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The Democracy Project

Working for fair and legal redistricting maps in North Carolina

Dear Friend,

The Federal Courts have done what our hyper-partisan North Carolina Supreme Court would not do – interpret the Voting Rights Act and the United States Constitution in a way consistent with their meaning!

Earlier this month, a 3-judge Federal Court panel ruled that North Carolina's congressional districts were unconstitutionally drawn by the Republicans in the General Assembly. The Court found that the GOP illegally used race as the predominant factor in drawing the districts that packed minority voters into three of the thirteen districts.

Just as importantly, another 3-judge Federal Court will hear arguments beginning April 11th on the constitutionality of our state legislative districts. The facts in this case are exactly the same and we are confident that those districts will be ruled unconstitutional, as well.

Click here to help us win this fight and get sanity and fairness back into our redistricting process.

There is no question that we have the law on our side and have the evidence to show that these illegally drawn maps are not in the best interest of the people of North Carolina.

In fact, in the congressional district case, the 3-judge panel noted:

“There is strong, perhaps overwhelming direct evidence in this case that the general assembly prioritized a mechanical racial target above all other districting criteria...”

We need your help now to have the resources to be heard in court! Our fight requires retaining the best legal counsel and expert witnesses to show how the Republican maps do not comply with the law.

These illegal maps cannot stand. North Carolina has a history of making all the “best of” lists. Best place to live...best place to learn...best place for businesses to thrive. The progress that has been made in North Carolina...in public education...in our community colleges and universities...in building a state that leads rather than follows...has been put at risk.

As on so many issues, the GOP has simply over-reached – and they've broken both state and federal law. Tell the GOP that the Constitution and law still matter here in North Carolina.

Simply put, we need your help. Carrying this fight to the courts is an expensive proposition, but critical for the future of our state. Please give whatever you can today. We can win this battle for the people of North Carolina with your help.

Thank you in advance for your help.



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Senate Democratic Leader



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