darla Hatfield	kimhatfield53@yahoo.com		I support HB 827 to establish a citizens commission for redistricting. We need total transparency & representation from all parties, including unaffiliated voters, instead of legislators in control of this process.
09/11/2019 09:10 AM	Ms. Adrienne Kirschner	kirschner.adrienne@gmail.com	private citizen	Let's re-draw these maps scientifically, mathematically. We cannot leave this important task to chance or lottery. At the same time it must not be done in a partisan manner. Please see the pdf document here as a guide: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/50e8abdce4b0404f376dbe62/t/5be599e1cd836678e91c52eb/1541773802504/CLEC-11-8-18.pdf
09/11/2019 09:25 AM	Ms Carolyn Hackney	chackney@ccvn.com		Fair maps is not a partisan issue. If you believe in Democracy--and I really do--then you will support a fair and transparent redistricting process. To be frank, considering a 1,000 maps and using a literal lottery system to select one (when it appears all 1,000 of those maps already lean towards favoring one party over the other) is just smoke and mirrors to make it as confusing as possible. If you support our Constitution, if you support our democratic process, then you MUST believe that every vote counts, and that every vote counts equally.
09/11/2019 09:25 AM	Ms Carolyn Hackney	chackney@ccvn.com		Citizens of North Carolina are guaranteed the right to a fair vote. For too many years gerrymandering has deprived significant numbers of citizens of this right. It's past time to correct this wrong. DO YOUR JOB.

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09/11/2019 09:29 AM	Mr. Shaun Murphy	pnuash8@gmail.com		- i would like to submit that the republican MINORITY start working on gain members so that they can LEGITIMATELY gain what they want. because they know that the majority of people in this state/country are democrats, they continue to pursue illegal, evil, selfish and unfair tactics to get what THEY want not what a majority of the citizens of this state/country want. BIPARTISANISM may never return,.....but the semblance of just a SMALL amount of give and take would be refreshing and it is necessary.
09/11/2019 09:30 AM	Jean Marie Luce	jeanmarieluce@hotmail.com		Please insure that the new maps are fair to all constituents. Thank you
09/11/2019 09:45 AM	Mrs. Natalie Brooks	nbrooks79line@gmail.com	Concerned Citizen of North Carolina	<p>To: The Members of the N.C. Senate</p> <p>It is only fair to redrawn the maps so that they reflect a fair and equitable opportunity for those residing in every district in North Carolina to elect candidates of their choice. This can not occur if district maps are drawn in such a manner that unfairly favors one party or candidate over another.</p> <p>If there is confidence in the policies, skill set, demeanor and character of a candidate vying for any office then it should be those major criteria that should determine if a particular candidate has won the "will of the people" and deserves to serve because he or she was duly and most importantly fairly elected by the citizens of North Carolina.</p> <p>Members of the Senate, I represent to you if you feel that YOU must gerrymander and draw maps that will favor one candidate or party over another then can YOU confirm that you truly have all the confidence in candidates who require gerrymandered districts to win? I THINK NOT! and if that is the case should that person(s) be allowed to hold any office in the state of North Carolina? I KNOW NOT! In the words of tennis great Serena Williams, " If I have to cheat to win, I rather lose!" To me, redrawing maps to favor one person or party over another IS absolutely cheating. Why? Because you are cheating the citizens of our state out of the opportunity to live in a district with fairly drawn map line which would allow for a fair and equitable election thereby allow candidates and the citizens to know the "will of the people."</p> <p>If one party or person wins over another where there are fairly drawn district line then everyone knows and should accept the "will of the people". That is what should drive N.C.'s elections; "The Will of The People" and nothing more. All people of integrity no matter the party affiliation would and should agree with that sentiment!! N.C. Senators, I submit to you that. "The Will of the People Should Speak Loud and Clear In Every Election"</p>
09/11/2019 09:50 AM	Susan Trabka	s.trabka@frontier.com	retired NC public school teacher	I already posted earlier urging support of House Bill 827. I just learned that Senate Bill 673 would create an independent citizen's redistricting commission that is transparent and has broad public representation. I fully support this

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09/11/2019 10:09 AM	Alice Collett	alicecollett2017@gmail.com		I am pleased that the courts have stepped in to right the system we have been trying to perpetuate. Make this redrawing fair to all citizens of NC
09/11/2019 10:11 AM	Susan Southard	ssouthard@cox.net		It is absolutely imperative that NC become a democracy by establishing fair and equitable voting districts to allow every vote to count. Thank you.
09/11/2019 10:20 AM	Gayle Kemp	gaylekemp@gmail.com	Retired Attorney	<p>I am deeply concerned that our Democracy and the right to vote is disappearing. I urge the General Assembly to closely follow the criteria laid out in the Lewis Court's opinion and to not prolong the process for political purposes. It is also important to fix this issue with a new system that has an independent citizen committee making the district maps in the future. The bills in the Senate that call for that are both good. They allow for transparent citizen input and, ultimately, take the drawing of district maps out of the hands of politicians who have a vested interest in keeping themselves and their party in power. Please do the right thing and give our citizens the hope that they that their votes matter and that our Democracy can be strong again with everyone's involvement and investment.</p> <p>I will also add that the current bill being touted around the state as "real reform", HB 140, is not real reform. It is not a transparent process and, finally, allows the politicians to draw their own districts, all protected by a Constitutional amendment. This is not the answer. Bipartisan support does not mean that it is the best answer to the gerrymandering issue, it is not even a good answer. The fact that the author of Redmap, Art Pope, is pushing this bill after all the evidence presented in the Lewis Court's opinion, should be the plainest proof that HB 140 is not what we need. Again, please do the right thing and take the politicians out of the process and establish an independent commission to draw the district maps.</p>
09/11/2019 10:29 AM	Eleanor Wertman	eleanor.wertman@gmail.com		<p>I am a North Carolinian and a voter. I write to urge the committee to pursue a redistricting process that, consistent with the NC Superior Court ruling, is fair, public, nonpartisan, and data-driven. While the current political districts are drawn to ensure Republican control of the General Assembly, ensuring fair maps in our state should be of concern to voters of any party affiliation. Partisan gerrymandering threatens the integrity of our democracy and violates our state constitution's electoral protections. Anything less than a thoughtful, nonpartisan redistricting process is an insult to North Carolina voters and the most fundamental principles of our democratic government. History will not be kind to legislators who prioritize partisan political trickery over serving the needs of ALL North Carolinians.</p>
09/11/2019 10:43 AM	DR milton spann	bunkspann@bellsouth.net		A FAIR AND BALANCED MAP WILL SERVE ALL PARTIES AND THE VOTER WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THEIR VOTE IS WORTH CASTING.PLEASE DON

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09/11/2019 10:43 AM	Carol Owens	cecowens@gmail.com		<p>SCREW THIS UP WITH PARTISAN BEHAVIOR.. THANKS FOR LISTENING</p> <p>As a citizen of North Carolina for most of my life (now 67), every citizen's must count fairly disregarding their party affiliation. This is a must in our democracy! If this can't happen by elected officials, then this process needs to be moved to a non-partisan 3rd party and then viewed by all affected citizens before taking effect.</p>
09/11/2019 10:58 AM	Renee Mazurek	reneemaz@gmail.com		I want to see a redraw that is fairly distributed and carefully selected (not lottery machines!). People deserve to know that their vote counts.
09/11/2019 11:03 AM	Virginia D'Ercole	dercolev@bellsouth.net		I am 77 years old and have never been as disgusted with our state legislature as I am these days. One of the most important rights we have as Americans is the right to vote and in your horrendous gerrymandering, ((am talking to Republican leadership and members) you are taking away that right. You have been given a number of opportunities to make it right and yet you can't seem to get it right! We need a committee that is non-partisan to draw the new maps. Stop playing political games and make it fair for all citizens of North Carolina.
09/11/2019 11:15 AM	mrs Cindy Castevens	cjc648@yahoo.com		This should be a priority for both sides of the aisle, to make voting fair and accessible for every voter. Otherwise, what was all of the blood, sweat and tears for in creating this country with its ideals? This should be not only for the state offices, but for federal offices as well.
09/11/2019 11:20 AM	DAN E. BENNETT	dbennett@triad.rr.com		You need to use apolitical maps for your baseline. After the Congressional Districts have been established, you need to adjust said maps to reflect incumbency. It would be far better if this attempt was apolitical and that any future redistricting would be apolitical.
09/11/2019 11:38 AM	Broker Chuck Schroeder	cschroeder@fmrealty.com	Fonville Morisey Realty	<p>It is about time you stop the crap of wrongfully rearranging the maps in the state and all districts. The Republican Party has rigged it for years. It is time for equality for ALL.....</p> <p>Thank you</p>
09/11/2019 12:16 PM	Patricia Rieser	prieser@me.com		<p>Recommend Nathaniel Persily as an independent referee, not Art Pope (partisan) or Gerry Cohen (not his area of expertise).</p> <p>Engage in a truly bipartisan process.</p> <p>Dr. Chen's maps were not drawn in a public process and not for this purpose so there are issues in using them as a base.</p> <p>Establish a NC Citizens Redistricting Commission, SB 673.</p> <p>This morning's budget veto override vote in the House is shocking, even by the low standards we've come to expect from this body since 2011.</p>
09/11/2019 12:45 PM	Mrs. Dorothy Schneider	gram2u2@yahoo.com		Please. Every person in our country should have the same right to having their representation be voted upon fairly. Please end the gerrymandering that is in place now and prevent it from happening on either side of the political

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09/11/2019 01:07 PM	Mr. Tom Redinger	GatorTomR@gmail.com		<p>spectrum in the future. I am counting on your sense of fairness and decency. Thank you</p> <p>We need an independent commission that bases redistricting on natural population centers and rural districts without regard to party affiliation of voters within those districts. The will of the majority needs to be accurately reflected by the spread of districts across the state rather than having the political party that happens to be in power at the right time be able to control district lines to favor their party.</p>
09/11/2019 02:09 PM	Mr. Jim Aycok	jimaycock38@gmail.com		<p>The new Senate District 48 seems to strengthen Chuck Edwards rather than accomplish the court mandate as to this egregious district. A rural arc east of Asheville (admittedly including Black Mountain) seems to add to his strength while cutting south Asheville would seem to drop out Democrats.</p>
09/11/2019 02:57 PM	Carolyn Miller	miller@ncsu.edu		<p>Please be fair to all of the state's voters. .</p> <p>Thank you. Carolyn Miller</p>
09/11/2019 03:19 PM	Jeanne Robinson	Jeanne@jeannerobinson.com		<p>I strongly urge the NC Senate to create fair election maps. History has shown that there has been unfair partisanship in the drawing of these maps. As a citizen of NC, I expect my Senate to do the right thing and ensure NC has representative election maps.</p>
09/11/2019 03:35 PM	Ms Elizabeth Hill	liz@lizhill.net		<p>In looking at the draft districts I was dismayed to see the new lines for District 49. It looks to me like you are packing it with Republican voters. This is the same old gerrymandered game, it does not appear to be a bi-partisan redistricting as mandated by the court. I am a voter in the 48th district, adjacent to the 49th. I hope the judges who review these lines see what is going on and prevent the lines from being drawn this way.</p>
09/11/2019 03:41 PM	Lorraine Luoma	arnelorraine@verizon.net		<p>Voters in North Carolina deserve legitimate elections. It is incumbent on your committee responsible for redistricting and administering elections to develop fair districts that truly reflect the will and voice of the ALL the people of our state.</p> <p>The actions of the committee yesterday utilizing a lottery system to select maps is absurd. This isn't a bingo game - this is the future of our state's governance. It is time to put aside partisan politics and do the job you were asked to do - to represent ALL of the people in this state, not just the ones who will vote for you.</p> <p>We demand a citizen-led independent redistricting commission for map-making that would emphasize public input and transparency, and take away the incentive to rig maps regardless of who's in power.</p>

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09/11/2019 03:41 PM	Ben Halfhill			<p>You are public servants, given the privilege to represent the best interests of the people of North Carolina. You were not elected to serve your own needs but those of special interests. If you cannot perform the job we elected you to do then we the people will find someone who is willing to do that job - fairly and with integrity.</p> <p>I look forward to observing the process of redistricting and hopeful that the committee will step up to the task and deliver fair district maps so that the people of North Carolina can have confidence that our elections are legitimate and fair.</p>
09/11/2019 03:41 PM	Ben Halfhill			<p>God willing, the 2020 election, along with new maps, will sweep the current Republican legislators out of office. Suggesting that Republicans draw lines that represent the political will in this state is a pipe dream. They have promised they will do anything to preserve power for their party. Therefore, I pray that the current Republicans in office are swept out in the next election so that a new group of legislators can draw district lines that fairly and accurately reflect the will of this state's citizens.</p>
09/11/2019 03:46 PM	Stephen Spaeth	sspaeth@ymail.com		<p>Ben Halfhill Belmont, NC</p> <p>Senators: Please, please, please! For the good of North Carolina and the nation stop playing childish political games with citizens' right to valid representation. There are many ways to draw fair, nonpartisan district maps. Put democracy above party and choose one NOW! (I'd love to see algorithmic selection of the 50 candidate maps with least partisan metrics, then a nonpartisan commission to choose from the candidates. But for 2020 how about honoring the following the courts instructions?)</p>
09/11/2019 05:58 PM	Ms. Carol Perine	c.perine@snet.net		<p>We need fair representative maps in our voting districts for the people. A nonpartisan effort needs to support this action.</p>
09/11/2019 06:23 PM	Ms. Stacye Leanza	leanza.s@icloud.com		<p>We are watching! And counting on you all to act IN GOOD FAITH, with INTEGRITY, to create maps that are fair for ALL CITIZENS! Do it right this time and save us taxpayers time & money from having to re-draw them over and over and over and over. THANK you!</p>
09/11/2019 06:57 PM	Ms Lucy Butler	lucybutlerslp@gmail.com		<p>It is apparent that in the map provide 9/11/19, the GOP is attempting to pack district 48!!! Please revise this so that our votes count!!!!</p>
09/11/2019 07:12 PM	Mr. Larry Hannon	ms03923@gmail.com		<p>NC voters deserve fair representation, please create an independent group to draw legislative boundaries.</p>
09/11/2019	Mrs Susannah	sukeys@yahoo.com		<p>Stop the cheating and form the districts fairly! Hendersonville as well as c</p>

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07:39 PM	Pratt			locations deserve to have our votes count. Stop the cheating and put NC f
09/11/2019 07:40 PM	Mr. Jim Aycock	jimaycock38@gmail.com		The new District 48 smacks of Sen. Chuck Edwards eliminating his best k opponent, Patsy Keever, former state chair of the NCDP and member of th House. The new map drops out southern Asheville, where Patsy and man Democrats live, in favor of eastern rural Buncombe dominated by Republic almost as if intended to remove her as an opponent of Edwards. This dire defies the intentions of the court to make elections fair. This has happen before. In 2012 she announced plans to run in Congressional District 10 against Patrick McHenry. The lines were immediately redrawn almost lite across the street to put her in District 11. She was one of seven Democra women gerrymandered out of the House. What are the Republican cowar afraid of?
09/11/2019 07:49 PM	Ms Nancy Brown	nancysbrown@gmail.com		Three points: 1. The judges ordered the legislature to draw new maps without taking an partisan data or political considerations into account. Yet it appears they have received partisan data. 2. Art Pope is hardly impartial. 3. NC Senate 48 certainly looks like it is being packed.
09/11/2019 08:05 PM	Mr. Neil Brown	ndbrown1701@gmail.com		Despite years of legitimate legal challenges and losses, NC Republicans a still determined to subvert the redistricting process to maintain their illeg unethical grasp on power in the state. 1. Art Pope is the absolute antithesis of unbiased. Anything touching his hands is filled with bigotry and white male supremacy. 2. The provisional maps in NC48 are deliberately designed to suppress an chances that mainstream candidates might have for vistory. 3. The entire NCGA effort is designed to evoke court challenges that will prolong thge current illegal districts, and ensure that the 202 elections are carried out in an unconstitutional manner. It is incumbent on the Court to act fairly, and reject the continued NCGA process.
09/11/2019 08:22 PM	Mrs Margaret Anne parlier	Anneparlier1808@gmail.com		The redistricting must be done by an independent commission. We simply cannot trust any group or persons who have any conflict of interest, regard of party. Please let's get it right, the democracy of our state is at risk.
09/11/2019 08:25 PM	Mr. Marshall Lee Skidmore	Leeskidmore5502@gmail.com		Please be certain that the redistricting can be successful for full represen for all voters. An independent commission is vitally important.
09/11/2019 08:25 PM	Kim N	sonictofu@netscape.net		The Chen maps were not drawn in public view. Using them does not com with the law.
09/11/2019	Altriese Price	price4progress@gmail.com	Walmart	Fair redistricting means creating voting population that are common

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08:32 PM				communities. It means districts that will have the constituents pick their representation not elected officials choosing their constituents.
09/11/2019 08:58 PM	Doreen Blue	Deeblu7@aol.com		Map for district 48 shows packing, unfair, shame on you,
09/11/2019 09:02 PM	Helen Struve	hevzon2000-vzon@yahoo.com		Re-do Sen.District 48 before moretaxpayer money is used for defending the current map of District 48.
09/11/2019 10:50 PM	winnie barrett	winkiebai@charter.net	constituant	PLEASE DO REDISTRICTING FAIRLY FOR ALL IN OUR STATE. Winnie Barrett
09/11/2019 10:52 PM	Mr Samuel Cryan	samuelmcryan@gmail.com	None. Only a Concerned Citizen.	The redrawing process needs to have "digital sunshine." There needs to be a way for those of us watching the maps being drawn to understand the impact they will ultimately have. Simply having downloadable shape files of the districts being drawn will provide much better transparency.
09/11/2019 11:06 PM	Honorable Rodney Moore	moore904@gmail.com		Please right the wrong that is being heaped upon the citizens of Precinct 29 in Wilmington. At present their votes are counted in Senate District 8, which is Sen. Rabon's District, while the rest of New Hanover county's votes go to Senate District 9. This seems like a case of classic voter suppression as Precinct 29 has a large African American voting population. Please right the egregious wrong and redistrict this precinct back in Senate District 9 where it belongs. Thank you for your time attention.
09/11/2019 11:20 PM	Mr Jeff Dektor	Jjdek1@gmail.com	Ret	Most of. your constituents do not want districts drawn to the benefit of one party. Our state has the opportunity to establish the fairest process in our nation. Do not screw it up!! We are watching carefully and will act with all forms of speech.
09/12/2019 05:55 AM	Mrs. Audrey Stelloh	alexadogg@gmail.com		Today I see that NC district 49 has been changed so that a geographical area with a majority affiliation of democrat voters was annexed into district 48. This changes the balance of remaining voters in district 49 such that 49 now has fewer democrat voters. This change will not allow for a fair representation of the district. There needs to be an even distribution of voters in order for the election to be a contest for proper representation.
09/12/2019 08:00 AM	Nancy Lang	nlangagain@gmail.com		Just make them fair for all, and stop with the gerrymandering.
09/12/2019 08:07 AM	Mrs Tammy Herrmann	Tammy.herrmann@icloud.com	Self	I am for fair re-districting and fair elections. The maps must be drawn to be non patrician and give everybody equal opportunity to win or lose; no one should have an advantage. Let the people vote and the chips fall where they may. Thank you!
09/12/2019 08:20 AM	Dwight Jordan	dwight_jordan@hotmail.com	NA	Thanks for taking my comment-I have no faith that you will draw fair maps. If you did, the courts would not have ruled against you. Your current maps are just drawn unfairly. I recommend a bipartisan group be chosen to draw new

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09/12/2019 08:22 AM	Ms. Jennifer Marshall	marshalljennifer13@gmail.com		<p>maps! Thanks for listening!</p> <p>I don't trust them to be fair or impartial especially after completing subver democracy publicly on 9/11. Please assign outside powers to draw the m fairly. There has already been packing in district 48 and 49. Fair and impar Someone tell these fatheads that CHEATING is not equal to winning. Mos us learned it by second grade and NC looks embarrassing.</p>
09/12/2019 08:31 AM	Theresa Sharpe	legalbegal6@gmail.com	Individual	Support Redistricting Reform now. Draw fair Maps
09/12/2019 09:10 AM	Dianna Wynn	lwvwakepresident@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	<p>The League of Women Voters has been working toward nonpartisan redistricting for many decades, and we have carefully followed the issue i North Carolina. Furthermore, the League has long advocated for transpar in government decision making.</p> <p>I understand that the current court-ordered redistricting process requires transparent procedure with all redistricting decision-making occurring in p As part of that process, the Senate has an online portal for public comme The purpose of public comment is to provide a vehicle for voters to instru their elected officials. Thus, for public comment to be a meaningful part o decision making, it must be both viewed and considered by our elected officials. Therefore, I have two concerns regarding the current process an public comment portal:</p> <p>(1) We do not know if all senators have the ability to access and view the public's comments throughout the decision-making process. It is importa that a comment is readily available for review soon after it is posted so th elected officials may consider the public's feedback as part of this decisio making process.</p> <p>(2) It does not appear that members of the public are able to view all publ comments as they are posted. Our understanding of the court's decision i all decision making related to the current redistricting process must occu public view. I assume that this committee considers public comment to b important part of the process. Therefore, the public should be able to view public comment as soon as it is submitted.</p> <p>I would appreciate an assurance that the voters of North Carolina, as well legislators, are able to view all public comments. Finally, I urge committee members to review and carefully consider all comments submitted to the public comment portal in the course of this important process.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dianna Wynn, President</p>

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09/12/2019 09:36 AM	Dr Lydia Kwee	lydia.kwee@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	<p>I would like to note that the supposedly equal weighting of VTD splits, municipality splits, and compactness in the Chen scores is not actually equal as these features are correlated. Including each of these criteria with equal weight in the final score leads to clear examples of possible maps being restricted to those with fewer municipality splits -- and therefore overall more compactness (i.e., allowing two municipality splits could lead to a more improved compactness score vs. having one split, but you may not even consider that map because of the way these scores are being used.). This will be what's desired, but I think it's important to be explicit about the fact that municipality splits are, in that case, receiving more weight than compactness. Correlated features cannot simply be added together as if they were independent and considered to be equally weighted. As a statistician, I think this is one of the downsides of using maps that were created for other purposes as a population of base maps from which to start -- but at the very least, this should be acknowledged and considered. Thanks for your consideration.</p>
09/12/2019 09:46 AM	Sheila Denn	sheila.denn@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The entire process needs to be transparent and open to public view. The House and Senate Redistricting Committees are now live-streaming their meetings, which is commendable, but are there plans for in-person public hearings around the state? 2. Do we have assurances that legislators will actually be able to view public comments easily? 3. Given that public comments are an important part of the process, and the process as a whole is supposed to be transparent, the public comments should also be viewable by the public. 4. I am concerned about the plan to use the set of maps produced by Dr. Chen that includes incumbency data as base maps. These maps are based on data that is out of date, as there are incumbents included who are no longer legislators, and there are legislators who were elected in 2018 who are not included. The League's position is that *no* incumbency data should be used except as a way to check *after draft maps have been drawn* to see if current legislators are double bunked.
09/12/2019 09:47 AM	Me. Mike Jennings	Jenningsmike9@gmail.com	Self	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The entire process needs to be transparent and open to public view. I appreciate that The House and Senate Redistricting Committees are now live-streaming their meetings, which is commendable, but are there plans for in-person public hearings around the state? 2. Do we have assurances that legislators will actually be able to view public comments easily? 3. Given that public comments are an important part of the process, and the process as a whole is supposed to be transparent, the public comments should also be viewable by the public.

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09/12/2019 09:50 AM	Dianna Wynn	lwwakepresident@gmail.com	League of Women Voters of Wake County	<p>also be viewable by the public.</p> <p>4. I am concerned about the plan to use the set of maps produced by Dr. Chen that includes incumbency data as base maps. These maps are base data that is out of date, as there are incumbents included who are no longer legislators, and there are legislators who were elected in 2018 who are not included. I believe that *no* incumbency data should be used, except as a check *after draft maps have been drawn* to see if current legislators are double bunked.</p> <p>5. The House Redistricting Committee members received via email copies of Dr. Chen's maps that included overlays of political data from defendant's counsel in the case. Political data is specifically disallowed in the court ruling from being used to redraw the maps. The Chairs of the House Redistricting Committee have indicated that all Committee members and staff have deleted these emails, but I would like assurance that any data that might have been included in attachments to the emails has been removed and has not and will not be used as part of the map-drawing.</p> <p>The League of Women Voters of Wake County continues to monitor the court redistricting process and has the following concerns:</p> <p>(1) We understand that the base maps under consideration not only include incumbent information but that the incumbent information in those maps is now out of date and does not reflect the addresses of all current members. The League has long advocated for impartial criteria that specifically does not include incumbents' addresses. We believe that voting maps should not be drawn to protect incumbent seats. We do recognize that the court has permitted the committee to minimize double bunking. However, that does not require that the base map include incumbent information. For example, the committee could begin with a base map that initially omits incumbents' addresses and then add the current incumbents' addresses to that map as part of the process of avoiding double bunking.</p> <p>(2) The process of redistricting is essentially assigning voters into different voting districts to select a common representative or senator that will represent the concerns of those in a given district. These are the people's maps. Therefore, the people of North Carolina should have a greater voice in the process. We are concerned that there appear to be no plans for public hearings to take place around the state.</p> <p>(3) While an online portal has been made available on the committee's website we don't believe that it has been sufficiently publicized. The process does appear to require that committee members even review public comments as part of the decision-making process. These public comments, which should</p>

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				<p>part of the decision-making process should also immediately be viewable to the public.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.</p> <p>Sincerely, Dianna Wynn, President League of Women Voters of Wake County</p>
09/12/2019 10:07 AM	Ms. Helen Bell	hanbell@letterboxes.org		I see that NC district 49 has been changed so a section where the majority voters are registered as democrats was moved into district 48. Doing this changes the balance of remaining voters in district 49 to make district 49 overwhelmingly constructed of registered republicans. This change would allow for a fair representation of the district and must be changed back or otherwise adapted to create a more even balance. Letting this change to district 49 stand continues the very gerrymandering that was struck down by the courts.
09/12/2019 10:26 AM	Susan Nguyen	semisweetz@yahoo.com		The public should be able to weigh in on the maps before the legislative vote.
09/12/2019 10:28 AM	Michael Huttman	mrhuttman@gmail.com	N/A	Hello,
				<p>I would like to see lines drawn that creates as many competitive Districts as possible. By competitive I mean districts with PVIs between R+3 and D+3 which should be realistically winnable by either major party candidate. Too many Districts don't give voters a real choice right now because the partisan lean is so lopsided that serious opposition candidates don't run or rarely get close to winning. A more competitive set of Districts would prevent candidates from either party from coasting to re-election and ultimately increase accountability among the state's Senators.</p>
09/12/2019 10:37 AM	Victoria Shea	victoria.shea32@yahoo.com		This sham process is exactly why we need an independent redistricting commission. Legislators should not draw maps - they inevitably draw lines to benefit themselves or their friends. I hope the Court sees through this charade.
09/12/2019 10:39 AM	Katherine M Davis LCSW Katherine Davis	kaydavislcsw@yahoo.com		Honest, no gerrymandering, non partisan redistricting. No games like in the House yesterday.
09/12/2019 10:43 AM	Mr. perry woods	PERRY@PERRYWOODS.COM	self	<p>1.) If consideration is given to incumbents, equal consideration must be given to announced candidates who have spent months building support, and raising money.</p> <p>2.) Every redistricting this decade has been used as an opportunity to deny women the opportunity to serve. Extra care should be taken to ensure that</p>

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				the case this time.
09/12/2019 10:47 AM	Use Digital Sunshine Victoria Sosa	vickysosa111@gmail.com	N/A	NC citizens demand the use of Digital Sunshine so that we finally, actually have a say in our government. We're tired of the way things have been—step up behind your cowardice and act like the officials you are, or continue the legacy of deceit and voter fraud, further disenfranchising those you are supposed to serve. Your choice.
09/12/2019 10:47 AM	Mrs. Linda Collins	Thanesmama2@gmail.com		Please draw maps that are fair and make it easier for citizens to vote. The group currently in the majority will not always be there majority so do not draw lines that both parties can live with.
09/12/2019 10:49 AM	1969 Michelle Wright	2mickeygw@gmail.com		You are criminals & traitors to this country. If you think we will sit back and let you destroy democracy, you are sadly mistaken. We will use democracy to hold you accountable for your sedition against this country. All of the GOP. You are violating the oath you took & the people who you are supposed to be working for will remove you from your responsibilities. You are criminals & traitors.
09/12/2019 10:50 AM	Heather Bowie	Miloismyboy@gmail.com		As a constituent who has been following this closely, I believe you have a duty in order to conduct all business regarding redistricting in full public view. Please do so, the public has the right to know and to watch if you are going to gerrymander us again.
09/12/2019 10:51 AM	Vickie Rushing	Vickie.rushing@yahoo.com		Only democracies allow open discussion - NC becoming GOP communist
09/12/2019 10:52 AM	Ms. Joanne Kline	joanne.kline@gmail.com		It is imperative that this entire redistricting process be conducted in full public view, including that all map-drawing be done at public hearings with any relevant computer screen visible to legislators and observers, as the court has ordered. As a taxpayer and a voter in North Carolina, I submit that it is long past time for an impartial and nonpartisan redistricting so that the legislature of North Carolina accurately reflects the will of it's voters. Tactics that hinder or inhibit that goal are inconsistent with the values of Democracy.
09/12/2019 10:59 AM	Peri David	strussky@yahoo.com		The GOP has taken NC's democracy AWAY. We need to get this redistricting done in an honest, fair way so our VOTES count. Take a look: https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/news/311690-north-carolina-no-longer-a-democracy-report?fbclid=IwAR2QIs0AUe2wv-66m9i18p6_qZ8DjQ82MUsdQ36VKQ64H-2Wfj...aYI
09/12/2019 11:03 AM	Katherine Wulff	kawulff_56@yahoo.com		We demand that these proceedings be open, fair, aboveboard and HONEST. We demand fair, democratic elections where every vote counts.
09/12/2019 11:17 AM	Robert Covington	artly.there@gmail.com	American Citizen	Since I read you won't allow comments in person, why is that? -- here you are It is time someone put this state back on the map for doing things the

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				<p>AMERICAN way. Not just the GOP way. This unfair drawing of districts to elections with a particular party has to stop. It is cheating. It denies, and nullifies the will of the people. It forces the GOOD citizens of this state to stagnant blockage in the government bodies, and then to suffer abuses of power, because no one can vote bad legislators out. And that is UN-American.</p> <p>But that has been the point, hasn't it? To break the system, lock it all up, and have one-party rule?</p> <p>Just don't claim to be American, if you do that. Claim something else...admit your heart is more Russian or something.</p> <p>Think not? Then draw the districts *fairly*. Do what is right -- the situation, need, is beyond party. Fair districts serve We The People.</p> <p>And if you still decide to draw them to benefit one party or the other? Don't claim to be as American and better, shut up about God and Jesus. Because either you live by principle, or you don't. Talk is cheap. Gerrymandering is the proof of that talk being a lie or not.</p> <p>Let the American way win out. Do this fairly in the best interests of We The People so we can have legislators who don't cheat the other side out of votes, seek to steal a city's airport, strip the Governor of power to maintain power at any cost, or inflict toll roads on those who don't want them, or deny million potential health care coverage. We need good people in office again. Not people who seek power, or to maintain it, at any cost.</p> <p>I was taught we have a great system in America, that this place is unique world. But now my state is *often mentioned* as leading the nation down an autocracy road, being a bellwether for bad.</p> <p>We should strive to be a better kind of beacon in the future.</p>
09/12/2019 11:18 AM	Karen Martin	Kakasurfcity@yahoo.com		Fair districting is the only way for a democracy to work. Please don't continue the gerrymandering. Keep proceedings open and aboveboard!
09/12/2019 11:23 AM	angela welsh	awelsh7101@gmail.com		I appreciate the fact you included your methodology on the website as it helps the viewer understand how the maps were created. Your methodology makes sense as well.
09/12/2019 11:28 AM	Ms Michi Vojta	michinjeri@hotmail.com		Good gravy, please QUIT with the gerrymandering that is making us the laughing stock of the US, probably much of the world. Please write fair and balanced rules that delineate fair and balanced districts, with a bipartisan approach, not sneaking around in secret when the other party is absent - FOR SHAME!

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				It can be done, even in small number of days. Please be realistic, even if it means your party may not have the "lock" on seats because of it.
09/12/2019 11:29 AM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	I just viewed part of toady's Senate video on redistricting. A lady Senator asked about the ability of the public to view the maps - those picked by the Senate committee for further review. The speaker at the podium said can be viewed, by the public, on "...the portal..." There was no objection. guys, we members of the public don't know what "...the portal.." is! I tried two minutes to get to such maps and failed. I, fortunately, had the number my Senator's (Alexander) Assistant and called her and she was able to talk through the web pages and links to the list of links of the Senate's documents. The path is too difficult to just leave the public to figure it out for themselves. Recommendation: in your videos, show, on your displays on the walls the path and verbally describe the path. E.g. Find the NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY PAGE. Then on the colored header in white letters click on the word "Committees". A drop down menu of three will show and click on "SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES". On that page scroll down about half way to a list of "SENATE STANDING" then scroll down to about the fourth item from the bottom "Redistricting and Elections". Click on that blue link and the committee comes up with associated information mostly pictures. Above the pictures, you will see the three words "Membership Bills Documents". Click on Documents and that will bring up the Documents for the various days. How easy was it?
09/12/2019 11:34 AM	Mrs. diane geitner	dianegeitner@yahoo.com		Please give us fair electoral maps in N.C. It is time for us to be able to be proud of our great state for once in a long while. Thank you
09/12/2019 11:37 AM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	FYI I believe I heard that the district maps should be drawn so that the population (at the first try) are within +- 1,000. Sounds reasonable to me. However, new housing developments are starting in many places often with scores of homes in each development. I heard there are 11 new developments in the Youngsville area. E.g. if there are 11 developments, 50 homes each x 3 people per home = 1,650 people. I don't know what to do with such information, but perhaps you could use it as a tie breaker or to refine some district boundaries.
09/12/2019 11:49 AM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	Re: potential co-referee Art Pope Copied from Wikipedia.org Art Pope History John William Pope, founder of the retail discount chain Variety Wholesale created the Pope Foundation in 1986. The Pope Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary in December 2011 b

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				<p>hosting a fundraiser for StepUp Ministry, a nonprofit that assists low-income individuals in getting a job and achieving a stable lifestyle.[5] The ministry gained \$300,000 from the Pope Foundation dinner.</p> <p>The John William Pope Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) private charitable foundation based in Raleigh, North Carolina, that contributes to conservative public policy organizations and think tanks, educational institutions, humanitarian charities, and the arts. Art Pope, a businessman and philanthropist, is the current President and chairman of the board of directors.[2]</p> <p>The Pope Foundation "has invested millions in a network of foundations and think tanks, and advocacy groups, both in North Carolina and nationally, that are designed to further conservative and free market ideas,"[3] including the John Locke Foundation, James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal, Americans for Prosperity, and North Carolina Institute for Constitutional Law. Americans for Prosperity (AFP), founded in 2004, is a libertarian/conservative political advocacy group in the United States funded by David Koch and Charles Koch.[5] As the Koch brothers' primary political advocacy group, it is one of the most influential American conservative organizations.[6][7][8]</p> <p>After the 2009 inauguration of President Barack Obama, AFP helped transform the Tea Party movement into a political force. It organized significant opposition to Obama administration initiatives such as global warming regulation, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the expansion of Medicaid and economic stimulus. It helped turn back cap and trade, the national environmental proposal of Obama's first term. AFP advocated for limits on collective bargaining rights of public-sector trade unions and for right-to-work laws, and it opposed raising the federal minimum wage. AFP played an active role in the achievement of the Republican majority in the House of Representatives in 2010 and in the Senate in 2014.</p> <p>Election-related activities</p> <p>In June 2011, AFP placed fake eviction notices on doors in the Delray neighborhood of Detroit, stating that homes might be taken to make way for the Detroit River International Crossing project.[243]</p> <p>In August 2011, AFP mailed absentee voter applications to Democratic voters in at least two recall elections in Wisconsin that included a filing deadline only a few days after the election.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Comments by G. Boos</p> <p>This guy Pope as a referee? You have got to be kidding - or brazenly partisan. Partisan would be an understatement. I see why the Republican's want him as a referee, he is certain to support whatever the Republican's want and is invested (both literally and figuratively) in the success and the accretion of</p>

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09/12/2019 12:16 PM	liz agnello	lizagnello@yahoo.com		power of Republicans. I reject him and I certainly hope the court will. stop packing the districts for gop favor. why can't you win honestly?
09/12/2019 12:16 PM	Ms. Paula Jennings	pjennings613@gmail.com	Private citizen	I am concerned that legislators are making changes to maps without aud us in the audience or anyone, for that matter, to hear why they are changing maps. We need to have a better feel for what they're doing. Full transpare I also think that public comments should be sent out to the public. Another point of concern is the use of incumbency data. I believe this sho not be done when drawing maps. Further, how can we be sure the email that was sent from plaintiff's attorn with partisan data has been deleted from all pertinent map makers?
09/12/2019 12:19 PM	Mr Wayne Martinez	Wmart72986@msn.com	None,	Republicans, by action, can only win by cheating. Are any of you in the GC American anymore?
09/12/2019 12:19 PM	Mr Wayne Martinez	Wmart72986@msn.com	None,	Republicans, by action, can only win by cheating. Are any of you in the GC American anymore?
09/12/2019 12:26 PM	Mr Michael Lewandowski	mlewand@gmail.com		Do your job
09/12/2019 12:42 PM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	Re: Compactness methods. E.g. Polsby-Popper As one can determine from even a brief reading of the various compactne methods, all of them assume the areas being calculated lie on a flat plane. Therefore, in any real life terrain such methods lose accuracy the farther f flat the actual terrain is. In terrain so steep that roads and houses are loc in positions far different than they would be on flat terrain, the "flat terrain" methods simply don't apply. I've been to western NC, and the road pattern differ a lot from what they would be on flat terrain - and I don't think using those compaction methods are justified. Also, keep in mind those metho are just tools to help the map makers judge if a given district is Gerryman or not. They aren't required by any gods of statistics for use in judging m Furthermore, tools can only be expected to be useful if the assumptions o their derivation exist when you want to use them. Are there any statistica papers on this subject? I don't know. The NC Legislature needs to ask a statistician. How about Chen or a Duke professor or Princeton professor.
09/12/2019 12:51 PM	Sam Billings	sambillin@gmail.com		Generally speaking & in retrospect, the hardest aspect to understand of an redistricting process is the intent of the map makers. This is typically due the fact that intent is concealed during the process so that the public rem in the dark. However, the intent is clear in this case & expressed openly b legislature. During this process, the NCGA has made no intention to "draw

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				<p>maps", rather they have decided to leave it to chance & use a lotto machine to pick from the highest scoring simulated maps. Although, there is one part of this process that was not left to chance & that is the explicit effort to avoid pairing incumbents in the same district. It is shocking to me after all this time has suffered that the legislature's only effort to physically "draw new maps" is limited to the extent of allowing politicians to pick their voters & not allow voters to choose their representatives. Incumbency protections are antithetical to an open democracy & should not be a part of this process.</p> <p>Thank you - Sam</p>
09/12/2019 12:55 PM	Lauren Baxley	2scoops37@gmail.com		<p>The beliefs and policies dear to the hearts of North Carolinians are not being represented. The gerrymandered maps in 2018 gave us representation of 77% of seats going to Republicans and 23% to Democrats. However the percentage of voting by the people was 51% Republican and 49% Democrats. This shows an egregious number of people who are being represented by people who do not hold their views. Maps must be redrawn so votes and the people being elected more closely match. I would urge those redrawing the maps to look toward Iowa's system for pointers.</p>
09/12/2019 01:01 PM	Mr. Gary Boos	garyboos02@gmail.com	Citizen	<p>From the NC Supreme Court ruling Common Cause v Lewis "g. Incumbency Protection. The mapmakers may take reasonable efforts to not pair incumbents unduly in the same election district."</p> <p>Note the word "...may...". It is not "must" and it is not "shall". I note that the Senate is planning on using two "Compaction" criteria in their base map selection. OK, I don't object (except for the mountainous parts of NC where these methods are not applicable -terrain is not flat). If, after deciding that two "Compaction" criteria are needed in selecting the base map, they then decide to change boundaries so that some incumbents aren't "double-bunked", we as citizens will take a dim view of brushing aside your own criteria to make life easier for your fellow politicians. If you believe you have to do it anyway, be prepared with a good argument for the court - and for the media and us citizens. We're pissed off enough already with Gerrymandering, better not give us another reason to hate politicians.</p>
09/12/2019 01:13 PM	Susan Gray	Simplysusang@gmail.com		<p>Dear Senators,</p> <p>I strongly encourage you to end the practice of partisan gerrymandered maps in NC and to establish fairly drawn voting districts. Each political party's representatives should have an opportunity to compete for votes in NC fairly and squarely.</p> <p>You have been tasked with the incredible responsibility to return fairness to the process which will only benefit all the residents in this great state. Help restore voter confidence in democracy by doing the right and equitable thing ... draw fair</p>

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				districts!
09/12/2019 01:17 PM	Mrs Nancy Harvey	crkegglane@gmail.com		Our democracy is supposed to work for US. Our representatives are supposed to represent US. It is NOT their job to worry about furthering their own careers nor furthering their own party once they are elected. I sincerely don't think Republicans are LISTENING anymore. If the Democrats start doing the same thing, we will VOTE THEM OUT as well! Let the people vote where they live for whom they want! Let Freedom Ring!
09/12/2019 01:19 PM	Mr George Sawyer	carowill@aol.com	Retired	Let's get a map fair to both parties.
09/12/2019 01:25 PM	District 48 Karen Downs	grayhairscripper@yahoo.com		We need fairly drawn districts. No packing.
09/12/2019 01:35 PM	Mr William Tracy	tracywc@gmail.com		If Dr. Chen's maps are used for redistricting, there should be no redrawing boundaries after a map is chosen. The part of Dr. Chen's maps that protect against double-bunking legislators should not be used. This will still lead to gerrymandering and an unfair GOP advantage, as it protects those GOP representatives that were elected using the maps the courts deemed illegal. Cherry-picking a map from those produced that still give the most advantage to GOP members is an abuse of the court's ruling.
09/12/2019 02:06 PM	Jack Sinclair	sinclair.jack@gmail.com		Removing the public and press from viewing the redistricting process is undemocratic. You have a constitutional duty to adhere. We as constituents and residents of the state of North Carolina deserve to have our voices heard. By restricting our voice, you are not upholding the fundamentals of how this country was founded, "government of the people, by the people, for the people."
09/12/2019 02:13 PM	Juliana Deitch	juliana.deitch@gmail.com		We need a fair, independent redistricting process, not one decided by a lot of money and a machine.
09/12/2019 02:23 PM	Ms Kathleen Gorman	Katgor64@gmail.com		I want to see the redistricting done in a fair and equitable manner by a bipartisan committee!
09/12/2019 02:44 PM	Mr. William Satterwhite	isy95vcu@gmail.com	Fully retired.	Just do what the courts ask. Balanced populations; cohesive geographic areas; a little partisanship as practical. Then next year set a standard for how to draw maps. Both parties have bills that will do this. The only difference is who does the grunt work, an outside vendor or an appointed legislative commission.
09/12/2019 03:40 PM	Ms Doreen Weaton	Dlweaton@yahoo.com		Count the voters and divided the districts. Do NOT consider incumbents, as they were "elected" illegally. Do it right for the people of North Carolina. We deserve so much better than what we've had.
09/12/2019 03:54 PM	Debra Ireland	dlsiegel@hotmail.com		No member of the current—or future—NC General Assembly should be involved in redistricting efforts. So many current members were elected under illegal maps and their involvement should absolutely not be allowed.

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				<p>Use an independent body to create fair districts that don't favor either party. That is the only way to bring our state back to a representative democracy where candidates must appeal to all citizens, not just their niche.</p> <p>No legislator should be able to choose which neighborhoods they want in their own district, as is currently happening as I type. This methodology is completely absurd and an insult to democracy and the citizens of North Carolina.</p> <p>Representatives should NOT be allowed to choose their voters!</p>
09/12/2019 03:55 PM	Nathania Johnson	nathania.johnson@gmail.com		<p>Grow a conscience and make maps fair. As long as you have gerrymandered maps, you are cheaters. You can never say that you've earned it or that you are a public servant. Not when you steal democracy from people. And since so many of you say you are Christians, know that when you cheat you are not Christlike. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. If you would want unfair maps forced upon you, then don't force them upon others.</p>
09/12/2019 04:42 PM	Ms. Mary Louise Rago	mllrago070@gmail.com	Progressive Alliance, Hendersonville, NC	<p>Following the Court decision that North Carolina legislative districts MUST BE REDRAWN to correct extreme gerrymandering on behalf of the Republican Party. The same Republicans are not following the Court's requirements. Please exert your influence to see that this appalling gerrymandering is corrected before the 2020 elections. I am depending on fair and impartial redistricting. What has happened here in North Carolina cannot continue. We, as citizens of the United States, are entitled to free and fair elections and must depend upon them.</p>
09/12/2019 04:48 PM	Mr. Mel Sage	hstms@nc.rr.com	Tax Payer	<p>You do not get to pick your voters. Equal opportunity for all. You are rapidly turning everyone against your party. We will not forget!!!</p>
09/12/2019 04:49 PM	Anita Fletcher	rainsongweaver@gmail.com		<p>Pls pass SB 673 for a Citizens Committee to address fair re-districting!</p>
09/12/2019 04:52 PM	Sue Hyde	suehyde617@msn.com		<p>STOP the gerrymandering! Support Senate Bill 673. What was done yesterday Sept. 11, by the Senate leader is very bad. Democracy will not survive if the legislature continues to play bad tricks on one another.</p>
09/12/2019 05:06 PM	Catherine Didge	dodgecatherine@hotmail.com	Progressive Alliance	<p>Republicans must cease illegal gerrymandering. Your subversive activities are apparent. NC residents are aware. No more hiding your illegal attempts to undermine our country's democracy!</p>
09/12/2019 05:25 PM	Ms. Kaye Barley	barleykw@appstate.edu		<p>The USA has become the laughing stock of the world. One of those reasons is the overt dishonesty of our government. Gerrymandering is the worst sort of manipulation of the citizenry and those responsible for its existence and continuation deserve to go to prison. I'm SICK and TIRED of our REPRESENTATIVES elected to do the will of their constituents doing the w</p>

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09/12/2019 05:37 PM	Aylett Colston	AylettColston@gmail.com		<p>whomever is going to pay them for their favors. It's a disgrace. It's disgusting. I do not know how they're able to look at themselves in a mirror or look into the faces of their family. I want my country back. I want my vote to count.</p> <p>Dear Members of the Redistricting Committee,</p> <p>I write to you to make sure that you understand the difference between a court admitting an item into evidence, and a court approving an item for future use for a specific purpose.</p> <p>I have become increasingly alarmed listening to North Carolina Senators making statements like, "the court blessed the maps" prepared by Dr. Chen and "the Court ruled that Dr. Chen's maps met all federal and state requirements" for fair maps.</p> <p>These statements are not accurate. I hope these misstatements stem from a misunderstanding, as opposed to intentional obfuscation.</p> <p>Very generally, a court will admit evidence if it is material and relevant to the substantive issues in the case, and if that evidence does not violate an exclusionary rule. Evidence is relevant if it tends to prove or disprove a material issue at trial. For example, a bloody knife found by law enforcement at the scene of a murder that had the defendant's fingerprints on it, would be relevant to determining whether or not the defendant committed murder.</p> <p>Evidence presented at trial by an expert witness, like Dr. Chen, has specific requirements. An expert witness does not testify about matters that he or she personally witnessed, but rather an expert witness provides opinion testimony.</p> <p>An expert's opinion testimony is required to have a reasonable probability of being correct; it must be supported by a factual basis. Dr. Chen was an expert witness at trial, and generating multiple maps was part of the factual basis for establishing the reasonable probability of his opinion.</p> <p>When a court accepts something into evidence, it just means that the court offered evidence to be relevant and material to an issue at trial, and that the evidence does not violate an exclusionary rule. It does not mean that the court has "approved" that item for future use. For example, a knife entered into evidence in a murder trial would not be "court approved" for use in stabbing their victims. This may seem a dramatic example, but I want to make sure the matter is clear to you.</p> <p>Dr. Chen's maps being entered into evidence at a trial does not in any way</p>

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				<p>mean they they were approved by the court for future use for a specific purpose.</p> <p>I hope that you will take this distinction to heart, and not continue to repeat statements that are not true. It is important that the people of North Carolina be able to trust their lawmakers.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Aylett Colston Raleigh, NC</p>
09/12/2019 05:50 PM	Gayle Ray	gayleray@bellsouth.net		<p>Redistricting maps should be drawn by independent citizens not by political gerrymandering. Thank you, Gayle Ray</p>
09/12/2019 06:19 PM	Ms Padma Dyvine	padmadyvine@gmail.com		<p>The latest Senate districts drawn do not represent the citizens. They represent the elected officials. It looks like you are packing the 49th district and cracking the 48th. The way you have created these districts you are making our votes not count. You are making it hard for legislators to work together. This is an outrage!! Have the maps REDRAWN by outside, nonpartisan parties. Life is not only about power and money, but also about protecting democracy which is also about fairness, kindness and looking out for each other. Time to stop playing games, wake up to your soul's purpose and do your job which is to serve others, not just yourself!</p>
09/12/2019 06:22 PM	Mr Lonnie Webster	Lonnie@lonniewebster.com		<p>Let a non partisan group draw the plan and make sure it's good for Representative Government (cities , towns and counties remain in the same political districts) and the values of a free society. The Republicans have been cheating.</p>
09/12/2019 07:34 PM	Dr. Sandie Gravett	slgravett@hotmail.com		<p>Districts should adhere to these core principles: Compactness, Contiguity, Preserving already existent political subdivisions as well as communities of interest. Districts exist to represent the people within them. That goal is accomplished when districts pull together people who are in close proximity to one another, not when people are in a district that is different from a neighborhood one mile away, but includes folks who live 50 miles distant. And because districts are for representation of people and not for parties, there should be a strict prohibition on using partisan data including voter registration information, election results, or demographic factors. Let's see no emphasis on "safe" districts or protecting the seats of existing incumbents or maintaining a partisan advantage. Do your job and get non-partisan districts drawn that serve the people.</p>
09/12/2019 09:57 PM	Ms. Jennifer Johnson	jkjohnson@rcukes.com		<p>We need fair maps. No one should be disenfranchised from their right to participate fully in our democratic processes. Moreover, NO ONE should</p>

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				to win. It is an abomination. Look at what the NC house GOP did on 9/11 illegitimate power grabs from politically gerrymandered districts based on deceit are not representative nor democratic. We need maps that support people, since legislators are supposed to represent we the people. Win fair you want to govern. No real representative would want it any other way.
09/12/2019 11:38 PM	Sarah Eckard	sarahjones04@gmail.com		The people of North Carolina deserve transparency during this entire process. These are our maps. Your goal is to serve the will of the people and the voters not yourselves. We need to be able to feel confident that the new maps will finally represent us and not the GOP-manipulation that has dominated for so long. Let the voters decide WHO they want in office. It is your constitutional duty and our right to be fairly represented.
09/13/2019 01:04 AM	Stephen Advokat	Sadvokat@aol.com	Citizen disgusted with NC poliics.	Pass S-641. Follow the court mandate.
09/13/2019 06:08 AM	Mrs. Emily Larsen	elarsen823@gmail.com		NC voters want fair maps! It is unbelievable how long we have been operating under fake ones! We should have independent redistricting. We are watching you.
09/13/2019 07:52 AM	Ms. Deborah Miller	queenbiene256@aol.com	LWV	We need fair and unbiased voting districts chosen by citizens, not politicians. The only way Republicans can win is by subterfuge. Very unfair.
09/13/2019 08:14 AM	Claudia Lange	crlange12@gmail.com		Hello, I am writing to urge this committee to make provisions for an independent citizens redistricting commission. As we have seen this week leaving the drawing of our already illegal maps to those who cannot be trusted to keep their words to their colleagues cannot be trusted to keep their promises to citizens. Lies, stealth votes, disingenuous language is what the citizens and TAX PAYERS do not deserve but that is what we are getting from the North Carolina General Assembly. Recently, a delegation came from California to show NC officials the model their state has adopted. Unless until we can get the partisanship out of the redistricting process, we will have the mess that we have now - illegal maps and "representatives" choosing constituents, and no faith whatsoever in our state government. INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION NOW.
09/13/2019 08:20 AM	Doreen Blue	Deeblu7@aol.com		Shame on you, playing dirty!
09/13/2019 08:56 AM	Mrs Doreen Tanenbaum	tanenbaumd@gmail.com	Self/retired	I am not in favor of HB 140. The courts have ruled that North Carolina has created partisan maps in the Republican's favor, against Democrats, Hispanic and Blacks. Quit playing games we know that your advisory committee of 5 members will vote in favor of your continued favor. Draw the maps fairly take your chance that the public knows what they wanted and they want the lines to be drawn fairly. You do not need to rig the map.
09/13/2019	Ms Janet	janet.blanchard@me.com		I am extremely disappointed we did not have advance notice of when the

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10:53 AM	Blanchard			public would be allowed to speak at the meeting for redistricting. I live in western NC, and it's a 4 hour drive to Raleigh. The maps were not made available in a timely manner to review, nor to get myself to Raleigh. As usual Republicans are limiting public input.
09/13/2019 11:02 AM	RevDr Roberts Smith	revs2smith@earthlink.net	retired clergy	Redistricting for political gain is contrary to the Gospel: Beware! And redistricting according to population, without regard for political parties.
09/13/2019 12:00 PM	Clark Hunsinger	hunsingr@nc.rr.com		You should have a camera on the screen so we can see what is on the screen on the live stream of the presentations.
09/13/2019 12:02 PM	ms b sheila clendenning	bclendenni@aol.com		Fair! Non partisan! Every voter's vote COUNTS! NC citizens are sick/tired/fed up with banana-republic shenanigans. DO THE RIGHT THING.
09/13/2019 01:12 PM	Ms. jacqueline knable	jhknable1@gmail.com		It's time to end gerrymandering for good, not simply tinker around the edges of support S 673.
09/13/2019 01:59 PM	Ms. RoseMaria Root	rosemariaroot@gmail.com		North Carolina voting districts have been slanted towards the GOP since the 1960s and the race riots. For many years, Minority votes have been harassed, threatened or worse yet have Poll Taxes pushed on them. We need to have an Open Free Voting system that allows The People of North Carolina to vote for office people that will do our bidding, not Lobbyists and Big Corporations. I support doing whatever is necessary to give ALL CITIZENS FAIR REPRESENTATION AND HONEST VICTORIES!!! Thank you
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09/13/2019 02:35 PM	Ms Michelle Covington	covington30@yahoo.com	Private citizen/ Voter	I am not native to NC but all I've seen since relocating here is dishonesty and a total disregard for the resident's opinions. I've observed minimal fairness in government particularly by the Rethuglican party. They have pretty much acted on a "gangster" type demeanor. I should have done my research. This is the example I want my family to live by.
09/13/2019 02:59 PM	Ms. jeanie welch	jeaniemwelch@gmail.com	Democrats of North Mecklenburg	I agree with the new map that Sen. Marcus voted for. District 41 is more compact and makes more sense. It is my hope that this new map will be adopted for Mecklenburg County.

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09/13/2019 03:18 PM	Josh Hill	jth0526@gmail.com		If race, sex, and political affiliation are not allowed to be used as factors, no lines should be drawn based on population with the intent to keep cities and counties as whole as possible. Both of your parties will complain and grandstand if any other factors are utilized (although you will more than likely complain still...because that is what you all do). Double bunking of incumbents should NOT be taken in to consideration, because we should not have lines drawn to protect/serve your purposes (that goes for both parties). Since neither of your parties can "play nice," this is the only method of drawing lines that is agnostic to any demographic slicing and dicing. Both of you should be ashamed of your hypocrisy and petulant actions. Grow up.
09/13/2019 03:29 PM	1939 Mary Elizabeth Voss	mev1227@gmail.com		I voting yes for the proposed redistricted map.
09/13/2019 03:36 PM	Dr. Bill Brandhorst	ilsn4u@msn.com	Self-Employed	I think you all are kidding yourselves. There is no humanly possible way to draw an absolutely fair and "impartial" district map. I think the Democrats are acting like a bunch of 2 year old's with their crying over being legally outmaneuvered by their Republican counterparts. My point is this: The Democrats ran NC for 100 years with unconstitutional maps so let's really be fair and let the Republicans run NC for 100 years. THEN, we'll see what we're dealing with.
09/13/2019 03:41 PM	Mr Gary Boos	garyboos02@gail.com	Citizen, Franklin County	Once you have prepared the new (base?) district maps for the court's review, you first need to perform a, I'll call it a "Quality Assurance", test. From Common Cause v Lewis "In 2016, Republicans again won 74 of 120 House seats, or 61.6%, this time with 52.6% of the statewide vote. Id. ¶ 66. In the 2016 Senate elections, Republicans won 55.9% of the statewide vote and 70% of the seats (35 of 50). Id. ¶ 66" 2016 voting data what would the results have been using the new maps? Clearly this is a theoretical test, but it would illustrate if the new maps yielded a different result than the Gerrymandered maps, or if they do not. Of course the test must be advertised in advance to the public and media. If you perform this test live (analogous to a NASA rocket launch where success or failure is thunderously obvious) then there will be no doubt as to the honesty of your effort. That would be nice wouldn't it: a body of elected officials that have acted honestly?
09/13/2019 04:02 PM	Mr Jay Delancy	jay.delancy@gmail.com	Representing myself	After reading the facts behind redistricting, I'm convinced that Democrats practiced partisan redistricting immediately after the Wilmington Riots of 1898 and kept practicing it throughout the Jim-Crow era and into the new century. Only after the 2010 elections, when Democrats lost control of the Legislature, did they start suing on the issue. Now, the NC Courts are overstepping their boundaries by shifting the meaning of the word, "free." No honest lawmaker can keep a straight face while explaining why the maps drawn for 110+ years of Democrat control were any different (in spirit) from Republican maps drawn

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				since 2010. Why are either the Democrat maps or the GOP maps any more compliance with our state's constitutional clause that our "elections must be free"? What's wrong with admitting the fact that both sides have used redistricting to their advantage? How is it legal for Democrat judges to get from the bench to create a new Democratic majority. IT'S NOT THEIR JOB. SCOTUS has already hinted as much when they ruled that redistricting is a legislative matter which will no longer be heard in federal court. Before Republicans redraw one even one district to advantage the Democrats, we voters need them to admit that the only reason they are fighting this battle is because they're losing their ability to regain power through the ballot box and are now resorting to any means necessary.
09/13/2019 04:09 PM	Donna Prather	dprather@bellsouth.net		I cannot find the proposed maps after multiple tries on each link.
09/13/2019 04:16 PM	Donald Zellmer	Donald.zellmer@gmail.com		Let's have more transparency in the court-ordered redistricting process.
09/13/2019 04:18 PM	Patricia Caldwell	Caldwell.pl@gmail.com		The transparency of your process needs to be so transparent as to be completely beyond question. The shenanigans of the House on 9/11 , two days ago, was the icing on the cake. The majority can clearly not be trusted and must prove to us that they have any integrity at all. Correct these maps without further delay and by meeting beyond any ability to misconstrue, the will of the Court.
09/13/2019 04:25 PM	Ms Pamela Hoge Hoge	pamhoge@yahoo.com	Individual	Your are ELECTED representatives of the people, NOT appointed dictators. Democracy can only prevail if you behave with justice and transparency .
09/13/2019 04:30 PM	Lance Ashdown	lance.ashdown31@gmail.com		"After Democratic legislators and others complained about North Carolina's new redistricting process moving too quickly Friday, Republican leaders scheduled a formal public hearing for Monday. The decision came Friday the N.C. House redistricting committee announced a public comment session with little advance notice, and nobody came to speak." Haste always works in favor of the con, never against it. I hope the Democratic Party, and the courts, are not fooled. If the NC GOP has an ounce of power in any situation, they will use it to take power from Democrats, as they have proven over and over for almost a decade. Don't be naive! The idea of politicians creating maps without using partisan data, as if the knowledge of their minds could be deleted, or as if anybody could monitor them at home is inherently ludicrous. Only an independent commission can be trusted to create fair maps. End this farce now.
09/13/2019 04:30 PM	Mr Michael Lewandowski	mlewand@gmail.com		Do your job right
09/13/2019	William	Bgibhardt@gmail.com		Gerrymandering must be stopped in our state. As a taxpayer, I fully expect

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04:33 PM	Gibhardt			mapping of these districts and transparency in the setting up of our districts and in the running of our elections. We will no longer continue supporting politicians in our state that only win by cheating the system! By doing so the Republican party is losing all credibility in our country.
09/13/2019 04:41 PM	Alyson Baker	Toalysan@aol.com	Ontv	"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."
09/13/2019 05:09 PM	Mrs Joanne Heckel	jch52969@aol.com		Please do a moral job redistricting job this time. It should be done on a truly bipartisan manner.
09/13/2019 05:11 PM	Mark McKelvy	markmckelvy@gmail.com		<p>Because legislators were involved in creating the maps and explicitly made efforts to protect incumbents from being double-bunked, they are inherently partisan in favor of the current majority party.</p> <p>The court ordered that partisan information cannot be included in the redistricting yet by choosing to start with the Chen maps and avoiding double-bunking notwithstanding the fact that many legislators already know key partisan information about their districts and have worked some of that information into the redrawing—legislators flout the court's orders. In fact, the lack of recusal by certain legislators in the redrawing process, after having had their maps repeatedly struck down by courts for various (state & federal) unconstitutional reasons, demonstrates that there is a lack of sincerity in fulfilling the court's orders.</p> <p>Instead, a truly independent third party should create maps that adhere to accepted standards of compactness, avoiding splitting municipalities, etc. so that the taint of the General Assembly's blatant disregard for both democracy and the suppression of the voices of the citizens of North Carolina can be removed.</p>
09/13/2019 05:13 PM	Mr. Henry Duncan	timduncan@mindspring.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> <p>Your actions will be remembered by the voters.</p>

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09/13/2019 05:15 PM	Mrs Melissa Waldron	wald5587@bellsouth.net		We must have transparency in redrawing the maps
09/13/2019 05:17 PM	James Johnson	jamesjohnson391@gmail.com		Do not cave in to a very vocal, but very SMALL, minority of people on the redistricting maps
09/13/2019 05:22 PM	Mr. Rodney Shepherd	rshepherd@ec.rr.com		One of the "Biggest Waste" of Our Tax Payers Money that I've seen in a long time.... We Vote, Judges Overrule us again and again!!!!
09/13/2019 05:23 PM	Mrs. Susan Hildes	shildes@yahoo.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."
09/13/2019 05:24 PM	Mr John Hejka	Jahejka@gmail.com	Myself	I need more time to study suggested new districts and clearer way to view rationale. Monday deadline is not reasonable.
09/13/2019 05:30 PM	Dr. David Leader	dasujaben@gmail.com		We wish to go on record stating that any redistributing that is to occur based on the proven past allegation of gerrymandering must be completely non-partisan and fair. There are computer based programs that are able to do this and one reputable and established program should be employed. Thank you
09/13/2019 05:37 PM	Mrs. Erin Isgett	erinthornton@yahoo.com		The drafting of maps for the NC Senate legislative districts for the 2020 elections need to be done by a non-political group, and done in a way that assigns people, without regard to their political affiliation. Gerrymandering has no place in North Carolina.
09/13/2019 05:39 PM	Mrs. Cama Merritt	merritt.cama@gmail.com		I urge you to provide more transparency in the process of redistricting. Make your deliberations available to the mainstream media.
09/13/2019 05:43 PM	Mrs Mary Murchison	marymurchison1@aol.com	a concerned citizen	I strongly support fair elections and have been appalled by the illegal activities in the 9th Congressional District and the many NC gerrymandered districts. North Carolinians deserve better, so why has there been no transparency or public input into this court-ordered process? What data is being used? Is there any expert, non-partisan supervision of this process? Frankly, I don't trust the majority members will do, left to their own devices. Actions speak louder than words, so let's see clarity and serious public input. Or will these maps end up in court, too?
09/13/2019 05:56 PM	Ms Marjorie Zack	mzack50@gmail.com	Retired	We must have hearing for whatever maps you are considering to meet the court deadline on 18 Sept. we are all waiting for fair maps - not politically gerrymander maps.
09/13/2019 06:03 PM	Mr Clement Matthews	kd4bma@yahoo.com		This is just ACLU bull excreted crap. This so wrong in so many ways.

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09/13/2019 06:04 PM	Gretchen Alterowitz			<p>These maps must be drawn without partisanship. The court ruled that the maps cannot be motivated by party-politics, and the NC public is watching. The court ruled that this must be a transparent process, and the NC public is watching. Follow the court's orders!</p> <p>Our democracy is at stake here. Regardless of which party is in power, you must follow the rule of law.</p>
09/13/2019 06:11 PM	MR. Rex Perkins	rexperk@carolina.rr.com	USN-R	I demand more transparency in the court-ordered redistricting process. I'm tired of the gerrymandering of maps and I want to see a fair election.
09/13/2019 06:14 PM	Dr. Fred Miller	fmlldermd@bellsouth.net		<p>Would like to see the boundaries of the districts coincide with natural boundaries like major roads. Not sure what precinct I am in - I'm right below Ardrey Kell High School on Turkey Hill Road. If the legislature appoints a replacement, then I would no longer be represented by a Democrat and I don't think much of the Republicans, especially after the flagrant "in your face" television advertising of Dan Bishop. Currently I am in district 41 but from what you are saying, I may be in the new district 39. I really can't tell by the map you have included in your e-mail.</p>
09/13/2019 06:17 PM	Hannah Norwood	hannahcnorwood@gmail.com		I 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.
09/13/2019 06:29 PM	Gerrymandering Martha Lanza	Marthavlanza@gmail.com		By far this is the worst kinda crap that has happened, does anyone have any integrity or ethics!?! Beyond disappointed, you will be voted out!
09/13/2019 06:53 PM	Mrs. Sally Thomas	salmixthomas@gmail.com		Fair voting maps are a must for a working democracy, so you have just shown your willingness to throw our democracy under a bus for what you see as short-term gains. You should be ashamed of yourselves!
09/13/2019 06:56 PM	Robyn Taylor	Robyntaylor1@hotmail.com		We want fair, non-partisan maps for voting! Please make sure this happens along with fair elections!
09/13/2019 06:58 PM	Make it representative Bryce Lowder			<p>A state as purple as NC shouldn't have a solid red legislature. You've made the state more extremely right-wing than it's citizens actually want. I would not trust the people, but that's not even the root of it. The real root is that you have no right to dilute, and thus silence, the large number of voters who disagree with your right wing extremism. The people of NC are more balanced than the current legislature, by any measure. I moved here to get away from the imbalanced states where my wife and I grew up (CA and UT), but the despicable and unconstitutional power grabs of the General Assembly have given me many reasons to regret choosing NC. Do the right thing and give us back a representative government. Compete with the other party based on your ideas, not on your opportunistic and undemocratic trickery.</p>

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09/13/2019 07:17 PM	Mrs Carolyn Cooper	ckcooper51@gmail.com	Sierra Club	Please re-draw North Carolina's State Senate and House district lines to make all elections fair and democratic.
09/13/2019 07:34 PM	Mr Steve Jackson	Sj1stevejackson@yahoo.com		It's time to let the fine citizens of North Carolina have a real choice in who to send to the Senate. Those who are afraid of real competition should let real leaders step up to the plate instead of hiding behind corruptly gerrymandered election districts.
09/13/2019 07:46 PM	Mrs. Moya Burns	mhawdb01@gmail.com		NC rigged gerrymandering is an offense against the democratic process and needs to be abolished immediately. Politicians should not be allowed to play with voters: it's supposed to be the other way round. If this country is ever going to come together, the underhandedness and deceit must be stopped or we will be going to Hell in the same handbasket. We The People must be represented fairly and with respect for the rights of all voters, not just those who shout the loudest. The political bullying MUST stop! Shape up or ship out. Just stop pissing off half the constituents and treating us like dirt. The choice is yours but know that there are ALWAYS consequences so choose wisely.
09/13/2019 07:47 PM	Ms. Susan Andresen	sjcand@gmail.com		Stand up for democracy. Demand transparency, citizen input, fairness, and reliable, non-partisan data in the NC redistricting process. Be honorable.
09/13/2019 07:54 PM	Mr. Kirk Reid	kvreid50@yahoo.com		No district should bisect any universities or college campuses, there must be public input and transparency, and any revised versions must be made available upon request.
09/13/2019 08:08 PM	Cecilia Stonebraker	Cecilia.Stonebraker@gmail.com		It's shameful how gerrymandered our maps are—we need fair maps and laws to ensure this can't happen again.
09/13/2019 08:39 PM	Rev. Jane Rose	janecrose@embarqmail.com		There must be more transparency in the redrawing of the voting districts and they must be drawn in such a way that allows voters to choose their senators instead of the other way around. You must put the best interests of your districts above your own personal interests.
09/13/2019 08:53 PM	Carol Williams	carolclawsonwilliams@earthlink.net	Me, Myself & I	Districts must be set so that neither party benefits so every vote counts and our republic survives.
09/13/2019 08:59 PM	kathleen Davis	Kathleen.davis54@gmail.com		Voting district maps as drawn by lawmakers to maintain their own power have been so transparently partisan that they have made N.C. a laughing stock throughout the country. The courts have established the need to keep partisan data out of the process and to be responsive to public comment. Please, respect the rule of law. Without it we are no better than power hungry dictators around the world.
09/13/2019 09:00 PM	Barbara Steele			Why wasn't the public given adequate notice of when legislators were meeting to redraw the maps? Why were media and other observers told to move to an area where they couldn't hear what legislators were saying, or see what changes were being made to the maps? Why is incumbency, which is inherent

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				partisan, the starting point from which all other decisions are being made the People of North Carolina want and deserve the fair representation that comes from fair maps.
09/13/2019 09:30 PM	Ms Pat McGrath	pmg1941@centurylink.net		This process must be fair and transparent!
09/13/2019 09:32 PM	Bobbi Mullins	bobbi.n.mullins@gmail.com		There is the appearance once again of a lack of transparency in this latest process of drawing new maps, ranging from last-minute changes and notifications regarding when public comments are acceptable, to the inability to observe the process on the computer terminals where legislators are working. I'm not even sure my comments (or anyone else's) will actually be read or taken seriously. Since we, the voters, have lost confidence in our legislators to do the right thing, every effort should be made to show that the redrawing of maps is being done in a fair and honest way. Finally, I do not believe that incumbents should be protected during this process, since they were elected based on illegal gerrymandering to begin with.
09/13/2019 09:43 PM	Dr. Keith Houck	keithahouck@gmail.com		I am greatly disappointed with the status of the current redistricting effort. There is no place for partisan data in drawing these maps and it should be prohibited. In addition, there needs to be more public transparency and I urge you to ensure this process is completely fair in order to ensure a true democracy in NC.
09/13/2019 09:54 PM	Mr. Bruce Conner	bruceconner1@gmail.com		You folks are not following the order of the courts by (1) doing the redistricting in a non-transparent fashion and (2) re-introducing partisan data into the process. You MUST obey the court order!!! Bruce Conner, 27713
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09/13/2019 11:23 PM	Reverend AA Lloyd	anadll@earthlink.net		The very basis of our democratic system is fairness for every citizen. There is no way that any political party can claim fairness when drawing district maps that ensure that their party has the advantage in as many districts as they can manipulate. The only fair solution is to have a non-partisan group draw the maps, as some other states do.
09/14/2019 12:14 AM	Audra Killingsworth	Audrafreethink@gmail.com		Please just hire an independent redistricting team that is bipartisan.
09/14/2019 12:17 AM	Ms. Barbara Allison	bobbiballison@earthlink.net	NC Citizen	The REDMAP effort was designed to ensure a permanent Republican majority in our General Assembly. Courts first found our map to be racially

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				<p>gerrymandered. A later map was found to be antithetical to democracy. You were given very clear instructions by the judges, but you are still failing our citizens by using flawed data. You are also holding supposedly public hearings that will be inaccessible to many concerned citizens. You are redrawing lines but you have not demonstrated how these changes will be fairer and less partisan. You have chosen a plan to use as a starting point, but you will not share the data that was used to create that plan. This is not transparency. Keep partisan data out of the process. Follow the orders of the judges. If you are unable to comply with court orders, step down and let the court itself redraw the lines.</p>
09/14/2019 12:44 AM	Mr. William Hollar	WHollar@aol.com	n/a	Where are the freakin' maps located (hidden) ?
09/14/2019 02:54 AM	Mrs Barbara Benson	barbbenson@ec.rr.com	N/A	We 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.
09/14/2019 03:24 AM	Me Parks Woodlief, Jr	Popeshillfarm@yahoo.com		Really?? Why would anybody pair Franklin County with any part of Wake County. The northern 3/4 of Franklin Co. is rural and way less dense in population than any part of Wake Co. I don't believe Franklin Co. would be represented very well.
09/14/2019 04:43 AM	Ms. Rachel Campbell	rachcamrjc@yahoo.com		All maps should be drawn without any input from any political party and not based on race, color ethnicity, party, creed, national origin or any other bias. Otherwise the cards are stacked and this turns people off from voting free because that their votes do not count and actually they don't when they are overridden by the either party or the Electoral College which is obsolete and should be abolished. One person, one vote. Time to get politics out of our voting system once and forever.
09/14/2019 05:41 AM	David Pearce	dpearce@triad.com		<p>Electoral maps must follow the principle of "ONE PERSON ONE VOTE"</p> <p>In most states, legislators draw election districts in ways that manipulate the map for their own interests—called gerrymandering.</p> <p>Gerrymandering tilts the playing field in favor of the politician or party in power.</p> <p>Allowing politicians to draw their own election districts without checks and balances is letting the fox guard the henhouse.</p> <p>When elected officials are given exclusive, unfettered power to manipulate district lines, VOTERS LOSE!</p>

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				<p>Gerrymandering insulates politicians from accountability and blocks communities from receiving meaningful and fair representation.</p> <p>Advances in technology have exacerbated the problem of gerrymandering making it easier for map drawers to identify neighborhood demographics and voter preferences. Politicians are able to use this technology to slice and dice voters into districts along partisan and racial lines more precisely than ever before.</p> <p>WE THE PEOPLE are winning victories for policy reforms where voters can pass an initiative to set up an independent redistricting commission. Legal challenges to improperly drawn maps must move through the courts to strike down unconstitutional partisan gerrymandering.</p> <p>Our country is in all our hands, act now, ONE PERSON ONE VOTE ??</p>
09/14/2019 07:05 AM	Valerie Metzler	Mommasen@gmail.com		Please get an independent panel of citizens to redistrict like the courts ordered. Not the law makers panel of 5 to pick their voters. Thank you!
09/14/2019 07:17 AM	Tonya Garrett	tvgarrett@hotmail.com		By just changing major counties redistricting isn't changing the whole state feel each district needs to be reevaluated If you've only changed the major counties is still gerrymandering and still bipartisan. Change the whole state fair and unbiased elections!
09/14/2019 07:40 AM	ms Doris Hinson	dorismhinson@gmail.com		I totally believe there is a lot of corruption in our political process, and we need fair maps that do not favor one party vs. the other. Therefore, an independent commission for maps is a must!
09/14/2019 07:46 AM	Reverend Peter Overcash	petecash@aol.com	N/a	Please use a neutral non-partisan entity to draw fair and representative maps for our state legislature. I am an independent voter and refuse to vote for representatives who choose to draw their own maps.
09/14/2019 07:51 AM	Greg Stewart	gregstewart55@gmail.com	NC Citizen	I support and want to keep both my NC Senator and Representative. Having said that, I think that the court ordered process is a waste of time. North Carolina should jump to an independent and non-partisan commission to draw the district maps.
				<p>I was present in Raleigh on Monday, September 9 for meetings of both the Senate and House committees for redistricting. I also watched or listened online to as many of the meetings as I could later in the week. A certain amount of confusion and uncertainty when any new issue comes up in committee is to be expected, so it was actually refreshing to see this happening in public. The more citizens know about what you are doing, the better. Warts and all.</p>

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				<p>The overwhelming impression that I have from having witnessed at least a portion of the process is that a high priority for members of both political parties is the protection of incumbency. This gives the impression that the highest priority for some members is to get re-elected.</p> <p>INCUMBENCY MUST NOT BE A CONSIDERATION IN THE REDRAWING OF DISTRICT MAPS. To consider incumbency will only taint the process and lead to North Carolina in the mess that it's in now.</p> <p>The only way to insure fair and legal maps is to have them drawn by a third party group or individual with no political interest in North Carolina.</p>
09/14/2019 07:54 AM	1955 Richard Anderson	boonemtnradio@gmail.com		<p>Art Pope should not be in the room.... The GOP is so obvious in their ham handed effort to hold on to power at all costs.</p>
09/14/2019 07:56 AM	Mr. John Belletti	jpb1950@gmail.com		<p>Maps should be drawn along natural geographic borders where voters have common interests , cities, rural counties, etc. They should be bipartisan.</p>
09/14/2019 08:14 AM	Focus on fair maps Allison Butler	allison.butler1@gmail.com	Self	<p>My hope is that this redistricting will be done in the interest of fairness and not with the deceptive intentions of retaining power.</p>
				<p>For GOP members, with your House colleague's 911 vote, and with the intentionally gerrymandered districts we are replacing, I don't hold any confidence in your ability to do this. Your complicity in party over country, power over fairness, and incumbency over the will of the people has been on display for too long. My words here won't change that. They are simply to point out that we see your games. We watch your underhanded tactics. We aren't fooled by your racist motivations for seemingly valid ID laws (while you yourselves commit voter fraud by tossing valid absentee ballots) . This is merely to call you out. Because we the people will fight for justice, and someday when the fight is done on fair terms, you won't be in power anymore. You have to recon with the fact that your power has been wrapped up in deception, submission and subversion.</p> <p>Or prove me wrong. Make the maps fair and win on merit for once.</p> <p>We are watching.</p>
09/14/2019 08:17 AM	Mrs. Katherine Schlosser	kathyschlosser@triad.rr.com		<p>I have searched the website and have not been able to find the documents for the redistricting vote on Monday. WHERE CAN THE DOCUMENTS/MAPS BE FOUND? How can I possibly comment without seeing what you propose?</p>
09/14/2019 08:36 AM	Barbara St Hilaire	bsh14@aol.com	Constituent	<p>We need district maps which represent real communities and are not gerrymandered to give one political party more sway than the other. My v</p>

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				needs to count. Currently, I am in a district in which my vote is swept into group 90 minutes away from me and not into the community that is 10 mi away. Please make this process of redrawing maps open, transparent, and Other states have done so.
09/14/2019 09:00 AM	Joan Lang	joanmlang@aol.com		Please do not allow this partisan redistricting to move forward.
09/14/2019 09:30 AM	Tom Brown	fortypaws@gmail.com	Concerned Citizen	Gerrymandering is good if properly used to make every person's vote count. For example, if 50% of the people vote for Democrats then odd looking districts are OK if they elect 50% Democrat officials. If the Legislature tries to have compact districts, then this is clever voter suppression because Democrats are concentrated in compact areas (cities) and a 50% state-wide Democrat vote will not elect 50% Democrats.
09/14/2019 09:35 AM	Equitable Tami Richardson	tjwestate1@yahoo.com	Citizen	It will be very disappointing losing such a hands on community advocate Senator Marcus. However, I trust her judgment for looking at the big picture and make our territory to be a place that shares resources, opportunity, and a environment for all families to thrive!
09/14/2019 09:45 AM	Mr Garrett Mears	g_ncleg@mearsfamily.net		It is a major flaw in our democracy that representation of the people can be manipulated to such extremes through the drawing of districts. The process of creating districts must not be partisan, but furthermore it needs to be an open and transparent process that can be reviewed and scrutinised by the public. That is the only way for the people to trust that they are being fairly represented and have an actual voice in our democracy.
09/14/2019 09:56 AM	Mrs Barbara coulson	dixiespal@aol.com		Redistricting has for years seesawed back and forth as North Carolina legislators have drawn maps to benefit their Party and themselves while disadvantaging the other party - until the other Party is in power. Then they want an independent redistricting commission to ensure 'fair' election maps happens every 10 years with lawsuits in abundance over that period. When you finally admit that this is a process that should be decided by a body that can draw maps without allowing for all the advantages you want until the Party is in power? This is insanity at every level; Legislators should be ashamed to admit that winning is everything regardless of how they do it. We need map-drawing by a body of people who follow a process similar to the Iowa model; a model that has never had a lawsuit in 20 years. Don't let it slip your mind that you are public servants- yes-and as such you should be listening to the 70% of the public that is weary of your manipulations in order to stay in power.
09/14/2019 10:00 AM	Rick Williams	rick-williams@nc.rr.com		In order to ensure democracy is preserved we must stop the partisan gerrymandering. And to do that we must take the authority for redistricting away from those in power. You have proven you cannot be trusted to act appropriately. I am demanding that you work together to enact law to make

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09/14/2019 10:20 AM	Mr. ronald crabtree		Public	<p>redistricting a non-partisan effort done by an independent group using ser data and in the public view.</p> <p>As a life long Republican I believe that the redistricting process should pro a transparent process by which no party gains unequal footing. In the pas years this has not been true as evidenced by the court rulings. Perhaps a citizens group should set up to provide this function whose makeup echo voting of the previous 10 years to designate party representation on that c This would isolate the group from legislative dictates. It could come up w rules to follow on drawing districts to reach a level playing while directly representing the public.</p>
09/14/2019 10:56 AM	Ms. Paula Stober	paula@bucklen.com		<p>I'm concerned by what I read in today's (9/14) News and Record about the redistricting process. It seems the Republicans still won't work to make th districts fair. I am tired of the same old same old stuff. Please work for fa representation for the democracy and political health of our state. Thank</p>
09/14/2019 10:59 AM	Mr JACK HAFELI	jackhafe@gmail.com		<p>As your constituent, I respectfully request that you support creation of an independent redistricting panel to undo the egregious gerrymandering tha state legislature has repeatedly foisted upon the electorate. We deserve th opportunity to choose our representatives openly and transparently, not th other way around!</p>
09/14/2019 11:07 AM	Debbie Moose	moosedj2001@yahoo.com		<p>I have several concerns. One, that members of the public and press were shoood away from the computer terminals where legislators were working maps. This violates the requirement for transparency and I'd like assurance that this will not continue to happen. Public input in general has not been welcomed or encouraged, as evidenced by only a couple of hours' notice t time for public comment, and only to those present at the hearing. Only af complaints were made were public comments moved to a joint session o Monday but there are still no assurances that the committees will take comments into consideration in a meaningful way. No incumbency data s be used to form the districts. Most incumbents are from districts which th court ruled to be illegal partisan gerrymanders, therefore protecting these incumbents undermines the court's purpose.</p>
09/14/2019 11:24 AM	Norma Warren	norma@dickandnorma.com	-0-	<p>Our government is dependent on elected representation which reflects the voting public. Political redistricting destroys it. We must develop a neutra body which redistricts fairly. Iowa has done it successfully for years. Why can't we ?</p>
09/14/2019 11:46 AM	Sandra Harris			<p>Why was Senator Garrett trying to shape his district to pick up a certain ar for his district? I thought this was supposed to prevent that stuff?</p>
09/14/2019 12:03 PM	Mr. Robert Frederick	refrederick@me.com		<p>It seems to me this proposed map would dilute my vote and those of my neighbors. I live in Jamestown, NC (JAM1). This map would lump my tov with Randolph County. Jamestown is between High Point and Greensbor</p>

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				<p>We're appropriately in a toss-up district because we have pretty much an equal share of Democrats and Republicans and Independents. This proposed map would add us to a traditionally Republican area, and so, it seems to me, dilute my vote and those of my neighbors. I urge you to stop rushing this in the future, get an independent commission from here on out to draw these maps and be transparent about the process. Our republic is supposed to be representative and responsive to the input of the people. To be representative, I hope you'll be responsive to my input and put Jamestown (JAM1) back in a toss-up district instead of lumping it into one that is traditionally Republican. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
09/14/2019 01:06 PM	Constituent Gail Cormier	Gcormier@triad.rr.com	Citizen	<p>"It seems to me this proposed map would dilute my vote and those of my neighbors in both High Point FR2 and Jamestown (JAM1). This map would lump those towns with rural mostly Republican areas and Randolph County. We're appropriately in toss-up districts because we have pretty much an equal share of Democrats and Republicans and Independents. This proposed map would add us to a traditionally Republican areas, and so, it would dilute my vote and those of my neighbors. What is the difference from this skewed map to that of the original illegally drawn districts? I urge you to stop rushing and to get it through. Don't let the Republicans make you look foolish once again. Please get an independent commission from here on out to draw these maps, and be transparent about the process. Our republic is supposed to be representative and responsive to the input of the people.</p>
09/14/2019 01:10 PM	Sandra Caro	scaro@onebox.com		<p>I'm writing to express concerns about reports that legislators drew their own proposed district maps. The process should be bi-partisan or better yet, independent. I know there wasn't a lot of time before the Wed 9/18 deadline, but a process that allows for any one party or legislator to continue to exercise an unfair advantage will NOT yield the desired results and you'll find yourself in the courts. PLEASE reconsider a fairer process. We're relying on you.</p>
09/14/2019 01:15 PM	Rev. William Dalton	reiddalton@bellsouth.net	NC GOP 6th District Executive Committee	<p>This relates to the House districts for Alamance County. Rather than divide the City of Burlington among three House districts (including the portion of the City lying within Guilford County) why not make the City itself one House district and make the rest of Alamance County another House district. Portions of Elon and Gibsonville might be added to Burlington if needed to make the populations equal. This would allow Graham and Mebane, which are growing rapidly together, to dominate one district and Burlington/Elon the other, allowing citizens with a commonality of interest related to their own taxation and government services, to be represented by one person dedicated to defending their interests.</p>
09/14/2019 01:41 PM	Mr. Peter Larson	plarson23@yahoo.com		<p>No divided cities that give over representation to rural areas.</p>

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09/14/2019 01:43 PM	William Hollar	WHollar@aol.com		The final process was arranged to include the requirement of avoiding "dubunking" of incumbents. That tends to guarantee part of the gerrymander status quo. Perhaps the Court and a Special Master will address this in final revisions
09/14/2019 01:54 PM	Lynn Bennett	lcb528nc@aol.com		Was the remapping process truly open and bipartisan? Will North Carolina be proud of its senators for their new redistricting map and will the rest of the country applaud our politicians for doing what is expected in the Constitution? Will we be able to hold our heads high once more in a state that decided to listen to its citizens and to do the right thing? Please tell me these answers are yes.
09/14/2019 02:36 PM	Eleanor Ketcham	Ellieketcham8@gmail.com		A fair criteria for redistricting is "fewest WASTED votes. People don't go to the polls if they feel that gerrymandering prevents their vote from mattering. Democracy only works when people feel their vote matters. Of course, some districts may have to be drawn so some voters feel their vote will be just an excess or will be in the losing side -- but we need to work for districting that makes for the Fewest Predictable voters who feel their vote won't matter. they come to the polls.
09/14/2019 03:29 PM	Mr. Willie McKoy	bigkoy915@gmail.com	Retired	Correct the NC voting districts to reflect no racial bias or preference. Stop making North Carolina look like "Jim Crow". Do the right thing.
09/14/2019 03:41 PM	Ms Jane Lawson	janelawson108@gmail.com		I am writing because I am upset that the Senate passed a redistricting plan that is once again an opportunity for politicians to pick their voters instead of the voters picking the politicians. Essentially, District 49 is being "packed" and the 48th district is being cracked, diluting the democratic vote in the 48th. districting like this, our votes don't count and this is not democracy.
09/14/2019 04:19 PM	Mrs Claudia Thuring	cthuring@yahoo.com	Private citizen	Maps should be drawn by an independent, non-partisan committee to insure that citizens choose their legislators. Gerrymandering by either party is wrong.
09/14/2019 04:42 PM	Ellen Kay Endriss	ekendriss@gmail.com		I reject partisan or racial gerrymandering of districts, and you should, too. It's cheating, plain and simple. Anyone who cheats is admitting to themselves that they cannot win or succeed fair and square. Until we have an independent commission for map-making that emphasizes public input and transparency, I request that you respond now in good faith to your directive from the court and draw districts that do not protect partisan interests. Please protect *all* voters' interests throughout this process now and in the future. Thank you.
09/14/2019 05:32 PM	Mr Jeffrey Reisberg	tschaff@gmail.com	Association of Flight Attendants	District 46 in the house version of the map looks very gerrymandered. Please get that taken care of before finalizing the map. Thank you.
09/14/2019 05:33 PM	Randy Statum	rbstatum@aol.com		Distict 46 looks to still be gerrymandered. Fix that!

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09/14/2019 05:43 PM	Mr. Steve Bird	activist@stevebird.com	none	After the bad faith shown by the NC Republican Party in the districting process over the past nine years, we cannot trust the legislature to draw these maps with any kind of impartiality. Indeed, last week they were willing to piss on the graves of those who were killed on 9/11 in order to get their way on the budget. This process MUST be turned over to a fully nonpartisan redistricting committee. That is the only way we can make sure that we voters will get to choose our representatives, rather than our representatives choosing their voters. Thank you for your time.
09/14/2019 05:46 PM	Pamela Sender	Pam8080@att.net		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.
09/14/2019 05:55 PM	Mr. Pat Brugh	Pbrugh@carolina.rr.com	Retired banker	I am an unaffiliated voter living in Charlotte. I strongly support district maps drawn in a fair and nonpartisan manner. Your response to the court order will definitely influence my future voting.
09/14/2019 05:58 PM	Mr. Robert Palombo	robpal098@gmail.com		Remember that you are supposed to represent ALL NC residents, and vote accordingly. Your partisanship is abhorrent and will be remembered at the next election. The NC swamp will be drained.
09/14/2019 06:09 PM	Mrs Betsy Webster	betsywebster0@gmail.com		NC GOP has become a bad thing for the people of NC. The right has stripped voting rights from the old and poor. Let's get this correct this time
09/14/2019 06:15 PM	Former Governor James Martin	martinj1@roadrunner.com	Retired	I have examined the current version 3 for compliance with standards of compactness and minimal disruption of counties and communities, and am pleased with what you have produced in such a tight time frame. Thank you for basing your working map on the Court's approved standards.
09/14/2019 06:16 PM	Mr Lawrence Turk	butch@wildrockies.org		GOP, you've messed around long enough, gotten your illegitimate seats, passed illegitimate bills, defecated on the Constitution, fairness, democracy and the people of NC for years, wasted tons of money, then gotten busted and humiliated by the bipartisan NC SC panel. It's over, your only start to redemption is complete transparency, nonpartisan districting, and no delay. Get to it. POB 203 28793
09/14/2019 06:19 PM	Mr. Tom Murdock	tmurdock471@gmail.com	As individual	Don't lose the chance to make North Carolina a real democracy where every person can believe that her or his vote counts. This requires a faith in each individual's ability to be a committed voter - educated on issues, knowledgeable about candidates, concerned about the future. But give th

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09/14/2019 07:15 PM	1957 Janet McGoldrick	jmcgold@triad.rr.com		I do not trust our representatives to redraw the maps. It is evident that all decisions are partisan and not best for all of NC
09/14/2019 07:50 PM	Mrs Lisa Mosca	oiblisa@aol.com		must be done publicly, for the court order to be followed
09/14/2019 07:52 PM	Mrs Lisa Mosca	oiblisa@aol.com		needs to be transparent as the court ordered
09/14/2019 07:57 PM	Lisa Barbee	Lrr95@hotmail.com		Our current legislative body is incapable of unbiased redistricting. Thus n to be decided by an impartial outside entity.
09/14/2019 08:11 PM	Sharon Bushnell	Bushnell@bellsouth.net		I support non partisan voting maps and appreciate this transparency. It's a shame that it took a court order for this to happen since fair elections are basic premise of democracy.
09/14/2019 08:35 PM	James Hurdis	jim.hurdis@gmail.com	North Carolina Citizen	What does the Proposed Senate redistricting Map Look Like? A honest effort to redistrict with less partisan lines. The 28th district is now a clean circle instead of a blob. However the 3rd district remains unchanged. It is still a hunchback encompassing Beaufort, Martin, Bertie, Northampton and Van County. The 28th district has made significant incursions into Durham County..The northern edge of New Hanover is now part of the 8th. It used to be exclusively the 9th district. When compared to the House Map it is obvious there is more fairness in the boundaries. However the 3rd district and district splitting several counties indicates it could be a cleaner map yet.
09/14/2019 08:56 PM	Mrs. KAY ZIMMERMAN	hokiemama49@gmail.com		I am very concerned about the way that the new maps are being redrawn. I was under the impression that transparency was of paramount importance. How can this be when there is so little time to comment after the new maps were published? These maps are based on original ones that were not drawn with any sort of transparency; they should have been redrawn from scratch. ALL district maps should be drawn by independent, non-partisan groups such as a specialist or a citizens' redistricting commission, or entrusted to the court as a referee. Why would any sensible person allow them to be drawn by those who would benefit, including those who have flouted the rules before? This process should be completely non-partisan. It also makes one very suspicious when a bipartisan group agrees on maps, as happened recently, and then after some of the map drawers leave with maps in hand, they return several hours later saying that the previously agreed-upon map is not acceptable. Exactly what happened are we to believe happened in the intervening hours? Transparency and openness? I don't think so. Perhaps the process cannot be trusted and the entire matter should be adjudicated by the NC Supreme Court to ensure fairness.
09/14/2019	Mrs. KAY	hokiemama49@gmail.com		Since the House Redistricting procedure did not see fit to allow constituent

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09:20 PM	ZIMMERMAN			<p>respond in a timely manner, I am told that comments will be considered a part of the Senate discussion, perhaps retroactively. For maps to be redrawn in a transparent manner, the public should have longer than an hour after the posting of maps to respond! The entire process is circumspect when those who would benefit from the maps are allowed to draw them, especially by the same people who drew them in the first place! The most recent maps accepted Friday were based on previously-drawn maps when they should have been drawn from scratch. All maps should be drawn by a non-partisan individual, committee, or even by the referee. It is insulting to the citizens of NC to be told to comment and then intentionally be given only a very short period of time in which to do so. This is not transparent or fair, and certainly an example of what a legislative process should be. Now we are being told to comment after the fact. This is disingenuous and does not engender trust in the process or in the legislators. Perhaps the matter should be referred again to the NC Supreme Court.</p>
09/14/2019 09:35 PM	William Hollar	WHollar@aol.com		<p>... "Persily previously redrew several districts in 2018 in a federal lawsuit over racial gerrymandering, and there's a good chance he will end up redrawing more districts this year given that the GOP's proposed maps still show hallmarks of gerrymandering.</p> <p>The GOP's initial state Senate map (click here for a larger version) altered 21 districts that were invalidated (out of 50 total) as a result of the court's ruling. Republicans contend they randomly selected the new map from a set of computer-generated proposals used as evidence at trial, but as we'll explain below, the proposed map was not truly chosen at random, and Republicans are likely only taking this approach to give themselves political cover.</p> <p>The court's criteria mandate that any new maps make a "reasonable" effort to draw lines that "improve the compactness" of the legislature's districts and split fewer precincts compared to the illegal versions. Mapmakers are allowed to consider preserving the integrity of municipalities and avoid pairing incumbents in the same districts, but they are prohibited from relying on election data or factoring partisan considerations into account—the very thing a political gerrymander relies on.</p> <p>Republicans therefore have produced no demographic or electoral statistics describing their new map, which is why we've calculated them ourselves. Our spreadsheet includes demographic data drawn from the 2010 census, which is the legal basis for any redistricting plan, and the results of every partisan statewide election from 2008 to 2016 for every district—the map the GOP passed out of committee made a few changes from the initial version we analyzed, but its partisan composition is overall the same.</p> <p>Under this analysis, the GOP's Senate proposal discriminates against Democratic voters less than the map that was struck down, but it still discriminates against them. One straightforward way to assess how much</p>

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				<p>legislative map does (or doesn't) favor one party is to sort each seat in each chamber by Donald Trump's margin of victory over Hillary Clinton and see the seat in the middle—known as the median seat—voted.</p> <p>Because the state Senate has an even number of seats, we average the two middle seats to come up with the median point in the chamber. That median seat voted for Trump by a 54-44 margin, 6 points to the right of his 50-47 margin statewide. In other words, to capture a bare majority in the Senate, Democrats would have to win seats that Trump carried by 10 points (at least), even though swingy North Carolina only voted for Trump by 4 (when rounded).</p> <p>What's more, the process by which this map was selected presents its own problems, which could lead to the court stepping in and drawing its own map. Because this is now the third time courts have struck down legislative district maps that Republicans drew this decade, the court's order mandated strict rules about where and how the remapping could be conducted. Specifically, the judges told Republicans that they were required to "conduct the entire redistricting process in full public view" and make "any relevant computer screen visible to legislators and public observers."</p> <p>But the computer-generated maps from which the GOP cobbled together their proposal were not drawn "in full public view." To the contrary: They were drawn by University of Michigan professor Jowei Chen, who simulated 2,000 district maps based on criteria similar to the court's own, half of which sought to protect incumbents and half of which didn't.</p> <p>As an expert witness for the plaintiffs, Chen's maps and analysis were furnished as evidence of the GOP's extreme gerrymandering (and accepted as such by the court). They were not generated with the intent that legislators would adopt one of them, especially since they didn't take into account more subjective redistricting criteria, such as the preservation of communities of interest.</p> <p>Furthermore, Republicans may very well be relying on Chen's maps to launder their partisan intent. That's because the GOP's legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying Chen's maps—the exact type of data that the court forbade Republicans from using.</p> <p>While none of Chen's plans leaned as far toward the GOP as the party's ill-fated gerrymanders did, some could provide Republicans with a significant unfair edge. Signs of the GOP's hidden intent became clearer on Monday, when attorneys representing Republican legislative leaders accidentally sent the forbidden partisan data to legislators, potentially tainting the entire process in the eyes of the court.</p> <p>In addition, the computer-generated map selected on Tuesday used incumbency protection as one of its criteria, which could be problematic if the court ultimately determined this criterion was merely a pretext to grant the GOP undue partisan advantage. Notably, Senate Republicans' counterpart</p>

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				<p>the state House have said they won't use Chen's maps that took incumbents into account, but Republicans in both chambers nevertheless made amendments to both maps to protect incumbents." (Daily Kos, 9/14/2019)</p>
09/14/2019 10:23 PM	Ms. Mary Grace	mgrrrace@gmail.com	voter	<p>Hello all, First. May we all be blessed beyond measure, with kindness, love, peace, joy, wisdom, understanding, hope and a yearning for true service. The General Assembly's drawing of new legislative districts for the 2020 election, in response to the court's Common Cause v. Lewis ruling which struck down partisan gerrymanders, is a difficult task...But I'd like to suggest you farm it out to fifth graders in NC as a school project on math, geography and civics. Let the kids start with a map of the state, overlaid with a clear graph paper. Have the kids manipulate the grid-work only enough to avoid natural divisions like rivers, and to keep to city, state and county boundaries. Task the children of our communities, who can't vote and for whom we speak, to do the work for us. Sadly, I'll be in class during the legislature's public hearing Monday, but I respectfully request that you read my idea to those present at the hearing. I firmly believe that a nonpartisan redistricting process, which is transparent and includes public input, will give us the answers. Let's make North Carolina a model for democracy!</p>
09/14/2019 11:05 PM	Mrs. Marina Carter	mari95713@gmail.com		<p>Stop the Gerrymandering!</p>
09/14/2019 11:22 PM	Tessa Pendley	tessapendley@gmail.com	Teacher- Guilford County Schools	<p>I write to you today both furious and disgusted. As a proud public school teacher, I end every class period by checking in with my students to confirm that everyone was respectful, responsible, and ready to learn. When they have been, and most days they are, we get to count that day toward our quarterly goal. This classroom check-in is an effort to ensure that my students live our school's motto: It's a great day to be a Tiger at Union Hill Elementary, where we believe in Unity, Hard work, and Excellence. My expectation is that they actually are models of the values we purport to believe... TO BE RATHER THAN TO SEEM. It is my grave concern that the leaders of this General Assembly, including Guilford County's own Jon Hardister, have shown themselves to be no match for my elementary school students. In fact, the leaders of this General Assembly have shown themselves to be so lacking in integrity that I wouldn't trust them to sub in my own classroom, much less redraw districts that impact MILLIONS of people. The leaders of this General Assembly have shown themselves to be conniving opportunists who will stop at NOTHING to retain their ever-more tenuous grip on power. The leaders of this General Assembly have shown themselves to be so shameless that they have repeatedly violated court order...</p>

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				<p>Specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of public transparency—this is against the court order and is a concern shared by representatives who were actually in the room and part of the process. 2. No public input on House maps—receiving comments during a joint meeting with Senate AFTER THE HOUSE HAS ALREADY VOTED is against the court order. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Additionally, it is maddening that in a state of more than ten million people the public has only been allowed to make comments during ONE afternoon ONE day. Clearly more people have things to say if all the slots were filled hours after being posted. This makes a mockery of the whole process. 3. Updated maps protect the incumbents—embarrassingly predictable and against the court order. 4. New maps were not actually used—this is against the court order. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Furthermore, Dr. Chin’s maps WERE NOT INTENDED FOR USE and the decision about which one of the 1,000 to use was not based on logic or sound reasoning (random/lottery). <p>Fury and disgust are the appropriate response to the leaders of this General Assembly.</p> <p>Luckily, this is a problem with a solution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stop violating court orders. 2. Lead and govern with integrity. 3. There is precedent for non-partisan, citizen redistricting. This is a procedure used in California and this is what is needed in North Carolina.
09/14/2019 11:50 PM	Mrs Therese Schluchter	risams63@gmail.com		<p>For too long the people of NC have suffered the lies and deception of gerrymandered districts. It’s time the districts represent the votes and the interests of the people. Not what the Republicans can get away with.</p>
09/15/2019 02:14 AM	Rita Tisdale	rdtisdale03@gmail.com	Guilford County Citizen	<p>I cannot stand by and allow this General Assembly to abuse the power given them by the people. As a teacher I do not count it lightly that I am shaping the next generation of leaders. These young minds deserve the absolute best every second of all our days together. I walk circumspectly because I know they are watching. I teach them about honor and integrity and I live it and hold them as well as myself accountable. This is the expectation and standard elected officials are supposed to govern by and be held to. This blatant lawlessness and disregard for court orders in redrawing the districts has ignited an anger that will not be quenched until this Assembly’s seats are replaced with true leadership that walks in integrity and cares about the comments and input of the people.</p>
09/15/2019	Dr Robert	RREEBER@NC.RR.COM	retired scientist/	<p>The new districts should be determined by an independent board consisting of</p>

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04:48 AM	REEBER		engineer/ researcher/ educator- Fellow AAAS & American Ceramic Society	60% political independents and 40% political party oriented representative The electoral districts should all be designed to be as competitive as possible between parties so that the voter has a choice of the best candidate from the parties or independent candidates participating. This approach could combined with a maximum of three term limits for all districts. Such an approach would provide a group of legislators who can intelligently cooperate across party lines to better carry out the needs of the people of North Carolina
09/15/2019 07:15 AM	Ms Peggy Canady	Pegcanady@aol.com		Please stop the gerrymandering. I want fair elections!
09/15/2019 07:36 AM	Stacey Anderson	Sanderson@marketingwize.com		It is imperative that the redistricting of maps in NC be fair and non partisan a NC resident, I demand transparency in the process. The public should have input in this process. Sincerely, Stacey Anderson, Leland NC
09/15/2019 07:42 AM	Mr. Kenneth Stavlund	keninphx@gmail.com		Please make this redistricting fair for both parties. Let the people vote based on their stance on the candidates and issues not on someone's gerrymandering wishes. Thank you.
09/15/2019 07:46 AM	Cheryl Stavlund	hartinphx@gmail.com		Districts should reflect nonpartisan redistricting & be a fair reflection of the districts voting public.
09/15/2019 07:58 AM	Linda Archer	llcarcher@gmail.com		I have questioned some of the committee members of both the House and Senate redistricting committees and it appears the courts orders were not followed. The House had no time for public comment before voting. Both committees started with already drawn maps that the Republican leaders selected, even if the final selection was random. The Senate placed a priority on protecting incumbents. Since transparency was absent in much of the process, there is no assurance that outside partisan consultants did not take part. Racial and partisan data was "accidentally" released to the House committee. For these reasons and the untrustworthiness that the Republican leadership has shown over and over I believe the maps should be drawn by the Master
09/15/2019 08:00 AM	Mr Michael Eisenberg	mikeeeisen@zoho.com	Concerned Citizen	How can we possibly get #FairMaps when there are a majority on the committee of the majority party. Still seems like one party rule to me. My hope is the courts declare the maps partisan and a special master is appointed to redraw the maps. I am happy the courts have said if we have to postpone the primary election to get this right. This is what should have been done for the 2018 election which led to another 2 years of an unconstitutional led NCGA.
09/15/2019 08:03 AM	Mrs. Ameer Stewart	afstewart5@gmail.com	Citizen	"One Person One Vote" doesn't apply in N.C. The system is rigged. It's no wonder people don't bother to vote.But that's what the legislative majority wants right? They close polling places, limit early voting, purge people from

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09/15/2019 08:21 AM	Dr. MARY ANN STIBBE	maryann.stibbe@gmail.com		<p>rolls, election fraud by harvesting ballots, unnecessarily raising the bar for registration...and then there's Gerrymandering.</p> <p>After having sat in the redistricting committee room and also watching and listening to live streaming when I couldn't attend, I've come to the conclusion that illegal legislators, or any legislator for that matter, whether Democrat or Republican should never have any role in drawing districts. That is the dumbest thing I've ever heard!!!!</p> <p>I also learned that "incumbency" was allowed criteria? Well, that is the second dumbest. That is simply a "leg" of that three legged stool....along with race and partisan.</p> <p>In short, the only way that faith can be restored in election integrity in North Carolina, is to have a totally independent special master draw districts. The special master should have no ties to N.C., no knowledge of voter's political affiliation, and no political animus.</p>
09/15/2019 08:36 AM	ms Chris Ekstedt	auroastra@gmail.com		<p>"This map-drawing process has been bad from the beginning. Legislators have been working off of flawed maps, have had access to partisan data, and – despite the fact they are live streaming the hearings – are not giving citizens opportunities to provide meaningful input. Lines are being drawn and changed unnecessarily, without any explanation at all. I request that you create a meaningful dialogue with the public throughout this process and keep partisan data out of the process." The current process reinforces the disreputable Republican governance at the state level and within the various governmental jurisdictions within NC.</p> <p>With the Republican Party's dismal history on redistricting I don't feel we can trust the legislature to act on this with any kind of impartiality. We absolutely need a nonpartisan redistricting committee. The voters need to be able to choose our representatives, rather than representatives choosing the voters. We also do NOT need partisan interference in oversight of the process (like Pope or Gerry Cohen) We also don't need the highly questionable plan to remake the state redistricting process that would delegate oversight authority to the Legislative Services Office – an office that is headed by his longtime conservative ally in state politics, Paul Coble. Thank you for your time. Please make this process truly fair and supportive of democracy.</p>
09/15/2019 08:36 AM	Marywinne Sherwood	marywinne@yahoo.com	I am a long-time public citizen in NC	<p>At last, we will have fair maps in North Carolina. Thank you for your hard work on this.</p> <p>Do not allow any sleight of hand trickery, anymore.</p> <p>My family members in other states say North Carolina is disrespected because of the gerrymandering. It must stop!</p> <p>Thank you!!</p>

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09/15/2019 09:05 AM	Susan Singer	Susansinger300@gmail.com		<p>Please be fair in your redistribution efforts. Don't violate the principles of the law. We are watching. We will not be blindsided again as you did by calling a vote on the budget when Democrats were told that would not happen. Shame on you!</p>
09/15/2019 09:11 AM	Kathy Wheeler	kwheeler407@gmail.com		<p>I am begging you to get bills passed in both chambers that would establish non-partisan citizen-driven redistricting and keep Senators and Representatives out of the process. Elected officials - especially GOP - will NEVER be completely non-partisan. Do this the right way - the way that would represent us - the citizens of North Carolina - FOR ONCE!!!! I am begging you please, let a non-partisan group draw these maps.</p>
09/15/2019 09:25 AM	Mrs. Juliet Flores	julietflores@hotmail.com		<p>This map-drawing process needs transparency. Legislators have been woefully off of flawed maps, had access to partisan data, and – despite the fact that 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 09:26 AM	Mrs Nancy Moxley	Nfmoxley@gmail.com		<p>The process of protecting incumbents in the drawing of new maps to correct the past blatantly gerrymandered legislative districts concerns me significantly. The current incumbents do not represent the people in their geographic area but rather represent a politically weighted population. They should not be protected. Do not use incumbency data to draw these new maps.</p>
09/15/2019 09:27 AM	Mrs. Barbara Farrell	bbfarrell4@gmail.com		<p>I am writing today to express my concern over the current process for creating new district maps in North Carolina. The process, as it has unfolded since the court order Sept. 3, has not been transparent with little time allowed for the public to see, digest and comment on the maps as drawn by the North Carolina House and Senate this week. In addition, I believe that the legislators themselves need to be taken out of the process. This process needs to be done by an independent group or a court-appointed referee in order for it to be nonpartisan and to provide fair representation in the state of North Carolina.</p>

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09/15/2019 09:46 AM	Citizen Robert Pisano			Make it fair, make it right
09/15/2019 09:58 AM	Janet Dills	janet.dills@gmail.com	Self	The gerrymandering of maps has got to stop. This government should be all people not to get specific groups elected with manipulation of map boundaries. Read your history. Read the federalist papers. Understand your role is in this government. It is not for your own self interests. This partisanship will be the downfall of our government if people don't feel recognized and included. This is what happens in other countries. We are a great nation. Let's do what's right.
09/15/2019 10:04 AM	Mr James Romano	jamesromano25@aol.com		There are only 4 districts in NC - Asheville Mountain district, Coastal tourism fishing and hurricane disaster district, urban district (Charlotte and Raleigh districts) and rural (everyone remaining). We should divide the number of representatives evenly among these 4. Any other segmentation is too granular to justify. James Romano
09/15/2019 10:04 AM	Mr Robert Carson	rcarson31@msn.com		Gerrymandering is vicious and antidemocratic. Don't do it!
09/15/2019 10:28 AM	Charles Talley	Cjogger@aol.com		Make the map in sections that can be reached by the legislator with minimum of distance. No more snaking districts hundreds of miles in order to assure party will win instead of the voters. Stop the nonsense of dividing college universities so that half of the campus is in one district and the other half in second district. Make North Carolina a model of justice and it will finally be the world that equal justice under the law is practiced.
09/15/2019 10:54 AM	Dr Beth Martin	meliz7781@hotmail.com		Please keep this redistricting process open to the people. It is important that this process is nonpartisan and fair. Democracy is important for our way and to have one party run roughshod over the other the way the republicans have been doing by the way they have previously drawn their maps is not undemocratic it's un-American and it's just plain wrong. Competition is good between parties. The free exchange of ideas is important for a society to and develop as well as to thrive. Cheating in order to stay in power should not be permitted, encouraged or rewarded. Nonpartisan map redistricting is the most important thing before North Carolina at the present time. DO IT CORRECTLY! OPEN AND TRANSPARENTLY!
09/15/2019 10:58 AM	Mrs. heather main	heatherremain@gmail.com		Republican gerrymandering of district voting maps again. Stop the Republican partisan gerrymandering of our voting districts. We look like we are going in time to the racist 1950's and 1960s. Republican legislators are making progressive state look ridiculous. Draw the voting maps fairly. No more partisan politics!
09/15/2019 11:08 AM	Ms. Linda Baker	lbaker8@ec.rr.com		I demand more transparency in the court-ordered redraw of the General Assembly's maps, so that the public can have an opportunity to meaningfully

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				engage in this critical process, and we can be sure that partisan interests not again prevail over the will of the people. My vote in future will be for the candidate who endorses this concept, not the one who blocks it.
09/15/2019 11:21 AM	mrs patricia pollard	pathpollard@gmail.com		PLEASE do not lump urban Mecklenburg county with rural eastern NC. We Mecklenburg do not have ANY of the same concerns and deserve our own representative. If you want a purely financial reason, we in Mecklenburg outrank all other counties in contributing tax dollars to the rest of the state. We do well by NC and the least you can do is be fair to us. Thank you.
09/15/2019 11:28 AM	Carmen Koger	carmenkoger@gmail.com		As constituents, we demand more transparency in the court-ordered redistricting the General Assembly's maps, so that we, the people you represent 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 11:41 AM	Harry Cash	ccrash92@aol.com	Iredell Taxpayers Advocacy PAC	As you consider redistricting you should know a little about Iredell County. When District 34 was reconfigured it created a obvious problem. Northern and Western, Eastern and all of Yadkin Counties are mostly rural while there are many other differences with the Southern part of Iredell. Average wages do not compare and that alone changes the way the area should be represented. The 34th District was more aligned when the northern half of the county was aligned with Davie County. Yadkin County fits that same scenario that Davie does. The southern part of Iredell County is more in line with Northern Mecklenburg County. I sincerely hope you will consider how the citizens should be properly represented in the redistricting process!
09/15/2019 11:48 AM	Eileen Orant	eorant@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."
09/15/2019 11:50 AM	John Orant	rangerfanxny@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."
09/15/2019 11:52 AM	Margaret Sullivan	souldeep0717@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

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09/15/2019 11:58 AM	Roberta Walls	Wallsroberta@yahoo.com		Legislators should not have a hand in drawing up districts. Too often, they are motivated by self-preservation and distort district boundaries to benefit themselves but does not give voters fair representation.
09/15/2019 12:06 PM	Roberta Walls	Wallsroberta@yahoo.com		Why does district 37 has a section surrounded on 3 sides by district 39? It does not look compact. Districts should be shaped based on numbers of residents no matter where the incumbent lives.
09/15/2019 12:12 PM	Roberta Walls	Wallsroberta@yahoo.com		Johnston county is sliced up between 3 districts. Why doesn't district 11 go into Wilson county instead of into Johnston? The tip of district 12 going into Johnston doesn't make it look compact.
09/15/2019 12:17 PM	Candace Hobbs	cghobbs62@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 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."
09/15/2019 12:19 PM	James Hobbs	chobbs@ec.rr.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 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."
09/15/2019 12:22 PM	Mr. Andrew Kirby	drewsk81@gmail.com	none	I want to know how anyone expects these maps to improve localized corruption?
09/15/2019 12:40 PM	Ms. Mary Moretz	memoretz@charter.net	Retired educator	Gerrymandering has caused many citizens to legitimately lose faith in our election process. The interference of foreign nations in our elections pales in comparison to the damage done by gerrymandering. The Court's decision in Common Cause vs. Lewis is encouraging. I ask that the following guidelines be respected: 1. In accordance with the Constitution of the United States, each district should have equal populations. 2. Districts shall be compact. 3. Districts shall follow established political boundaries, such as cities and counties with the exception only if a city or county has such a highly

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09/15/2019 01:03 PM	Mary Hasty	mchasty1@gmail.com		<p>concentrated population that it must be divided.</p> <p>4. Districts shall preserve communities of interest and culture.</p> <p>5. Districts shall prohibit favoritism of a specific candidate or political party.</p> <p>Thought: If politicians present the right message to citizens, they will not cheat. Besides, cheating is immoral and gerrymandering is a type of cheating.</p> <p>When gerrymandering is practiced, it violates the concept of "one person one vote." It negates the belief that every vote counts. Every vote may be counted but each vote does not count.</p>
09/15/2019 01:28 PM	--None-- Ernest Lunsford	quetzales@mindspring.com		<p>I want the redistricting to follow an overall strategy to create more forced bipartisan work since our government has become more divided and therefore less effective. I believe that that is best accomplished by the outlined districts for competitiveness. https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/redistricting-map-north-carolina/#Competitive</p> <p>One of the criteria for redistricting is compactness. There is nothing compact about the proposal for redistricting Senate Districts 31 and 32 in Forsyth and Davie counties. What's with the strange configuration of District 31? It is two districts, united only by a thin corridor in southern Forsyth. This is clearly another gerrymander designed to favor Republicans. Reject it!</p>
09/15/2019 02:00 PM	Terrible Matthew Tenan	matthew.tenan@gmail.com		<p>The legislature should NEVER be in charge of REDISTRICTING. This is a totally non-partisan statement. At present time, there is blatant self-dealing on the side of the Republicans. This is not democracy. A non-partisan council should be in charge of redistricting or algorithms which ensure fair elections should be utilized. As an educated citizen, I have tried for 2 hours to find the current version of the map being considered for redistricting and I've been unable to do so. Therefore, I can only surmise the legislature is not allowing an appropriate comment period.</p>
09/15/2019 02:04 PM	Mrs. Pamela Cunov	pamela.cunov@uvm.edu		<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 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>

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The picking of those starting maps, from literally thousands of maps made, Chen was not public. Was the choice a random choice? That is unknown without transparency.

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.

We, the NC voters, are demanding more public transparency as you obey the mandate to re-draw the General Assembly mapping.

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The North Carolina courts have found in Common Cause v Lewis that our legislative districts are unconstitutional partisan gerrymanders. According to the court, the NC General Assembly is expressly forbidden to use partisan data and is required to conduct the entire process in full public view. Last week Common Cause called on the leadership to provide live video online of the entire process, to ensure public hearings are held across the state and to create a space online for public comments.

I am concerned that while the House has already voted on maps, there have been no public hearings. In addition, the Princeton Gerrymandering Project reported algorithmic biases in the process used to generate the remedial maps. They 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. We believe that voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Districts should be created that reflect the relative proportion of Democrats, Republicans and Independents that we have seen in statewide elections over the past 5 years.

Furthermore, we believe districts should be created that adhere to well-established criteria of

- Compactness: Having the minimum distance between all the parts of a constituency (a circle, square or a hexagon is the most compact district).
- Contiguity: All parts of a district being connected at some point with the rest of the district.

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Preservation of counties and other political subdivisions: This refers to crossing county, city, or town, boundaries when drawing districts. · Preservation of communities of interest: Geographical areas, such as neighborhoods of a city or regions of a state, where the residents have common political interests that do not necessarily coincide with the boundaries of a political subdivision, such as a city or county. <p>While I am not an expert, it is my understanding that these maps do not receive guidance by these principles. I call for the legislature to draw new maps that adhere to these principles for the 2020 election.</p> <p>Since it is extremely difficult for partisan, elected officials to draw fair election maps I call upon the General Assembly to act on Senate Bill 673 calling for a nonpartisan redistricting commission so that beginning in 2021 with the next Census we will have a fair, nonpartisan process that allows the people to choose their representatives.</p>
09/15/2019 02:20 PM	Mrs Paula Shelton	pshelton10@gmail.com		I am a voter in Moore County. I do not approve of the manner in which the maps are drawn. This is not objective. The House map even splits our county which I do not agree. This does not make sense. This should be a transparent process and that is not the case. We are watching you and expect fairness.
09/15/2019 02:47 PM	Suzanne Newsome	suzanne.newsome@gmail.com		I support a nonpartisan redistricting process that's fully transparent and includes robust public input.
09/15/2019 02:59 PM	Mr. Stan Bozarth	sbozarth+ncleg@protonmail.com	Private Citizen	It's clear to most people that the current districting is designed to elect Republicans. An independent, non-political group needs to be commissioned to enact new districting. Justin Levitt, an election law expert at Loyola University, and others have made suggestions as to how this can and must be done to ensure fair elections.
09/15/2019 03:01 PM	Helen Livingston	livingston.helen@gmail.com		Now is the time for fairness in the drafting of Remedial Maps for the Senate legislative districts for the 2020 election in NC.
09/15/2019 03:01 PM	Mr Ronald Sigrist	ronaldsigrist@triad.rr.com	Retired	As a concerned citizen of North Carolina I want your to define fair districts 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 03:06 PM	Mrs Barbara Coulson	dixiespal@aol.com	Common Cause North Carolina	To GOP legislators: Be honest with yourselves for a change and stop trying to continue manipulating maps to your advantage. When out of power you wanted independent redistricting so you could get a fair shake. Deception is never acceptable when you are dealing with people's voting choices.
09/15/2019 03:22 PM	John Avery	johnpavery29@gmail.com		The Senate redrawing of the maps leaves me, a Buncombe County citizen with more concerns. It appears as though the 48th district is attempting to take

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				more territory from Buncombe County, especially residents on the east side of Buncombe County, in an effort to continue to split Buncombe County's voting power and further disenfranchise students. The Eastern portion of Buncombe County has at least 2 colleges, leaving students in this area voting for a representative that spends most of their time in Henderson and Transylvania Counties. For these reasons, I ask you to discard the maps drafted by the Senate and start over. Thank you for your time and consideration.
09/15/2019 03:24 PM	Ms Betty Gunz	bettygunz24@gmail.com		The voting maps have been unpatriotic and undemocratic for far too long. Please give us nonpartisan maps. Thank you.
09/15/2019 03:54 PM	Sue Marsh	Smarshrlg@yahoo.com		It's long past time to rid both racial and partisan gerrymandering out of NC politics. Now is the time to make a positive impact on our elections. Please draw the maps to be independent of bias. There are examples of maps out there, already drawn. Pick one. Stand up for fair elections.
09/15/2019 04:04 PM	Mr. Isaiah Johnson	lkejohnson@ec.rr.com	Personal	I would like see New River and West Northwoods precincts put back into District 14.
09/15/2019 04:09 PM	Retired Helen Compton	helen.compton@gmail.com		<p>I watched online the debate in the House on Friday afternoon. It became to me over the afternoon that members of the Legislature should not be choosing their constituents; even when some were trying to be objective in the process. I know you had no option in this case because of the court ruling but we need a nonpartisan committee that will draw these maps. Just the issue of the House trying not to put two incumbents in the same district limits choices for a district. In drawing these maps there should not be these kinds of limitations.</p> <p>I am certainly not an expert, but how can issues like voting rights, preservation of communities, and compactness be evaluated and achieved with different people creating these maps. The article written by the Princeton Gerrymandering Project and published on September 14 indicates there will be some improvements, but there are still gerrymandered districts. There are nonpartisan experts and methods to be brought to this process. We need the Legislature to discuss and act on Senate Bill 673. We need a nonpartisan process that will be ready for the redistricting that will occur in 2021.</p>
09/15/2019 04:11 PM	Mrs Karen Meacham	kckidmuse@yahoo.com	- None -	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 senators to form a new committee in order to create non-biased non-partisan districts. Thank you!
09/15/2019 04:21 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 dialog with the public throughout this process and keep partisan data out of the

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09/15/2019 04:39 PM	Cristel Orrand	cristel.orrand@gmail.com		<p>process.</p> <p>We are at this point today because this legislative body has proven dozens of times over that it cannot draw fair and impartial districts. The NCGA has made inadequate attempts at “transparency”, employed those with conflicts of interest, huddled privately over maps, kicked the public and minority party out and used taxpayer dollars to disenfranchise voters and fight on the wrong side of justice. The courts, the executive, and most importantly, the people, do not trust you.</p> <p>I am hopeful these remedial maps will be better, mostly because of the criteria and oversight. But the NCGA will have another opportunity to draw districts, and potentially gerrymander them again, after the 2020 Census. Therefore-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the immediate, I'm asking that the court's appointed referee draw independent maps which do not consider incumbency protection. 2. Going forward, I'm asking for an independent redistricting amendment on the 2020 ballot, one which includes full public transparency, and citizen engagement, with no legislative input or nominees. <p>North Carolina cannot afford any more litigation, voter suppression, or lack of public trust. BY EITHER PARTY.</p>
09/15/2019 04:41 PM	Ms. Helen Wolfson	helen.wolfson@frontier.com		<p>I do not think that the maps that passed the house on Friday, September 14, have solved the gerrymandering 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. ? 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</p>

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				<p>court has ordered the new maps should be).</p> <p>? According Wang's article, the algorithm used to create Chen's maps to pack Democrats. The maps were drawn using a simulation that protect 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-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 04:46 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 political 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>

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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 should not fall prey to any notions of legislative deference nor to presumptions of good faith on the part of legislators.

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 intending to try fully and completely to right a wrong, simply cannot get that job done because of a centuries-old culture of victors taking the spoils, of winner-take-all, and 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.

Brazenly, unapologetically, gleefully, and publicly the Legislative Defendants have trumpeted their delight in carving out unseemly partisan advantage. 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!

Not only is there not a culture of collaboration to build upon; instead there is a contaminated culture of conniving, back-stabbing, sucker punching and double-crossing 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.

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 pirate power and its skewed policy consequences for NC are positively incalculable. So high are these stakes--please let your Special Master do this work.

Are the maps proposed better than the old? Yes indeed, they are. Other than the perpetrators of our gerrymander 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

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09/15/2019 04:48 PM	Ms. Catherine Marie	c.marie8@yahoo.com		<p>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 optimal and objectively salutary outcome—remedial and restorative in its effect.</p> <p>As to both bodies House and Senate, please consider this further egregious contaminant. Counsel for the Legislative defendants apparently emailed a 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 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.</p> <p>Finally as to the House I am informed and believe that their final remedial was publicly posted for final public scrutiny and comment less than 2 hours before the vote called. I object!</p> <p>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 whom, after which when public session was rejoined changes in position occurred. Assistance from a retained map drawing expert not court approved in violation of Order paragraph 9? Open? Transparent? I object!</p> <p>Please let your Special Master do this work.</p> <p>E. Jackson Harrington, Jr. 1602 Alderman Dr. Greensboro NC 27408</p>
09/15/2019 04:52 PM	Ms carole Henry	vandykee@rtelco.net		<p>There are already out lind areas in NC. They are called COUNTYS. Get it?</p>
09/15/2019 04:54 PM	Cristel Orrand	strongernorthcarolina@gmail.com	Stronger North Carolina	<p>We are at this point today because this legislative body has proven dozens of times over that it cannot draw fair and impartial districts. The NCGA has</p>

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				<p>employed those with conflicts of interests, huddled privately over maps, kept the public and minority party out, made inadequate attempts at “transparency” and used taxpayer dollars to disenfranchise voters and fight on the wrong side of justice. The courts, the executive, and most importantly, the people, do not trust you.</p> <p>We are hopeful these remedial maps will be better, mostly because of the court’s criteria and oversight. But the NCGA will have another opportunity to draw new districts, and potentially gerrymander them again, after the 2020 Census. Therefore-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the immediate, we ask that the court’s appointed referee draw independent maps which do not consider incumbency protection. 2. Going forward, we’re calling for an independent redistricting amendment on the 2020 ballot, one which includes full public transparency, and citizen engagement, with no legislative input or nominees. At a minimum, districts should comply with the VRA, not consider incumbency or electoral data, and have a count based on all residents, not just citizens or voting age population. <p>North Carolina cannot afford any more litigation, voter suppression, or lack of public trust. BY EITHER PARTY. Ethics, integrity, and honesty have been missing in these walls for a long time, and North Carolina has been dragged through the mud for it. We have a chance to change that, to be the North Star state again, and to lead the nation in the protection of our democracy.</p>
09/15/2019 05:03 PM	Ms Elizabeth Harrington	Betsyharrington@triad.rr.com		<p>I wish I could be in Raleigh at the public hearing to speak in person about the NC Senate redistricting map. While this process was supposed to have been open and public, it appears that the leaders of the majority party have not been as transparent as they were supposed to have been. I understand that there was some sort of “back room” meeting with the Republican members of the redistricting committee—NOT transparent, and breaking of trust. 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. 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. That is the only way to restore trust that the electoral maps were drawn fairly.</p>
09/15/2019 05:15 PM	Sam Wynn Sam Wynn	swynn@nccumc.org	Pum church	<p>Please count my vote. Stop gerrymandering dist 9.</p> <p>For more than 50 years Dist 9 has been controlled by one party.</p>
09/15/2019	Renee Taylor	taylor.renees@yahoo.com		<p>Do your best to approve only fair voting district lines in a real bipartisan vote.</p>

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05:16 PM				I want my vote to count also
09/15/2019 05:21 PM	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 biased, non-partisan districts.
				Thank you!
09/15/2019 05:22 PM	Ms. Mary Klenz	klenzmary@gmail.com	n/a	I am writing as a voter in NC Senate District 39 in Mecklenburg Cty. I have the current version of the senate maps and am very concerned about the complete undoing of NC Senate District 39 and the redrawing of the my district into a new district NC Senate 37. Please explain why that makes sense? What is the justification for such a drastic change. It assign vote a complete new district with is very disruptive and adds even more voter confusion. Why is that necessary and what does it accomplish? I understand the need to reconfigure some districts but a change of this magnitude is totally uncalled for.
09/15/2019 05:28 PM	Tracy Stark	Tlstark@yahoo.com		I am calling on the senate 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 disgraceful behavior in the budget veto override during 9/11 memorials. If you have to cheat to get your way, it's time to step aside. Let the people be heard. Draw fair maps or let an impartial party do it for you!
09/15/2019 05:37 PM	Phyllis Demko	demko@lwvnc.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 comments 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 throughout the end of the redistricting process and final approval. 2. Make draft maps fully available to the public. The League recommends 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.

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				<p>Citizens need to know what will happen and when so that they can follow proceedings and provide their input in time to make a difference.</p> <p>4. Enable voters to follow the process effectively online. Citizens need to know which districts are being redrawn and who is doing the redrawing. 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 05:42 PM	County Commissioner Jasmine Beach-Ferrara	jbeachferrara@gmail.com	Buncombe County	<p>Please consider the unique position of Buncombe County where County Commission districts are coupled to NCGA districts but elections for district seats are staggered. The current maps triple bunk current Commissioners who are on different election cycles, which would create unnecessary complications in the 2020 cycle that are not contemplated or addressed by the 2011 bill on this subject. Proactive consideration of these specific local issues can ensure fair maps and fair process for Buncombe County voters in 2020 and beyond. Thank you.</p>
09/15/2019 05:42 PM	Dr. Marilou Mabe	Mtmabe01@gmail.com	Retired Higher education administrator	<p>I really object to the Senate District #39 configuration. It appears to be very confusing to people in South Charlotte. It appears to extend from Steele Creek to Matthews, which is an enormous amount of territory. The Precincts in South Charlotte have been used to Senate District 39 running through parts of South Park and Ballantyne. The new map will discourage voting for the NC Senate in my opinion.</p>
09/15/2019 05:43 PM	ms Joan Parks	hmrefuge@gmail.com		<p>Stop playing these games with our state and allow all to vote fairly. We need to elect our reps not have them pick us</p>
09/15/2019 05:48 PM	Cheryl Fulton	fulton3898@gmail.com		<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 AND JUST.</p>
09/15/2019 06:17 PM	Douglas Best	douglasbest1982@gmail.com		<p>This map gives too much influence to Buncombe County. We in Henderson County have NOTHING in common with those in Buncombe County. They have long ceased being a community of common interest to us. How does compactness apply to this map? What is the partisan leaning of Senate 4?</p>
09/15/2019 06:19 PM	Mrs Laura Boyes	boyes@mindspring.com	none	<p>Partisan redistricting must stop! Election maps must be fairly drawn, with regard to retaining the power of individual senators 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.</p>
09/15/2019 06:22 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 redistricting effort in N.C. will be</p>

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				<p>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 06:23 PM	debi bartholomew	ddbartholomew@gmail.com		<p>Please take more time to carefully consider how to move forward with redistricting.</p> <p>Transparency is very important to your constituents. Please consider equity and how best to allow your constituents to be represented by their choice.</p> <p>Checking boxes - never leads to excellence.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to share these concerns.</p> <p>With much appreciation,</p> <p>debi S. Bartholomew Asheville, NC 28805</p>
09/15/2019 06:27 PM	Mr. Bob Bussey	rbussey@aol.com		<p>Will these maps have to be approved by a Federal Court? I would think that after all the cheating that they have done they would have to be.</p> <p>Also, what if these Maps do not meet the specifications of the Court or Congress? When will the people be able to see these Maps? Will these Maps also have new congressional districts?</p>
09/15/2019 06:33 PM	Ms Shel Anderson	sheloregon@gmail.com		<p>Senator McKissick I'm sure we can rely on you to vet these maps carefully and give us justice.</p>
09/15/2019 06:34 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 06:41 PM	Leslie Mackler	Lgmackler@gmail.com		<p>I am just an average citizen but it is questionable to have incumbents decide how the districts be formed. Particularly, troubling is that in NC many current legislators were elected in unconstitutionally drawn districts. We need a nonpartisan citizens panel to draw district lines. Plain citizens as myself see how NC has become a threat to democracy.</p>
09/15/2019 06:49 PM	Mr. Thomas Smith			<p>Stick it to the whiny Democrats just like they have been sticking it to the Republicans for 150 years with their underhanded tactics.</p>
09/15/2019	Christina Dauer	christina@dauer.me		<p>Top two concerns about the way this process is playing out:</p>

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06:55 PM				<p>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 manner for public comment.</p> <p>2. The Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps. But the GOP legal team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying the expert 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 objection 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>Thank you.</p>
09/15/2019 06:58 PM	Mrs. Christine Barboriak	xinegb@gmail.com	self	<p>I demand full transparency of this process with robust public comment. I do not want the 2011 maps, which were already gerrymandered, to be used as a basis. This is an illegitimate process which I fear will continue to be so unless an independent, impartial third party takes over.</p>
09/15/2019 06:59 PM	Redistricting Maps Raishawn Brown	raishawnb@yahoo.com		<p>The party that initiated the illegal gerrymandering SHOULD NOT have a say in appointing a redistricting committee to redraw the maps.</p>
09/15/2019 06:59 PM	Mr Christopher Cain	doskil@gmail.com		<p>Keep counties as whole as possible, regardless of partisanship</p> <p>Not sure why Madison and Polk Counties are in the same proposed district</p>
09/15/2019 07:08 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> <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</p>

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09/15/2019 07:08 PM	Jenny Kotora-Lynch	nalcljj@nc.rr.com		<p>the maps are correctly drawn. Thank you, Lauren Nyland</p> <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 <i>Covington</i>, 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 to set 2 maps (which started from the incumbents in office in 2017 or even to 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 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 legislators' 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 tried to push the sergeant major to keep the room open to the public. Yes, they 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>

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09/15/2019 07:11 PM	Dr Jean Fromson	jeanfromson@gmail.com	Temple Emanuel	<p>All North Carolinians deserve fair district maps so they can elect house members that represent their views. Please use modern mathematical algorithms and solutions to create fair maps for our districts.</p>
09/15/2019 07:11 PM	Michelle Blumenthal	BQR@bellsouth.net		<p>My understanding is that the Senate has followed the court's orders as they drew the districts, but the House has not. Columbus County's districts are being gerrymandered to protect Representative Brenden Jones. It's time for the special master to step in and redraw all of the House districts or simply redraw Columbus and Robeson counties' districts.</p>
09/15/2019 07:13 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 and 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 07:14 PM	Kymra Stewart	kymstewart123@gmail.com		<p>Cant we all agree that any healthy democracy demands fair elections? I really want a transparent and nonpartisan process that will lead to fair redistricted maps for all of NC.</p>
09/15/2019 07:19 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 07:21 PM	Herbert Amey	herbamey@gmail.com	Neighbors on Call	<p>The Court directed Republicans to "conduct the entire remedial process in 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 p

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09/15/2019 07:27 PM	Rhonda Hesser	Blackwidow122@yahoo.com		We the people demand impartial and fair mapping for our election districts. Democracy must be maintained.
09/15/2019 07:29 PM	Ms. Kate Scheder	kate.schedler@gmail.com		We live and dream in communities. Those communities should be kept intact as much as possible. Even rural areas need representatives who understand rural needs. Do not divvy up cities into these rural areas, as goals are very different. Would any of you advise your children to cheat to achieve at school or win at sport? Then you should not wish to win on anything other than your policy positions. Stop this artificial gerrymandering and voter suppression now. You have the power.
09/15/2019 07:32 PM	Jo Ann Amey	joamey@hotmail.com	Neighbors on Call	I am writing to express my disappointment and outrage at the manner in which you are presumably redrawing the gerrymandered maps. You were imprecise, the court to be totally transparent and fair. Considering you continue to work behind closed doors and without meaningful public input, since you expect the public to comment on maps they've never seen, you obviously are not following the court's mandate. When will you change your nefarious ways?
09/15/2019 07:33 PM	Rev Elliotte Ashburn	EAshburn@aol.com	LANC	We are watching!!!
09/15/2019 07:36 PM	Ms. Judith Droitcour	jdroit@ec.rr.com	Crabby About Drilling!	Please assure that representation of coastal Brunswick County will not be lost. We here on the coast (Caswell Beach, Oak Island, Ocean Isle, Holden Beach, Sunset Beach, and Bald Head--need a dedicated representative, PLEASE HELP! I am also concerned that there seems to be a lack of transparency in the redistricting process. PLEASE HELP!
09/15/2019 07:41 PM	Mrs Kathy Babbis	kathybabbis@gmail.com	JKG1M4	Please consider a more transparent senate with regard to redistricting; This is important to all.

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09/15/2019 07:47 PM	Thomas Greer	greer@treytronics.org		I am dismayed at the lack of transparency in the Republican party's attempt to maintain their 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 the 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.
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09/15/2019 07:49 PM	Mrs Elizabeth Bullen	mdetutu@bellsouth.net		Once again, I am being lied to. What happened to transparency? The Senate's Redistricting is supposed to correct the gerrymandering recently drawn up. You're not doing what you said you would. Start again, and please do it so the public can see what you're doing. And do it right, so the courts won't have to make you do it again.
09/15/2019 07:51 PM	Mr. Eric Thomas	ericcthomas01@gmail.com		I have attempted to educate myself on the ongoing efforts to re-draw election maps but the legislature. As best I can tell, the newest round of maps, submitted late last week, are only marginally better than the ones in place. They appear to be still gerrymandered to heavily favor the republican party. I strongly urge the Senate to throw out this latest attempt and to appoint an independent commission to redraw the maps. This commission should be instituted using the procedures outlined in SENATE BILL DRS15331-MTy-103A. This seems to be our only hope to get maps that are both fair and representational of the North Carolina electorate. Our citizenry deserves nothing less.
09/15/2019 07:59 PM	Doris Hayes	hayesd@ec.rr.com		The NC Senate Committee on Redistricting and Elections should be transparent and fair in drafting Remedial Maps for the Senate legislative districts for the 2020 election and they should have true and accurate representation for the constituents that live in those districts.
09/15/2019 08:08 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 a

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09/15/2019 08:15 PM	President Democratic Wome Martha Harrus	Martha.home17@gmail.com	Democratic Women of Pender County	<p>After reviewing the final map - the Democratic Women of Pender County object to the use of political data used to draw the revised districts. The court call for fair and equitable legislative districts- this is not what this map represents. We call for a master planner to draw the districts without political bias - per court ruling.</p>
09/15/2019 08:18 PM	Rob Axtell	Woofpak22@bellsouth.net	Mr.	<p>We DEMAND truly fair maps, free of racial and political considerations. We do not trust you. Draw fair maps or we will sue you again.</p>
09/15/2019 08:20 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 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 not 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 remedial map. They 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.</p> <p>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. Voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Districts should be created that reflect the relative proportion of Democrats, Republicans and Independents that we have seen in statewide elections.</p>

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				<p>the past 5 years.</p> <p>Otherwise my vote and my voice are silenced.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I hope you will take my concerns seriously.</p> <p>-stephanie brown</p>
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 the process and keep partisan data out of the process. I am tired of Republican legislators abusing their power.</p>
09/15/2019 08:29 PM	Dr. Mindy Oshrain	moshrain@earthlink.net	Citizen	<p>North Carolina courts have found unconstitutional gerrymandering in our legislative districts and have ordered a process, open to the public, to redraw a number of districts to diminish the partisan maps drawn by the GOP. This process began last week, but was not open to the public. Additionally, when the map was redrawn contained, according to the Princeton gerrymandering project, noticeable "algorithmic biases in the process used to generate the remedial map. Using the PlanScore.org engine and additional analysis, [they] furthermore find that the map still contains between one-half and two-thirds of the partisan advantage that was present in the illegal gerrymander." http://election.princeton.edu/2019/09/14/north-carolinas-new-house-plan-contains-over-half-as-much-partisanship-as-the-original-gerrymander/</p> <p>The votes for these initially drawn districts were along party lines; there is clearly something rotten in the state of North Carolina (to paraphrase the Bard). Indeed, Senator Alexander attempted to slice and dice his district from the agreed upon maps to maintain his advantage. Unfortunately, that was caught on camera. He then chose to retire following his term. North Carolinians deserve more than this kind of unscrupulous deception designed to maintain power at all cost. We wish to live in a democracy, not a "kleptocracy".</p> <p>Democracy depends upon the votes of the people fairly electing representatives. When the population of North Carolina is split almost evenly between Democrats and Republicans, yet the GOP draw districts which so egregiously favor their own party, fair representation of voters' voices is not</p>

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				<p>possible. This perfidy must be stopped. While I am not an expert in gerrymandering, my reading of the material available tells me that the GO not making good faith efforts (especially after the debacle on the morning September 11 in the State House) to govern the citizens of North Carolina equanimity in a bipartisan, cooperative manner.</p> <p>Perhaps the only way forward is for the Court to draw the maps, and make certain that by 2021, when redistricting next occurs, North Carolina has cr a non-partisan redistricting commission, as described in S.B. 673.</p> <p>I thank you in advance for your consideration of my concerns.</p> <p>Mindy Oshrain, M.D. Durham, NC</p>
09/15/2019 08:30 PM	Mrs. Sara Pleasant	Andrews2u@gmail.com		<p>No more gerrymandering! The maps drawn by the Republican led Congress an affront to democracy. It has allowed immoral men to thwart the interes and political will of the good people of this state, conduct shady closed de legislation and ignore needs and concerns of their constituents completely need redistricting by a nonpartisan process that honors the right of every citizens to have their voice represented in our state government.</p>
09/15/2019 08:34 PM	Claudia Lange	crlange12@gmail.com		<p>I am absolutely disgusted with the Republican leadership flouting the rule forth by the three judge panel for map drawing in the NC partisan gerrymandering case - Common Cause v. Lewis. The court order was very - there had to be transparency and public involvement at every step of the 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 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 paye should be rightly suspicious that there will be transparency and fairness in map drawing process. In fact, we already have evidence of attempts to fo process and dupe the court, colleagues, and citizens alike. For example -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.) The NC House approved its map without giving sufficient time for publ comment - a clear violation of the court's order for transparency and publi participation. The court declared that "all map drawing [must] occur at pu hearings." 2.) The court stated that it would appoint a referee to oversee the drawing the maps. One recommendation from Republicans was Art Pope as a refe Art Pope bankrolled the conservatives illegally gerrymandered maps. Alm no one benefitted more than Pope as a result of having Republicans in co

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				<p>of the NCGA.</p> <p>3.) The court stated no partisan information was to be used in drawing the districts. Republicans have stated they will use the maps drawn by statistician Jowei Chen as a starting point. Dr. 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. Dr. 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 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 from 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 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 unnoted and will not go unchallenged.</p>
09/15/2019 08:41 PM	Mr. H. Michael McQuown	mmcquown@mindspring.com		<p>ANY political districting, "re" or otherwise, done by ANYONE, should be fair to all voters; unbiased; non-partisan; and ANY other descriptor that notifies political parties that "stacking the deck" is TOTALLY unacceptable. Biasing 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!</p>
09/15/2019 08:48 PM	Ms. Kay SANDERS	jraysanders@yahoo.com	retired	<p>This process has not really had the transparency that the court ordered. It began with maps not created with transparency. Instead, the Republicans chose to start with base maps that were not intended for remedial use. I understand the base maps were created by Chen (?) who was a statistician</p>

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09/15/2019 08:49 PM	Ms. Kay SANDERS	jraysanders@yahoo.com	retired	<p>and used to prove there were partisan maps somehow.</p> <p>The House maps were voted on before any comments were heard from the public.</p>
09/15/2019 08:49 PM	Michael Kelley	kelleymic@gmail.com		<p>Concerns about “public view” and transparency</p> <p>The Court directed Republicans to “conduct the entire remedial process in 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 not submit meaningful comments either in person or online. <p>Concerns about the use of partisan data</p> <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.” <p>The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, not as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p> <p>Concerns about lack of objective, independent quantitative analysis of proposed new maps</p> <p>There has been no objective quantitative analysis by an independent expert to assess the fairness of the proposed new maps to assess the degree to which the maps contain 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 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 a

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				<p>New Hanover Counties have limited shared culture and community. South identity is separate from the Wilmington community.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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> <p>Northern Brunswick (which was previously part of District 18) folks often live in Wilmington and commute back and forth over the bridge. Many folks in Brunswick go to Wilmington to shop and socialize.</p>
09/15/2019 08:49 PM	Doctor Gerald Fromson	Kar120See@gmail.com		Stop subverting the democratic process. Stop cheating the people of NC. DEMAND that our electoral districts be determined scientifically and impartially.
09/15/2019 08:54 PM	Ms. Kay SANDERS	jraysanders@yahoo.com	retired	The map containing Columbus County was changed around 12 times - way more than necessary - to protect double-bunked incumbents: Republican Jones and Smith. In the process the towns of Whiteville and Chadbourn were split and three possible versions that did not split the towns was offered by Democrat Darren Jackson. The Jackson versions were rejected by Republicans. Seems like municipalities should not be split.
09/15/2019 08:56 PM	Ms. Kay SANDERS	jraysanders@yahoo.com	retired	The House maps were only up for an hour before the committee voted on them. What kind of transparency is that?
09/15/2019 08:58 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 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 without notice for the trial. A public comment session was held last week with almost no advance notice.</p>
				Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could not submit meaningful comments either in person or online.
				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.

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				<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, as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p>
09/15/2019 08:59 PM	Charles Nintzel	cnintz@earthlink.net		<p>Make it Right this time. No shenanigans. You know what I mean.</p>
09/15/2019 09:00 PM	Dr. Rebecca Powers	rebeccapowers595@gmail.com	Citizen	<p>This version seems like an improvement but still difficult to understand w seems in some places, like eastern NC, to be divided up with erratic lines. must have districts drawn fairly so our democracy works and our constitu is upheld. Be careful, ethical and honest. We are counting on you to do i right!</p>
09/15/2019 09:06 PM	Amanda Kyser	amanda@kyserdesign.com		<p>Senators: The depraved and scandalous events of this past week by Republicans in NC legislature turned heads across the country and beyond. Now this? Where is the transparency in this shot-gun redrawing of the base maps required by the courts? Wake up and smell the coffee! We're watching without blinking .</p>
09/15/2019 09:07 PM	Dr. Eddie Bass	bassecov@gmail.com		<p>I object to the process by which the maps were created. Namely,</p> <p>The majority started with base maps not created with transparency rather from scratch, using maps that were not intended to be remedial maps.</p> <p>The House maps were up for only an hour before the committee voted on them.</p> <p>The House maps were voted on before any comments were heard from th public. Only after renewed criticism did Republican leaders schedule an additional public hearing for Monday (Sept 16). Way more than minimal changes (12 precincts) were made to the map containing Columbus Cour the purpose of protecting incumbents, Republicans Jones and Smith, who double-bunked.</p>
09/15/2019 09:10 PM	Mrs Carol Aycoth	Aysport@bellsouth.net		<p>NC has been ordered to draw new maps multiple times in the past 10 year These maps have been consistently gerrymandered to undermine the vote democrats and maximize the votes of Republicans. We should have a bipartisan commission produce the maps in a non-partisan manner and r respect to the voting process in NC. This producing partisan maps and ha no time for public comment is ridiculous!</p>
09/15/2019 09:18 PM	Mark Daughtridge	M_Daughtridge@msn.com		<p>The citizens of NC demand and deserve truly fair and completely non-part voting maps and districts at all levels. It seems that some lawmakers are afraid of a fair fight and seem to think they can't win on honest debate on</p>

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				<p>issues. We cannot afford further delays. Election season is already here candidates must be allowed full opportunity to connect with all the voters without last minute surprises for either.</p> <p>Already we hear reports that some legislators have held back room sessions and received partisan voter data and maps that corrupt the process, despite clear instructions from the courts in repeated rounds of judgments.</p> <p>Let non partisan judges, committees or the simplest geometry possible draw the districts and restore democracy to our state. Deceptive surprise votes that have been used by both parties in recent years highlight the urgent need to restore actual representation of the citizens, by whatever means necessary.</p>
09/15/2019 09:22 PM	DWPC President Rebecca Powers	democraticwomenpittcounty@gmail.com	Democratic Women of Pitt County	<p>We demand fairly drawn districts that support the democratic process and the US Constitution. The partisan gerrymandering must end now. Citizens must be allowed to participate without restricted choices due to gerrymandering. We are watching and expecting ethical and nonpartisan work in redrawing maps.</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 information 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 09:33 PM	John Kennett	Jaykennett@hucc.org		<p>I am in House district 63. The revised map looks even more gerrymandered than the previous one. A stroll around my neighborhood takes me in and out of 63 and 64. As 63 snakes through 64 in the city of Burlington how is this fair?</p>
09/15/2019 09:36 PM	Mr. Alan Schluebier	alan@schluebier.com	Retired	<p>This legislature and Chairman have made North Carolina the laughing stock of the Nation in government. I think it is high time that the Court take away the maps from all politicians and put it in the hands of disinterested "experts" to prevent politicians to have anything to do with redistricting especially incumbents.</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> <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

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				<p>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 not 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> <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, not as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p> <p>Clearly, our Republican legislators have neither respect for the law, nor for North Carolina citizens. They can shamelessly lie and cheat, in order to win only so long...but justice will ultimately prevail.</p> <p>Thank you. Karen Floyd</p>
09/15/2019 09:45 PM	ms Beth Silberman	bethssilberman@gmail.com	democracy	<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 amendments to the maps to protect Republican incumbents..</p> <p>The GOP continues to act in bad faith, the actions of this party continue 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 in NC.</p>
09/15/2019 09:51 PM	Wally White	wallywhitefornc@gmail.com		<p>Your divisions of Guildford County looks like you're silencing those voters. When the lines look ridiculous, the chances of trying to cheat the voters are high. Also, Sen. Berger should have all or none of Surry County. He currently has the very carefully drawn out Republican part of the county. I thought I</p>

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09/15/2019 09:54 PM	David Smith	DavidJSmith@hotmail.com		<p>maps were to correct political cheating, and yet here it is still on the map.</p> <p>I do not understand how you can divide Winston-Salem in the Senate map way you do and crack the black vote. You are diluting the black vote to blacks of the ability to elect a black senator. The house plan doesn't do that. You should follow the house plan in the senate too. David</p>
09/15/2019 09:59 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 previous 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>
09/15/2019 10:03 PM	Andria Krewson	akrewson45c@mac.com		<p>-</p> <p>I'm concerned about the community of interest of neighborhoods just east of Plaza Midwood in ZIP 28205 being divided up among not two but three state Senate districts.</p> <p>Neighborhoods including Commonwealth-Morningside, Merry Oaks, and Country Club Heights have close connections with Plaza Midwood. The neighborhoods already face fractured school-zone lines, and increased fracturing of the neighborhoods by dividing them among separate state Senate districts causes various issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - more difficulty for neighborhood groups to communicate and lobby with state senators - more confusion about who representatives in Raleigh are. - splitting up of specific neighborhoods between Senate districts, by drawing a line down Morningside Drive and by cutting off a small part of Plaza Midwood by using Club Road as a dividing line between districts. <p>The neighborhoods face similar issues, such as gentrification, affordable housing, building bike-friendly policies and greenways, and more. Those issues are often vastly different than the issues that voters in further-out neighborhoods face.</p> <p>Small adjustments to the state Senate lines to preserve communities of interest are likely doable without throwing district populations out of whack. Local infrastructure has focused on connecting the neighborhoods, with a bridge over Briar Creek, a walking/biking connector choked-down road on Roland Avenue, and plans for an extended greenway.</p> <p>Pushing the western border of District 38 east, to Eastway Drive, and pushing</p>

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				<p>the western border of District 40 east, also to Eastway Drive, would preserve cohesion among the neighborhoods just to the east of Plaza Midwood, keep them whole with their largest nearby business district. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
09/15/2019 10:04 PM	Mr. Chuck Itzkovitz	Chuckitz791@gmail.com		<p>North Carolinians deserve. A fair and honest redistributing process. Citizens should choose their representatives, not the other way around. Republicanism of desperation are sad and reprehensible. Gerrymandering should be made illegal once and for all, especially if Democracy is to survive. God help America.</p>
09/15/2019 10:05 PM	Dr. William McSherry	clintmcs@gmail.com		<p>PLEASE create a CITIZEN redistricting commission as other fair-minded states have done! Stop the hyper-partisan gerrymandering and put our state back in the hands of its citizens. We are MORE THAN capable of creating fair and sensible voting districts. Thank you.</p>
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 10:10 PM	Karen Crumbliss	kcrumbliss@me.com	individual	<p>We ask you to be fair and honest in your redrawing of the maps which have been entrusted to your committees. WE, the people, deserve this. WE elect you to represent ALL the people, with special attention to your districts, of course. However, honesty is the best policy - we all know that! WE ask you to do your best! Thank you!</p>
09/15/2019 10:15 PM	Mrs Mary Foy			<p>Black voters are intentionally cracked in Forsyth County. Winston-Salem has a vibrant black community that you're disenfranchising by diluting our vote in both of the new districts and dividing the city's black community with racial intent. The NC House plan protects our black representatives Terry and Montgomery. Why do you think it is right to have a political lynching of Sen. Lowe? Don't violate our civil rights. Reunite Winston-Salem and stop diluting the black vote.</p>

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09/15/2019 10:17 PM	Ms Carol Calloway	carolanncalloway@gmail.com	Social Work/Health Research	I am deeply concerned about the partisan gerrymandering which N.C. is so known for nationwide and tired of the political games being played in N.C. by leaders who seem more interested in gaining votes than in truly representing us and hearing our voices. We want our voices to be heard so we can add to this horrific gun violence, opioid abuse, poverty and climate change! We need our districts to be fairly drawn! Our votes need to count! Thank you!
09/15/2019 10:19 PM	Mr. Joseph Clarity	joeclarity@gmail.com		This redistricting must be totally transparent. We have the right to know what is going on at all times and have a part in this matter before it becomes finalized.
09/15/2019 10:20 PM	Ms. Susan Lupton	susanlynnlupton@gmail.com		<p>My comment relates to the drafting of Remedial Maps for both the House and the Senate legislative districts, since this is the only public portal I have seen referenced.</p> <p>I have watched in dismay for close to a decade as Republicans have continued their practice of extreme and often unconstitutional gerrymandering, disempowering almost half of the citizens of our state. And for much of that time, with their illegally elected super majority, they have passed policy after policy that does not represent most North Carolinians.</p> <p>And, I have been increasingly dismayed as they have continued to find ways to draw unfair maps even after repeatedly being directed by the courts to correct their past errors. This delay tactic, which has proven quite successful for them, has seriously eroded my faith in our democracy. I truly believe that extreme partisan gerrymandering is our greatest threat to political engagement in North Carolina. Too many citizens do not feel that our elected officials represent them, but too few can be voted out because they have stacked the deck in their favor.</p> <p>For this reason, I was very encouraged to read what appeared to be tight restrictions for this next redrawing of the maps including transparency, restrictions on the information that can be used in drawing the districts, and the September 18 deadline.</p> <p>As I have read more over the last few days, I feel that yet again the Republicans are still trying to game the system, proposing new districts that would continue to give them an unfair advantage. They have clearly tried to mislead the citizens in the past. This appears to be more of the same.</p> <p>Most importantly, the redrawn maps contain, according to the Princeton Gerrymandering project, noticeable "algorithmic biases in the process used to generate the remedial map. Using the PlanScore.org engine and additional analysis, [they] furthermore find that the map still contains between one-h</p>

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				<p>and two-thirds of the partisan advantage that was present in the illegal gerrymander." http://election.princeton.edu/2019/09/14/north-carolinas-house-plan-contains-over-half-as-much-partisanship-as-the-original-gerrymander/</p> <p>I also understand that the process used to draw these new maps was not transparent and open to the public, which would appear to violate the court order.</p> <p>And, the fact that the House vote to approve the maps fell along party lines makes me extremely suspicious that the party in control is once again working hard to game the system.</p> <p>It is long past time for the courts to put an end to this travesty and say, "enough is enough." You must take over the process to guarantee that the results of the next North Carolina election truly represent the will of the voters in our state. To do anything less could be a fatal wound to our already weakened democracy.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p> <p>Susan Lupton, Durham, NC</p>
09/15/2019 10:20 PM	Ms. Amy Mohan	Amy.mohan.wd@gmail.com		<p>To Whom it May Concern: I am concerned at the speed of this redistricting process and will not be satisfied that our districts are fairly drawn until this is done by an independent, bipartisan commission appointed by the elected governor of our state. It does not inspire confidence for the same legislators who drew the districts that were ruled illegal in the courts to be allowed to draw the new. Thank you.</p>
09/15/2019 10:20 PM	Ms. Amy Mohan	Amy.mohan.wd@gmail.com		<p>To Whom it May Concern: I am concerned at the speed of this redistricting process and will not be satisfied that our districts are fairly drawn until this is done by an independent, bipartisan commission appointed by the elected governor of our state. It does not inspire confidence for the same legislators who drew the districts that were ruled illegal in the courts to be allowed to draw the new. Thank you.</p>
09/15/2019 10:22 PM	Dr. Lori Newman	Dr.yoshi1000@gmail.com		<p>We, the People, rise to say, "Republicans of the NC Senate, you must uphold your sworn oath to protect and defend the Constitution and the laws of this state and nation." Republicans of the House, you violated your oath of office. We, and people all over our nation, were appalled by your shameless and despicable display of the worst of politics and politicians. Republicans in the NC House and Senate, you have wasted \$50 million of tax payer money in court fees trying to defend illegal maps and legislators illegally elected. The mi</p>

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09/15/2019 10:26 PM	Comment re: Remedial Maps Michael Kerr	m.shannon.kerr@gmail.com		<p>wasted was needed for health, education, infrastructure and a list of other things. You have robbed the people of NC. The courts struck you down over and over. Times up. The whole nation is watching you now. Under a magnifying glass you are called to do your duty. We, the People, charge you to draw maps that ensure fair, unbiased elections. Everyone is watching.</p>
09/15/2019 10:26 PM	Comment re: Remedial Maps Michael Kerr	m.shannon.kerr@gmail.com		<p>I have grave concerns about the fairness, equity, and integrity of this redistricting process. The House passed its version with absolutely no public comment; it's rush is unseemly and undemocratic. While the Senate version has been slightly more measured, the lack of transparency in how the new districts were arrived at is in direct opposition to the Court's direct instruction when requiring this redistricting. Finally, having the same legislators, who were elected via a gerrymandering scheme found illegal by the courts on multiple occasions, be in control of the new process, seems impossible to result in a fair outcome. No redistricting should be considered equitable to the people of North Carolina until an independent, non-partisan commission is formed that is solely responsible for the process.</p>
09/15/2019 10:29 PM	Brian Irving	brian.irving49@gmail.com		<p>I have grave concerns about the fairness, equity, and integrity of this redistricting process. The House passed its version with absolutely no public comment; it's rush is unseemly and undemocratic. While the Senate version has been slightly more measured, the lack of transparency in how the new districts were arrived at is in direct opposition to the Court's direct instruction when requiring this redistricting. Finally, having the same legislators, who were elected via a gerrymandering scheme found illegal by the courts on multiple occasions, be in control of the new process, seems impossible to result in a fair outcome. No redistricting should be considered equitable to the people of North Carolina until an independent, non-partisan commission is formed that is solely responsible for the process.</p>
09/15/2019 10:31 PM	Jonathan Engel			<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 that openness and cooperation continues until new districts are approved. They should 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> <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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09/15/2019 10:31 PM	Sarah LeRoux	scd3@alumni.duke.edu		<p>3) maps were amended to protect incumbents.</p> <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 understand the base map was created for a different purpose, so I am concerned this was not the best map to use. I do not think data with incumbency protection should have been used. 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 seat preservation out of the process. Senators do not need to be 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 10:35 PM	Mr. Mark Sutter	mksutter22@gmail.com		<p>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 courts wanted it to be. They are still showing contempt for the court and the citizens of North Carolina.</p>
09/15/2019 10:40 PM	Mr Robert Howland	kcwaters2@kcwaters.com		<p>We need districts that would give the same election result when added together as the state does as a whole. So that if the state as a whole votes 60% democratic then the senate would be very close to 60% democratic.</p>
09/15/2019 10:41 PM	Heidi McIver	heidi.mciver@gmail.com		<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>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>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</p>

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09/15/2019 10:46 PM	Angie Shatas	shatas.angie@gmail.com		<p>dealings.</p> <p>It was a damning ruling by the Court: “. . . the Court finds that in many elec environments, it is the carefully crafted maps, and not the will of the voter 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 district maps are being drawn . . . finally.</p> <p>The Court ordered that this process be done in “full public view” – Why did Senate decide to have the only public hearing in Raleigh in the middle of a day? And where was the public process to create the starting point, the “b map?”</p> <p>The Court ordered that no political data be used in this process. Why then the Republican’s own legal team, Ogletree Deakins, email the complete se original files from the expert witness, including extensive partisan statisti lawmakers, even as the expert witness had already agreed to share the appropriate map data?</p>
09/15/2019 10:52 PM	Ms. Martha Shafer	mshafer4@gmail.com	citizen of Guilford County	<p>I live in Guilford County, and have concerns about the map constructed by redistricting committee for our Senate Districts. Senate District 26 juts in High Point and even Jamestown, communities which share little in comm with Randolph County. High Point, home of the international furniture ma is a city with unique characteristics & concerns. It is bizarre to have a jagged section of it included with Senate District 26. I can’t make out any logical reason for it to be drawn in such a irregular way. Neither High Point nor Jamestown share the rural character of Randolph County. However, the southeast part of Guilford County is similar to Randolph County because i rural. It would make more sense to add this area to Senate District 26 if p Guilford must be carved off.</p> <p>In addition to my concern about the haphazard carving up of High Point & Jamestown, I’m also concerned about the process the committee has use draw the maps. It looks like Legislators have been given the leeway to influence the lines of their own districts, picking and choosing precincts th are favorable to themselves. When partisan data was shared by the defendant’s legal team, it polluted the entire process. How can that data b “unseen?” How can we know that this information wasn’t used?</p> <p>The more exposure I have to this attempt to redistrict, the more convinced that this group of legislators cannot accomplish this task without self inte It feels like they’ve had so much power for so long, that they don’t think th</p>

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				really have to abide by the court's instructions - they just have to seem like are.
09/15/2019 10:54 PM	Mr. Charles Gibbs	cgibbs002@nc.rr.com	NC citizen-native	Boundaries of districts should follow county borders to preserve common initiatives, interests benefitting all counties involved ex: Triangle area cou Collaborations for water supplies, pollution control initiatives, etc. And ot close-by counties if not part of same district then some mechanism for collaborati mutual beneficial issues involving planning, actions. Not having adversarial standoffs.
09/15/2019 10:58 PM	Ms. Beth Evans	bpullene@aol.com	Self	Thank you for all your hard work in redrawing the maps yet again. Don't ba down or give in to the demands of the Left. We're standing with you, prayin fervently. Keep standing strong.
09/15/2019 11:11 PM	Ms. Maple Osterbrink	maosterbrink@gmail.com	self	No more of this false representation, I am fed up. Laws "passed" by this ill body should be rescinded automatically!!
09/15/2019 11:16 PM	Dr. Paul Mermin	paulmermin@gmail.com	None	<p>In the face of multiple violations of its order, most of them technical or su but all undermining its spirit, the court is faced with a stark choice: will it b sufficient to "seem", or necessary to "be" in compliance? It is gravely concerning that prohibited partisan actions have influenced the remedial r drawing and map-approving process, in violation of the court order. Some 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 been prohibited. Further actions of the legislature have violated the spirit court order, including the rush to approve maps prior to any opportunity fo public comment.</p> <p>I applaud the appointment of a qualified and independent referee; I further the court to consider seriously a) whether to postpone the scheduled prim elections until the process can be made truly nonpartisan; b) whether to remove the remedial process entirely from the legislature and put in the h of a nonpartisan special master.</p> <p>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 t Seem.</p>
09/15/2019 11:24 PM	Iris Lamb	l.dianelamb@gmail.com		Tell Republican legislators to stop cheating. If you can win only by cheating you have bad ideas and policies. Stop meandering districts and create sim block districts. Democracy cannot withstand one party rule.
09/15/2019	Ms. Lisanne	lisanne.lombardo@gmail.com		I'd like to remind you of how Democracy should work. The parties should p

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11:25 PM	Lombardo			<p>forth candidates who have to compete for the votes and loyalty of voters. means fairly drawn maps where winning by either party isn't a certainty. The voters of both parties are best served when the candidates must entice the majority of people to vote for them with policies, programs, and legislation voters desire.</p> <p>This forces candidates to serve the center. They cannot win by serving on fringe extremes.</p> <p>Because one side plus the center is served with fair maps, more voters benefit when there are fair maps. The next election the other party must work hard to appeal to the voters. This reduces polarization and unifies America.</p> <p>Voters are Americans. It is Patriotic to create fair, non-gerrymandered maps. Competition between parties, and the risk of losing is good for the voters of both parties.</p> <p>Please act honorable.</p> <p>Lisanne Lombardo Citizen of North Carolina</p>
09/15/2019 11:45 PM	Risa Botvinick			<p>Since I have not been part of the district-maps-drawing process, I can submit only a general response to the proposed maps. For the record, I wish to state the following: If the creators of the remedial maps for the Senate legislative districts have heeded the court's instructions and, in so doing, produced maps that a neutral body might well have drawn, then I applaud the efforts of the current members of the NC Senate. If, however, the proposed maps indicate that representing North Carolina's voters is less important than partisan gain, then I hope that the court will reject the maps and protect the principle of man-one-vote.</p>
09/16/2019 12:16 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 12:58 AM	Sharon House	sphouse@email.unc.edu		<p>Please draw the maps more fairly. Please do not create maps to eliminate opponents by drawing them out. Please do not violate the Voting Rights Act by not offering representation based on population. Mathematicians state that the redrawn map seems to have algorithmic biases that favor republicans. The Constitution states fair representation is a right please do this fairly—not in such an extreme partisan manner!!</p>

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09/16/2019 01:25 AM	Academic Benchmarking Con Carole Labrum	caroleglabrum@gmail.com	NC Citizen & Voter	<p data-bbox="1228 186 2100 251">On Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019, Three Superior Court judges overturned state's current political maps as unconstitutional in a 357-page ruling:</p> <p data-bbox="1228 284 2100 414">"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 data-bbox="1228 438 2100 535">The judges ordered the NCGA to redraw districts fairly; to "conduct the entire remedial process in full public view" and make "any relevant computer screen visible to legislators and public observers."</p> <p data-bbox="1228 560 2100 812">Public view is not provided by: ~ 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! ~ due right before only the second public comment Hearing on Monday, 9/16/19 at 12:00N in the LBO.</p> <p data-bbox="1228 836 2100 933">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 data-bbox="1228 958 2100 1120">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 perspective and opinion of an expert witness?</p> <p data-bbox="1228 1144 2100 1339">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 on a weekend to a site that asks only that you apply to speak on Monday at 12:00 Noon in a hearing room in the LBO. I for one work full time and this affords me no opportunity to comment in person.</p> <p data-bbox="1228 1364 2100 1429">The NCGA should provide opportunity for public observers to participate and provide reasonable notice of, and opportunity for the public's comments.</p> <p data-bbox="1228 1453 2100 1494">This is an entirely unfair, undisclosed and untransparent process that does</p>

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				<p>satisfy the court mandated order.</p> <p>The current NCGA is effectively an illegitimate body and likely incapable of openly and fairly redrawing new 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 public comments!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Carole Labrum Chapel Hill, NC</p>
09/16/2019 01:56 AM	MS. Caryl Brt	brtworks@gmail.com		<p>It's time to draw fair maps. No more gerrymandering to keep the minority (R) in power. We've had enough of these shenanigans.</p>
09/16/2019 04:56 AM	Sarah Shaefer	Sarah.shaefer@gmail.com	Neighbors on Call	<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>
09/16/2019 05:33 AM	Melissa Whitten	medix_27288@yahoo.com		<p>Use computer generated maps to ensure equality</p>
09/16/2019 06:04 AM	Karen Mallam	karenmallam@yahoo.com		<p>Your process had not met the Court's requirement that it be transparent. 15 minutes notice for the public hearing is unconscionable. It would be laughable if the results were not so tragic for the people of NC. I am also highly suspicious that these maps are tainted by the data on race that the NC GOV sent out, and claims they didn't use.</p> <p>SHAME, SHAME, SHAME ON YOU ALL. The citizens of NC deserve better</p>
09/16/2019 06:16 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 do not 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. People in NC want and deserve fair voting districts, not a mockery of the rules.</p>
09/16/2019 06:20 AM	Thomas Sullivan	tomms@aol.com		<p>Multiple courts and the public have run out of patience with the leadership of this legislature. You had your chance(s). After your repeated bad faith effort to draw legal districts, you have struck out. The task of drafting fair districts now should be given to a special master.</p>
09/16/2019 06:36 AM	Ms. margaret peeples	peeplesmargaret@gmail.com		<p>New districts should be compact, contiguous, and abide by fed. laws to protect voting strength of racial minorities.</p>

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				No use should be made of political factors including voter registrations, previous election results or incumbents addresses. Also please facilitate citizen participation in the process.
09/16/2019 06:42 AM	Marie Maher	mbm0202@gmail.com		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 state, now lagging in democracy, while more centrist states invite business opportunities, attracting the kind of organizations we need. No more self-dealing, please; our future and our children's futures depend on it. Ignoring partisan entrenchment is the demise of North Carolina.
09/16/2019 06:54 AM	Ms. Ashley Reber	Chronicpainadvocatenc@gmail.com		By looking at the latest map I am ok with what is being proposed since it eliminates double bunking of my district.
09/16/2019 07:11 AM	Mr. James Cook	usna2000@hotmail.com		Voting districts should be drawn so that no favor is given to any one party. democracy demands that each vote count the same and with gerrymandering in play, that is simply not the case! Politicians should not be picking their voters! That scenario relieves them of the responsibility to compete against strong opponents and be responsive to all of their constituents. Please take action to make voting districts fair to all voters in North Carolina so they are not disenfranchised.
09/16/2019 07:14 AM	Forsyth Senate cracking Don Hampton	RedStateCitizen@yahoo.com		I'm writing about the clear issue of cracking the African-American vote in Forsyth County. (The House map doesn't have this issue.) SD31 *was* a minority-performing district at 40%+ African-American. And indeed since it was drawn at 40%+, it elected an African-American of choice. But the proposed district drops the African-American to <30%. We have historical insight in this specific county that a <30% African-American district cannot elect a minority candidate of choice. The simple solution under tight time constraints is to follow the lines of the House plan, adding the territory in HD74 and HD75 to SD31's Davie County territory. SD32 would compromise HD71, HD72, and HD73 and would have the necessary % to elect a minority candidate of choice.
09/16/2019 07:25 AM	Elizabeth Kawabata	lizkawabata@gmail.com		The Court directed Republicans to "conduct the entire remedial process in 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. They were drawn in advance by an exper

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				<p>witness for the trial.</p> <p>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 not submit meaningful comments either in person or online.</p> <p>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.</p>
09/16/2019 07:30 AM	Dr. Sally Buchanan	sallyperio@bellsouth.net	Private citizen	<p>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 nclg.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 the vote should be delayed until your rationale is explained.</p>
09/16/2019 07:33 AM	Patricia English	penglish@wilkes.net		<p>I support more transparency in the court-ordered redistricting process. We need fair maps and fair elections.</p>
09/16/2019 07:34 AM	Ms. Connie Green- Johnson	President@meckdemwomen.com	Democratic Women of Mecklenburg County	<p>North Carolina has become a laughing stock of our nation, you have a chance to get this right for the good of our state and not the party. Your vote/behavior to make it right and be on the right side of history is today.</p>
09/16/2019 07:40 AM	Toni Chandlet	1006@triad.rr.com	Retired educator	<p>We need fairer redistricting maps to ensure a fair election process! End gerrymandering!</p>
09/16/2019 07:41 AM	Dr. Pamela Frome	pam.frome@gmail.com		<p>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 violation of the requirements 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 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 that this 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 the Democrat's objections that they were not reasonable. The Court emphasized that the incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to project ext</p>

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				partisan advantage. 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.
09/16/2019 08:04 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 08:07 AM	Dr Beth Harvat	bethandpeter@gmail.com		The GOP leadership in the state legislature has repeatedly shown itself to be unlawful and unfair in drawing districts. Their deceitful actions continue today. The only way to have fair districts is for an independent commission to draw them. Lacking that, the courts should draw the districts for the time being. Districts should be as compact as possible, not take into account race or party registration, not divide precincts and contain as equal number of people as possible - period!
09/16/2019 08:16 AM	Ms. Debbe Perry	debbe.perry@gmail.com		I strongly believe the following: the criteria for redrawing the maps include political data is to be used to redraw the maps, redrawn maps should be started from scratch so the entire process is transparent, keep counties whole; keep municipalities whole; compactness, numbers of persons in each district should be as equal as possible, and redrawing process should be transparent to the public.
09/16/2019 08:16 AM	Michael Hall	michael.donahue.hall@gmail.com		It's extremely important to stop the gerrymandering gamesmanship. We need to all get behind this.
09/16/2019 08:21 AM	Dr. Marilyn Evans	marilyn.evans@gmail.com		We need districts drawn up in an open, transparent manner in which all voices count! Please do what is ethical and work this out. The people of NC deserve it.
09/16/2019 08:27 AM	Mt Kenneth Dalsheimer	kdalsh@earthlink.net	Kenneth G Dalsheimer	Dear NC Senate Committee on Redistricting and Elections, I am concerned about partisan involvement (both Democratic and Republican) in drawing election districts and urge you to pursue non-partisan, citizen driven drawing of new, constitutional districts. The lack of full transparency, use of a lottery machine in this process, and confusion and concerns for rules over the past week are unacceptable to me and many NC citizens. This must be a transparent, non-partisan process and there must be ample opportunity for public comment (e.g. not just one session) and days and times when working folks can participate and be educated about this process.

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				<p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Kenneth Dalsheimer Durham County</p>
09/16/2019 08:31 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 Senate is not following the court ordered mandate 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". <p>The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, not as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p> <p>Robin Leto</p>
09/16/2019 08:32 AM	Ms. Dorothy Potter Snyder	letsspeakspanish@gmail.com		<p>I am a voter from Hillsborough, 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 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 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 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 legislators and staff conferring on the dais as the public was being sent out of the meeting.</p>

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				<p>room; when they stated that they were working on maps, a House member to push the sergeant major to keep the room open to the public. Yes, they 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>
09/16/2019 08:34 AM	Ms. Carol Johnson	carolannjohnsonpcd@gmail.com	Pender County Democrats- Chair	<p>With all due respect, I believe that the maps should be drawn to favor the voters and not the Legislators. The judges have made this point clear. Continuing to create maps that favor one party over another undermines the process (I believe that this applies to both sides). Voters are watching to see who has the integrity to take a step toward unity and away from divisiveness. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Carol Ann Johnson Chair Pender County Democrats</p>
09/16/2019 08:38 AM	Mrs Barbara Glatthorn	Barbaraglatthorn@gmail.com		<p>Democracy requires participation by the citizenry. Taking away or discouraging their vote by manipulating voting districts discourages participation and ultimately results not only in the loss of faith in democracy, but the disintegration of democracy itself. As elected officials you are in a position to think first of the country and its citizenry...to think beyond party and the th</p>

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09/16/2019 08:39 AM	MSW Dana Courtney	d_courtney@bellsouth.net	Volunteer	<p>for power exhibited for all to see by gerrymandering. Stand up for what is and you will stand proud.</p> <p>Please lay out a fair distribution of representation for voters. People I talk to are so confused and discouraged with the unstableness of our democratic process. Two wrongs do not make a right. Let's restore confidence in our democracy and encourage people to vote and have their say in how their government is run and taxes used. Thank you so very much!! N</p>
09/16/2019 08:40 AM	Jennifer Rudolph	jenrudolph25@gmail.com	self	<p>Public trust in this General Assembly is dead. It died years ago when money, power, technology, and greed joined forces to create illegal maps which run over our state.</p> <p>Those maps denied equal rights to all residents, poisoned our water and suffocated our public schools, and refused healthcare to those who need it most.</p> <p>Those maps infected us with cynicism and apathy. They killed the democratic process. The maps even tried to kill the judicial districts.</p> <p>And now, the only way to revitalize our trust is for you to step aside and let the court to draw fair maps which don't consider incumbency protection or benefit from innate partisan knowledge. The lack of meaningful public input and the haphazard process we witnessed last week is not worthy of our trust.</p> <p>Moving forward, in order to fully resurrect democracy in North Carolina, we need an independent, non-partisan redistricting commission on the ballot next year, with citizen input and full transparency. I do not support H140 however. Putting a legislative services officer in charge of drawing maps is a farce. Follow best practices of other states, and eliminate incumbency protection, partisan influence, legislative staff involvement, and protect the VRA and communities of interest. It's not difficult - just let go of your control and let citizens and court manage the process.</p>
09/16/2019 08:42 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 not 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,</p>

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09/16/2019 08:45 AM	Jen Hyde	jenniferhyde77@yahoo.com		This has been going on for way too long. How do these representatives continue to be paid per job that they are doing that is deemed illegal? I suggest that we take away their paychecks as well as healthcare until they can present a map deemed fair by the highest courts. How do these representatives continue to be paid for a job that they are doing that is deemed illegal? I suggest that we take away their paychecks as well as healthcare until they can present a map deemed fair by the highest courts.
09/16/2019 08:45 AM	Mr. Keith Johnson	kmjohnso15@hotmail.com	self	I am writing to express my concern about the lack of compliance with the ordered process of redistricting. 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 available so citizens could view them and submit comments. This undemocratic behavior is shameful.
09/16/2019 08:49 AM	Dr. Elizabeth Wagner	eliza1738@hotmail.com	NONE	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 commission to redraw the maps in a fair and balanced way! That's the only way we will get a fair and accurate vote. 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. Unfortunately 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 can escape this ridiculous mess that brings shame to our state.
09/16/2019 08:51 AM	Ms Rosemary McGee	remcgee@nc.rr.com		The new maps must not favor Republicans at the expense of the Democrats. The object of all elections is to ascertain, fairly and truthfully, the will of the people.
09/16/2019 08:52 AM	Mr. John May	john@bonaventureco.com		Redistrict our state the way it should be done, not in the partisan manner which our state house overrode Governor Cooper's budget veto. That was sophomoric, devious, unfair, irresponsible, undemocratic, manipulative, and made House Republicans look like utter fools.
09/16/2019 08:58 AM	justin lancaster			Basing maps off of incumbency is in essence keeping traces of the unconstitutional maps in place. An independent commission should be

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				chosen that is appointed term limits via NC Gov - a position that cannot be gerrymandered.
09/16/2019 08:59 AM	Ms Chris Roerden	marketsavvybooks@aol.com	1935	It's only fair to vote without gerrymandering. Without fairness, I'm ashamed to be living in NC.
09/16/2019 09:00 AM	Dennis Litalien	Litaliendj@earthlink.net	Carteret County Democrats	I support having a nonpartisan organization redraw district maps.
09/16/2019 09:02 AM	Ms. Louise HUGHES	louhughes5900@gmail.com	DWPC	I live in Pender County and am well aware of the unfair voting district map we ask is to have a fair chance to elect representatives that have the interest of the entire county to consider. It is very difficult to find willing, viable candidates to run for offices that they know they will have a slim chance of winning because the numbers are stacked against them. Let alone to expect them to run again with the same district boundaries.
09/16/2019 09:03 AM	Pam Robbins	active.pjr@gmail.com		I feel all district maps should be drawn by an independent group. Every vote must count for democracy to work.
09/16/2019 09:05 AM	Brunswick county screw up Sandra Ford	56denverford@gmail.com	Retired	The division of Brunswick county is ludicrous, district 19 would be very difficult to travel around because there's a huge river with no bridge near by. District 19 is the same. The beach communities have much more in common with each other, than the northern part of the county, and yet they have been divided. The northern area is more closely linked to Wilmington. This map makes zero sense.
09/16/2019 09:13 AM	Benjamin Dawson	Bendawson3@yahoo.com		The Court directed Republicans to "conduct the entire remedial process in 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 order. 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 is not acting on good faith for your constituents. That's cheating them out of representation included in their rights and paid for by their taxes.
				Redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could not 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 are also not playing fair when it comes to incumbency as a factor for drawing 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

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09/16/2019 09:15 AM	Mr Lawrence Cormier	lormier@triad.rr.com		<p>caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p> <p>The Court has allowed the party that implemented the illegal gerrymander 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 obvious 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 11 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 the court ordered procedure. The process of redistricting by this committee has been usurped by a group bent on self preservation and selecting voters to elevate their power. We need to have voters selecting their representation, not the other way around.</p>
09/16/2019 09:19 AM	Mrs Cristina Ginsberg	crisrock1967@gmail.com		<p>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</p>

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09/16/2019 09:21 AM	Mrs. Shelby Reap	shelby5lyn@hotmail.com		partisan interest to prevail in using the maps unfairly as in the past. I would like a Special Master or independant 3rd party to draw the maps. NCGA has proved time and again they are more interested in protecting incumbents than representing the will of the people in our great state!
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 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 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 09:26 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 09:33 AM	Mr Douglas Mokaren	Doug1503@gmail.com		It's time to stop the cheating and authoritarian politics in NC. Create fair and impartial districts for the people of NC. End the partisan gerrymandering and repressive voter ID laws created by the Republicans against the poor and minorities of NC.
09/16/2019 09:36 AM	Ms. Fran Golden	frangolden@gmail.com		We would like to see: 1. Engage in a truly bipartisan process. 2. Dr. Chen's maps were not drawn in a public process and not for this purpose. 3. The maps that the Senate Committee drew from included (outdated) incumbency data, which by definition will favor Republicans. 4. Establish a NC Citizens Redistricting Commission, SB 673. Thank you.
09/16/2019 09:36 AM	Ms Susan Lindsay	susan.b.lindsay@gmail.com	County to County	So far, the redistricting process has not been "conducted . . . in full public 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. For the majority party is moving district lines to protect incumbents and place their competitors and and potential competitors at a disadvantage. NC needs a 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!

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09/16/2019 09:37 AM	James Noel	james.d.noel@gmail.com		<p>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 voting 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.</p>
09/16/2019 09:37 AM	Jonathan Rollman			<p>The state legislature has the duty and obligation to create non-partisan legislative districts. No party (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. The power grab has gone on for far too long and needs to stop.</p>
09/16/2019 09:38 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 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 or 12 days after telling the Democratic House members that there would be no override. 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 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 districts. Republicans have stated they will use the maps drawn by statisticians.

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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 with almost no advance notice and redistricting maps were not available in a timely manner so citizens could not submit meaningful comments either in person or online.</p> <p>We also have several concerns about the use of partisan data: The Court forbade the use of political data to redraw maps, yet the GOP's team had access to the partisan statistics accompanying proposed base maps and emailed them to lawmakers. Furthermore, the court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage. Republicans in both chambers made amendments to maps to protect incumbents, despite</p>

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09/16/2019 09:43 AM	Dr. Shaylar Padgett	shaylar.padgett@gmail.com		<p>Democrats' objections that they were not "reasonable."</p> <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 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 or 12 days after telling the Democratic House members that there would be no override. 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 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 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, and hence clearly goes against the idea that no partisan information was to be used. Therefore, using them as a starting point to redraw maps is another direct violation by Republicans of the court's order. The use of non partisan data and public input in the map-drawing process is a violation. 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. Given the past track record of the Republican leadership, the motive for the move casts even more doubt upon an already tainted process. <p>I believe that the map drawing process must be taken completely out of the</p>

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09/16/2019 09:44 AM	Mr. Garland Kanady	gkanady@verizon.net	Citizen	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.
09/16/2019 09:50 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 Senate is not following the court ordered mandate 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". <p>The court emphasized that incumbency should only be used with caution, not as not to protect extreme partisan advantage. Thank you for considering my comments.</p>
09/16/2019 09:51 AM	Brian Layh	layhman@gmail.com	Concerned NC citizen	<p>The NCGOP has consistently demonstrated, for too many years and election cycles, that they are incapable of producing fair, constitutional maps that are not biased toward race and partisanship, as evidenced by repeated court rulings. This has significantly eroded citizen and voter trust and confidence in our elections and government. Having an impartial "Special Master" or some other non-partisan body create the new maps is long overdue and urgently needed. Nominating conservative Republican activist Art Pope to oversee the process is yet another example of the NCGOP inserting extreme partisanship into this process and is unacceptable. Please implement a politically neutral non-partisan body to create fair maps as soon as possible so that we can begin to repair the significant damage that has been intentionally inflicted on democracy in our great state of NC. Thank you for the opportunity to comment as a concerned NC citizen of 36 years.</p>
09/16/2019 09:51 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).

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09/16/2019 09:52 AM	Mrs. Marilyn Zuckerman	marilynzuckerman15@gmail.com	neighborsoncall.org	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 play by the party that is in a majority (by virtue of very skewed voting precincts) and I would like to see totally non-partisan districts drawn so that everyone can have a fair chance of having their vote count.
09/16/2019 09:52 AM	Miss Nicole Tatum	nicoletatum@hotmail.com		With the new redistricting ruling I am concerned that we in the Senate 22 district will be at risk of losing our voices. We as the rural population will not receive representation unless we use I-85 as the dividing line. Everything south of 85 represents South and everything North I/85 represents true North Durham rural to Person and Granville Counties. Please take this in to consideration when drawing the new maps.
09/16/2019 09:53 AM	Dr. Rosalie Dominik	rdominikjr@gmail.com	retired biostatistician	<p>As a UNC-educated statistician and NC citizen, I am very disappointed to find that an inappropriate process has been used to draw new maps over the 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 09:57 AM	Select One Anne Gordon	gordon.anne@gmail.com		I want to write to support fair map, like what the panel of judges at Duke's Sanford School drew up: https://sanford.duke.edu/articles/nonpartisan-redistricting-panel-reveals-unofficial-nc-congressional-voting-map Partisan gerrymandering is not ok!
09/16/2019 09:57 AM	Britany Eiseler	eiselerb@yahoo.com		<p>The Court has allowed the party that implemented the illegal gerrymander 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 not 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>

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09/16/2019 09:57 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 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 09:59 AM	Mrs. Julie Albert	juliewalbert@gmail.com		<p>I have concerns about "public view" and transparency in the redistricting project for the NC Senate. 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>
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				<p>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 not 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, not to protect extreme partisan advantage. Again, we need support here in the case of Republican treachery.</p> <p>At this point, we can only assume they will lie, cheat and steal their way around the law to have to prevent that at all costs. PROTECT DEMOCRACY!!</p>
09/16/2019 10:00 AM	Mr Lance Ashdown	lashdown@yahoo.com		<p>Hello. What strikes me about this map is that Asheville continues to be carved out in district 49. Instead of making district 49 the entire county, all the Democrats in the county are packed into their own district. This is a blatant partisan, gerrymandered ploy: precisely what the court struck down. District 49 should include the whole of Buncombe. I also see inexplicably strange shapes in 24, 26, 27, 28; 36 and 38; 11 and 12; 8; 16 and 20; and others.</p> <p>Apparently, what happened is that the GOP argued that since Chen's 1000 maps are generated for compactness, picking any one of them to use as a base entails that the map is the fairest map. That's not true. Imagine two people are playing a game of high card, each with his own desk. Person A picks one card and lays it down. Person B picks ten cards, finds the highest one, and lays it down. When challenged, person B says "Hey, the cards were randomly chosen." This is an obvious attempt to cheat.</p> <p>I want one and only one thing: true, nonpartisan fairness. Nobody, and I mean nobody, trust the legislature to draw fair maps. Let the court do it.</p>

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09/16/2019 10:01 AM	Mrs Mary Kanady	Mkanady@verizon.net	Citizen	Current rural county districts include too much urban area. The interests of citizens in rural areas are different than those of citizens in urban areas. Rural areas need representation that reflects the views and needs of their respective citizens
09/16/2019 10:02 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 10:06 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. 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	Ms Roberta Lane	robin7.lane@gmail.com		<p>Dear Senate: Although complicated, the redistricting process is so vital to 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 when so that they can follow the proceedings and provide timely input. 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>Thank you, Robierta (Robin) Lane</p>
09/16/2019 10:08 AM	Cheryl Howard	Cheryl.howard89@yahoo.com		The new district maps unnecessarily split counties in an attempt to sequence Democrats into district 18 and republicans into districts 19 and 20. The proposed districts combine people with little common interests across the Cape Fear River, splitting up and combining Brunswick and New Hanover counties. The maps need to be redrawn in a fair and nonpartisan manner neutral parties.

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09/16/2019 10:11 AM	ETSI Mary Sewell	mssewell2009@gmail.com		I am frustrated that these maps continue to slice and dice cities and neighborhoods. The new maps show total disregard for compact districts of the central tenants of the Judicial mandates.
09/16/2019 10:12 AM	Mrs. Anne Hunter Eidson	annehuntereidson@gmail.com		I implore you to use an independent, non-partisan expert to redraw districts more gerrymandering by EITHER party.
09/16/2019 10:13 AM	Ms Dana Acciavatti	dacciavatti@intra.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 10:17 AM	James Howdeshell	jamiehowdeshell@gmail.com		Time and time again, the NC GOP has shown little more than contempt for democratic norms and basic fairness. Please stop them from ignoring the needs of the people and make the districting process nonpartisan.
09/16/2019 10:18 AM	Landon Hardiman			With the new redistricting ruling I am concerned that we in the Senate 22 district will be at risk of losing our voices. We as the rural population will not receive representation unless we use I-85 as the dividing line. Everything south of 85 represents South and everything North of 85 represents true North Durham rural to Person and Granville Counties. Please take this in to consideration when drawing the new maps.
09/16/2019 10:20 AM	Dr Sherene Min	sherenemin@gmail.com		My primary concern was the lack of transparency and short comment period for the public. Also, partisan data was made available to GOP lawmakers. The only way that this will work fairly is to appoint a non-partisan committee to make the maps.
09/16/2019 10:26 AM	Ms Diane Parrish	dianesplace1@icloud.com		With the new redistricting ruling I am concerned that we in the Senate 22 district will be at risk of losing our voices. We as the rural population will not receive representation unless we use I-85 as the dividing line. Everything south of 85 represents South and everything North of 85 represents true North Durham rural to Person and Granville Counties. Please take this in to consideration when drawing the new maps.
09/16/2019 10:26 AM	NORMA CARLSON	2007helene@gmail.com	Voter	<p>https://www.ncleg.gov/RequestForComments/29</p> <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 public comment. How in earth are constituents supposed to be able to access necessary information to 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 to protect incumbents of either party. The court emphasized that incumbents should only be used with caution, so as not to protect extreme partisan advantage.</p>

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09/16/2019 10:28 AM	Ms. Crystal Smith	crystal-smith@yahoo.com		I strongly urge you to make this process available to your constituents, and more closely follow court orders. YOUR VOTERS ARE PAYING ATTENTION. I don't care which party it is, I want them drawn fairly. I want a non-partisan commission to draw them fairly. I'm sick of all the underhanded tactics.
09/16/2019 10:29 AM	Pam Bloom	bloom-pame@gmail.com		The referee needs to scrutinize the House plans and the Senate plans. By the Republicans showed us last week that they don't mind being unethical as long as they can claim they basically followed the rules. The House started the process with unethical emails containing partisan data. Why should the citizenry trust these Republican legislators.? I want to see independent mapmakers and see new districts in place for 2020 primaries and elections. I fear that it's a scare tactic to say we have to choose this week from legislative drawn maps or not have fair maps in 2020.
09/16/2019 10:30 AM	Elizabeth Button	liz.button@gmail.com		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.
09/16/2019 10:34 AM	Pamela Hardiman			<p>A-t-t-e-n-t-i-o-n</p> <p>The legislature is meeting tonight to decide on the Senate 22 District seat. Can you all go to their website I and forwarding here to give the following opinion in an email soliciting suggestions. It has to be done by 12:00 PM tomorrow.</p> <p>Send the following statement</p> <p>With the new redistricting ruling I am concerned that we in the Senate 22 district will be at risk of losing our voices. We as the rural population will not receive representation unless we use I-85 as the dividing line. Everything south of 85 represents South and everything North of 85 represents true North Durham rural to Person and Granville Counties. Please take this in to consideration when drawing the new A-t-t-e-n-t-i-o-n</p> <p>The legislature is meeting tonight to decide on the Senate 22 District seat. Can you all go to their website I and forwarding here to give the following opinion in an email soliciting suggestions. It has to be done by 12:00 PM tomorrow.</p> <p>Send the following statement</p>

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09/16/2019 10:34 AM	Ms. Judith Droitcour	jdroit@ec.rr.com		<p>Please assure more transparency in the final phase of the redistricting process! It is important not to split coastal Brunswick County! I live in Cape Fear Beach and I have many, many close friends--neighbors!--in Southport. This is a natural community! Why is it being split in two? Seems like gerrymandering over again. Please do the right thing!!</p>
09/16/2019 10:34 AM	Cheryl Means	cherylmeans@yahoo.com		<p>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? Using data, can the committee show 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? If so, has that data been posted for review? If not, who will perform the analysis and when?</p>
09/16/2019 10:36 AM	Nc Senate district 22 voter Tim Grossfeld	timj@centurylink.net	Voter	<p>With the new redistricting ruling I am concerned that we in the Senate 22 district will be at risk of losing our voices. We as the rural population will not receive representation unless we use I-85 as the dividing line. Everything south of 85 represents South and everything North I/85 represents true North Durham rural to Person and Granville Counties. Please take this in to consideration when drawing the new maps.</p>
09/16/2019 10:36 AM	District 22 Senate lines Rickey Padgett	rpadgett@sheriffpolice.com	NC senate District 22 Voter	<p>With the new redistricting ruling I am concerned that we in the Senate 22 district will be at risk of losing our voices. We as the rural population will not receive representation unless we use I-85 as the dividing line. Everything south of 85 represents South and everything North I/85 represents true North Durham rural to Person and Granville Counties. Please take this in to consideration when drawing the new maps.</p>
09/16/2019 10:39 AM	Connie Whitson	connie@leatherwoodmountains.com		<p>MORE TRANSPARENCY for REDISTRICTING. Conduct the States business openly and with the full Senate! Please Stop being deceitful and using tricks to get things done. North Carolina is continuing its reputation for this type of boondoggling and I am embarrassed for my legislature! Please start doing the right thing. The end does not justify the means !! Connie Whitson, Wilkes County.</p>
09/16/2019 10:39 AM	1955 Stuart Ginsberg	happydad1955@gmail.com		<p>Does the Republican-controlled legislature only support democracy when it 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</p>

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09/16/2019 10:40 AM	Michelle Licklitter	Shellsix2229@gmail.com		<p>With the new redistricting ruling I am concerned that we in the Senate 22 district will be at risk of losing our voices. We as the rural population will not receive representation unless we use I-85 as the dividing line. Everything south of 85 represents South and everything North I/85 represents true North Durham rural to Person and Granville Counties. Please take this in to consideration when drawing the new maps.</p>
09/16/2019 10:42 AM	Amy McKeown	Swim1amy@gmail.com		<p>I writing out of concern for free and fair elections in NC. This had been litigated to death and made it all the way to the Supreme Court with nearly every court declaring the districts to be partisan and to be redrawn. ENOUGH! Redraw our districts with fair representation to ALL - anything less is disrespectful to our system of justice and makes a mockery of our elections.</p>
09/16/2019 10:45 AM	Robert Schall	roberto.schall@gmail.com		<p>My comments are concerning both NC House and Senate Redistricting (I have no place to comment separately on House redistricting). Racial and political gerrymandering is one of the biggest threats we are facing in losing our democratic form of government. By permitting one political party to consolidate power, it enables that party to undermine the representative function of government in the legislature and also reduce the power of the other branches of government. For almost a decade, our legislature has been chosen under undemocratic and often unconstitutional means, disempowering about half of the state's citizens and passing laws that do not represent most North Carolinians.</p> <p>The partisan legislature has repeatedly lied and misinformed the courts in its attempts to maintain their hold on the legislature. For this reason, I urge the current legislature and the courts to take every possible action to remove the taint of partisan gerrymandering when drawing these maps. The public will not trust the process and will lose faith in our democratic institutions unless it is perfectly clear that the districts are chosen without partisan bias.</p> <p>The current House map appears not to meet the directions established by the recent court ruling. It is based on a base map that is biased towards Republican favoritism and clearly would result in more Republican House seats in a state in which about half the voters vote Democratic. In addition, it appears that this map might violate laws protecting against racial discriminating in elections. The fact that the map passed the House strictly along party lines is a clear sign that this map is no compromise and does</p>

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				<p>meet the test set out by the court.</p> <p>It is long past time to end this process of the legislature ignoring court directives. They have had more than enough time to provide district maps that fairly represent our states's citizenry. I urge the courts to take over the process to guarantee that we do not have to continue to be governed by an legislature that was elected undemocratically.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment, Robert Schall roberto.schall@gmail.com</p>
09/16/2019 10:49 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 10:50 AM	ms susan grayiel	shg844@yahoo.com	n/a	Why is it that a bipartisan entity is not charged with drawing the maps. A bipartisan group that has no "dog in the fight". ? I understand that the governing parties tend to favor themselves, but why wouldn't it be fair and equitable to charge an entity with fair and equitable redistricting, a group that has nothing to gain by the outcome. Call me crazy, but why?
09/16/2019 10:51 AM	Mrs. Emily Kranz	emilykranz@hotmail.com	Private Citizen of NC	This is supposed to be a PUBLIC process - giving one hour to review the maps to the public does not qualify. Follow the rules set forth by the court, start from scratch (not with the maps created by Jowei Chen), and allow a true period of public commentary. STOP THE BACKROOM DEALINGS.
09/16/2019 10:52 AM	WALLACE SOUTHER	WSOUTHER@FRANKLINSERVICES.TAX	INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT	<p>Please end the political and racial gerrymandering of our districts, so that everyone's voice can be heard.</p> <p>The current maps stifle the voice of so many, and I/ we feel unrepresented.</p> <p>The GOP criminals who continue to cheat their ways into office SHOULD BE STOPPED!!!! NO MORE GOP NON-REPRESENTATION!!!!!! The Senate and Congressional criminals REPRESENTING(?!?!? NOT REPRESENTING!!!!) my district are useless, greedy, immoral, corporate, NRA controlled, Trump @ kissing FOOLS. NO MORE OF THEM PLEASE!!!!</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Wallace Souther Asheville, NC</p>
09/16/2019 10:53 AM	DR Michael Dillon	mnmdillon@gmail.com	Citizen	KEEP Politics out of redistricting. STOP TOXIC POLITICS IN N.C.
09/16/2019	Ms. Cheryl	crtung@gmail.com		I am deeply disappointed at the level of transparency in the redistricting

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10:54 AM	Tung			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 conversations 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 its 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 10:55 AM	Vickie Atkinson	vatkinson@frontier.com	concerned citizen	After 10 years, we need fair, nonpartisan maps - finally. There was not enough opportunity for public input. And 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. Finally, DO THIS RIGHT.
09/16/2019 10:56 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. Furthermore, Chen's 1000 simulated maps were not drawn for this purpose. 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. We hope the Court will ask its appointed impartial referee, Nathaniel Persily, to ensure that these county groupings are fairly drawn.
09/16/2019 10:58 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 Senate 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 can make public comments.
09/16/2019 10:59 AM	Kelly Suttles	Kmsuttles@gmail.com		The citizens of NC demand and deserve truly fair and completely non-partisan voting maps and districts at all levels. It seems that some lawmakers are afraid of a fair fight and seem to think they can't win on honest debate on

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09/16/2019 11:01 AM	Ms Barbara Pequet	bkpequet@verizon.net		<p>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 Senate members made amendments to the maps to protect Republican incumbents. This rolling over and abrogation of our rights and privileges must stop.</p>
09/16/2019 11:01 AM	Mrs Eva Jones	Georene@me.com	I am a Private Citizen	<p>As a voter, I desire maps to be drawn which are designed by an independent 3rd party "master" using party-neutral, race/ethnic-neutral, and socioeconomic-neutral population demographics. Any base information connected in any way with prior attempts at districting by ANY NC Legislative body must be invalidated and deemed unsuitable for use in current attempts to draw voting district boundaries.</p>
09/16/2019 11:03 AM	Michelle Elliott	Southernshelle@icloud.com		<p>With the new redistricting ruling I am concerned that we in the Senate 22 district will be at risk of losing our voices. We as the rural population will not receive representation unless we use I-85 as the dividing line. Everything south of 85 represents South and everything North I/85 represents true North Durham rural to Person and Granville Counties. Please take this in to consideration when drawing the new maps.</p>
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"> <li data-bbox="1243 1295 2100 1369">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. <li data-bbox="1243 1385 2100 1466">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). <li data-bbox="1243 1482 2100 1508">3. Maps need to be accessible, well defined, justified and reported publicly.

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				<p>each time a change is proposed. Each 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. Nancy Carter Former Chair of Redistricting Committee for the Charlotte City Council</p>
09/16/2019 11:06 AM	Ms AnnMarie Clark	clarkamc5@aol.com		<p>Despite the Court's direction that this be an open and transparent process we 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 every vote to be fairly counted.</p>
09/16/2019 11:08 AM	Dr Joe Blosser	Jdblosser@gmail.com		<p>The redistricting process was not fully public, as required by the court. I want a truly non-partisan map. That is not what is being presented here.</p>
09/16/2019 11:15 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 11:15 AM	April Sherrill	Aprilsherrill@bellsouth.net		<p>Make it fair! Both sides do this and it is an assault to our democracy!</p>
09/16/2019 11:16 AM	Patricia Rieser	prieser@me.com		<p>At minimum, the Legislature should maintain the portal for public comments 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. 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 regular 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.

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09/16/2019 11:17 AM	Mrs Martha Padgett	mhw6264@gmail.com		<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>With the new redistricting ruling I am concerned that we in the Senate 22 district will be at risk of losing our voices. We as the RURAL POPULATION do not receive representation unless we use I-85 as the dividing line. Everything south of I-85 represents South and everything North I-85 represents true North Durham RURAL Durham to Person and Granville Counties. Please take this into consideration when drawing the new maps. We are not in the city and our needs and concerns are very different than that of city representation. Please consider the Rural citizens. Again I state, Everything south of I-85 represents South and everything North I-85 represents true North Durham RURAL Durham to Person and Granville Counties.</p>
09/16/2019 11:19 AM	Mr John van Arnold	vanarnold@mindspring.com		<p>One of the most important actions of the legislature is to ensure that 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 are to do with gaining political advantage rather than representing the citizens' needs. The advent of digital information with respect to the party affiliation and 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 into the idea that residential location will have common needs, such as access to clean water, safe transportation, good schools, adequate healthcare for which the state should 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 not submit meaningful comments either in person or online 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</p>

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				<p>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, as not to protect extreme partisan advantage</p> <p>Going forward the best way for this to occur is to have a nonpartisan commission set up to draw our legislative districts and congressional districts</p>
09/16/2019 11:23 AM	Ms. Meredith Dillon	merzny@gmail.com	unaffiliated	<p>I have serious concerns about public view and transparency. The Court ordered 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 the House and Senate were NOT drawn in public view, as required by court orders. They were drawn in advance by expert witness for the trial.</p> <p>A public comment session was held on Friday with almost no advance notice.</p>
09/16/2019 11:24 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 spoken public comments was nearly nonexistent. NC needs truly independent redistricting.</p>
09/16/2019 11:26 AM	Terry Landers	terrylanders@gmail.com		<p>I am providing these comments as a Concerned NC Citizen who VOTES! I appreciate that the redistricting work currently being done is with more visibility than in the past ... BUT ... MORE INFORMATION must be available 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 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 11:27 AM	2019 redistricting MARY KANADY	MKANADY@VERIZON.NET	Concerned citizen	<p>Please realize that there are urban areas in the rural areas and each has its own needs. To lump them all together is not fair to either of them.</p>
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09/16/2019 11:30 AM	Ginger Nelles	showbraidingmom@yahoo.com		I love both of my elected representatives - Darren Jackson and Dan Blue. However, instead of my vote actually meaning something when I cast it, the General Assembly has made my decision for me by packing me into a district specifically designed for the purpose of electing a Democrat to the House or Senate. I want my vote to be my vote to use wisely - not for the General Assembly to decide for me the outcome of my vote in advance of the election.
09/16/2019 11:31 AM	David Brown	NCSenate@drtechnical.com		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 Senate. 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 Senate districts which are free from partisan influence.
09/16/2019 11:32 AM	Gail Cormier	Gcormier@triad.rr.com		<p>The Court has allowed the party that implemented the illegal gerrymander 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 obvious 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</p>

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				<p>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 11 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 the ordered procedure. The process of redistricting by this committee has been usurped by a group bent on self preservation and selecting voters to elevate their power. We need to have voters selecting their representation, not the other way around.</p>
09/16/2019 11:32 AM	Christopher Mansfield	mansfieldchris24@gmail.com	Speaking for self as a citizen	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important issue. It is crucial 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 Senate's 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 Senate 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 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 Map without being able to see before and after maps for each Senate district at a scale that shows municipal and VTD 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 Senate map, 25 municipalities were split but in the 1,000 Chen maps, only about 8 to 12 were, with the average 9 to 10 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 34). How many and which municipalities are split in the new Senate map? Were any splits made by deliberate action of the committee? Why?</p> <p>B. How many VTD splits are in the Remedial Senate map? The 2017 Senate map split 5 VTDs but the Chen maps have 0 to 3 (Plaintiff's Exhibit 35). How many, where and why are there VTD splits in the new Senate map?</p>

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09/16/2019 11:33 AM	Pro Lloyd Chambless	wchamble@gmail.com	Retired	<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 11:38 AM	Prof. Stephen Jaffe	sjaffe994@gmail.com	[Professor at Duke University, Music; this communication reflects only my personal views, not those of Duke].	<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, 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 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 "the Princeton Gerrymandering Project has reported algorithmic biases in</p>

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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."

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.

Thank you for hearing my views.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Jaffe

09/16/2019 11:39 AM Dr. Andrew Palay
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While I appreciate that the senate 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 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 not 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.