

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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The Honorable Phil Berger  
President Pro Tempore  
North Carolina Senate  
16 West Jones Street, Room 2007  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

The Honorable Tim Moore  
Speaker  
North Carolina House of Representatives  
16 West Jones Street, Room 2304  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear President Berger and Speaker Moore:

We write to request your support of an independent redistricting commission for North Carolina. We also urge you to refrain from any attempt to reinstate discriminatory voter ID laws or draw legislative districts that could again be found impermissible by the courts.

North Carolina is one of the most gerrymandered states in the country. While Democrats won 46 percent of the popular vote in the 2016 presidential election and secured a plurality in the 2016 gubernatorial race, Democrats represent only three of North Carolina's 13 congressional districts, and Republicans hold supermajorities in both chambers of the General Assembly.

Recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings demonstrate that the North Carolina General Assembly is unable to draw electoral maps that are fair and constitutional. Additionally, the Supreme Court recently decided not to hear North Carolina's appeal of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling that struck down challenged provisions of North Carolina's voter ID law enacted in 2013 because of their discriminatory intent. The Fourth Circuit said these provisions "target African Americans with almost surgical precision."

Any further attempts to suppress the votes of North Carolinians through discriminatory gerrymandering or voter ID laws is a waste of tax dollars and runs counter to our deeply-held commitment to voting rights and equal protection under the law. We request that you not attempt to reinstate an amended voter ID law and instead work in a bipartisan fashion to increase voter access and participation in North Carolina. Further, the General Assembly should form an independent redistricting commission to produce congressional and legislative districts that better represent all North Carolinians and withstand constitutional scrutiny.

We believe these common-sense actions will reduce the threat of costly litigation, restore public trust in North Carolina's electoral system, and protect the constitutional right to vote for all our state's citizens, and we stand ready to work with you toward those ends.

Sincerely,



ALMA S. ADAMS  
Member of Congress



G.K. BUTTERFIELD  
Member of Congress



DAVID PRICE  
Member of Congress