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JUDGE ERICKSON: We'll go on the record in a case entitled Charles Walen, et al. Versus Doug Burgum, et al. It's File No. 1:22-cv-31. The record should reflect that -- well, all counsel are here. And why don't we go ahead and do this: Why don't we have counsel for the plaintiffs go ahead and identify themselves for the record.

MR. SANDERSON: Good morning, Your Honor. My name is Paul Sanderson. I represent the plaintiffs, Charles Walen and Paul Henderson. At counsel table with me is Attorney Ryan Joyce and Attorney Robert Harms.

JUDGE ERICKSON: All right. And for the defendants Burgum and Jaeger, Mr. Wrigley, do you wish to speak first?

MR. WRIGLEY: Speak first?

JUDGE ERICKSON: Well, no, I mean, I just want to -- you are the Attorney General. Excuse me, I'm sorry. You are the Attorney General. I thought I'd ask you first.

MR. WRIGLEY: I keep forgetting to -- nice to see you this morning.

JUDGE ERICKSON: All right. And do you want

1 to identify other counsel appearing on behalf of the
2 State employees, State defendants?

3 MR. PHILLIPS: David Phillips, Your Honor,
4 Special Assistant Attorney General. The Solicitor
5 General Matt Sagsveen is also present and the Deputy
6 Secretary of State Jim Silrum is present today.

7 JUDGE ERICKSON: All right. And then we
8 have -- who's appearing by video? I'm sorry.

9 MR. GABER: Mark Gaber for the intervenors,
10 Your Honor.

11 JUDGE ERICKSON: All right. Okay. And who
12 else -- is anyone else appearing on behalf of the
13 intervenors? Oh, I'm sorry, there you are. I kept
14 looking around saying I can't see where everybody is.

15 MR. CARTER: Good morning, Your Honor.
16 Michael Carter on behalf of the intervenors along with
17 Samantha Kelty and Emily deLisle assisting.

18 THE COURT: Thank you. All right. I am a
19 United States Circuit judge and so obviously this whole
20 presiding over a real proceeding is a little complicated
21 for me. But now that we've got the hard part done and
22 that is have all of the attorneys identified for the
23 record, I think I'll lay out just kind of in general
24 order the way that I see the proceedings.

25 I believe that the parties do have some

1 additional evidence or cross-examinations that they wish
2 to present and so we'll take up all evidence from any
3 party who wishes to present evidence at this hearing
4 first. Following that we'll likely take a short recess
5 and then come back and take argument on the legal
6 matters. I presume that we'll not -- that we will not
7 be in a position to rule from the bench so we'll
8 probably take it under advisement and look to get
9 something out in writing shortly thereafter.

10 The issue before the Court obviously is
11 we're here on the motion for a preliminary injunction
12 and the factors that we need to consider both the
13 substantive law relating to the Voting Rights Act and to
14 the issuance of preliminary injunctions is well-known
15 and so I won't summarize the law for you because I'm
16 pretty confident that you've got that piece of it down
17 so far.

18 All right. I say "so far" because we all
19 know that Courts have a tendency to, you know, get to a
20 place that is somewhat unexpected and so we'll see where
21 we go from there. All right. So at this point it's the
22 movants' case to present any additional evidence that
23 they wish.

24 A couple of general rules. I would like
25 whoever is going to examine the witness to examine from

1 the podium or the lectern so that they're closer to the
2 witness and so that the line of sight for the court
3 reporter is straight and because we have people sitting
4 over here on the left it just will be a problematic
5 otherwise, okay?

6 And so I don't know who's going to speak
7 first for the movants but they may call their first
8 witness.

9 MR. SANDERSON: Thank you, Your Honor. The
10 movants would call Representative Terry Jones.

11 JUDGE ERICKSON: Representative Jones, if
12 you would please come forward, stand before the clerk,
13 raise your right hand and take the oath.

14 (Witness sworn.)

15 THE COURT: Representative Jones, the
16 microphone in front of you is directional so it would be
17 helpful if you talk directly into it. It'll pick you up
18 a little bit better.

19 Thank you. You may proceed.

20 MR. SANDERSON: Thank you, Judge.

21 **TERRY B. JONES,**

22 HAVING BEEN FIRST DULY SWORN TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE
23 WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, RELATIVE TO
24 SAID CAUSE, TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

24 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

25 **BY MR. SANDERSON:**

1 Q. Good morning, Representative Jones. Could you
2 please state your full name and address for the record.

3 A. Terry Burton Jones, 413 Eagle Drive in New Town,
4 North Dakota, 58763.

5 Q. And, Representative Jones, are you currently one
6 of the elected North Dakota House of Representatives
7 from District 4?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. What year were you first elected to the
10 Legislative Assembly?

11 A. 2016.

12 Q. And could you just briefly explain the areas --
13 the geographical areas that District 4 covers.

14 A. It's a huge district. It goes all the way from
15 Kenmare up against the Canadian border down to Halliday
16 and Dunn Center. It reached clear over just underneath
17 Minot. They've changed it here just recently and
18 shrunked it a little bit but it's a huge district,
19 covers a lot of country.

20 Q. And does District 4 also include the Fort
21 Berthold Indian Reservation?

22 A. It does.

23 Q. When was your most recent election in District 4?

24 A. We just were reelected in 2020.

25 Q. How long a term were you elected for in 2020?

1 A. I was elected for a four-year term.

2 Q. And currently are you up for election in 2022?

3 A. Yes. Because of the subdistricts, we had to run
4 again this year.

5 Q. Now, Representative Jones, I want to ask you a
6 few questions. You're aware that the Redistricting
7 Committee of the legislature met in 2021?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Were you a member of the Redistricting Committee?

10 A. No, I was not.

11 Q. Did you attend Redistricting Committee meetings?

12 A. I did.

13 Q. How many Redistricting Committee meetings did you
14 attend?

15 A. I believe I attended either two or three towards
16 the end of the redistricting work.

17 Q. Why would you as a representative of District 4
18 attend the Redistricting Committee meetings in 2021?

19 A. There was information coming to me from members
20 on the Redistricting Committee that they were
21 considering subdistricts in Districts 4 and District 9.
22 At first I wasn't too concerned about it but towards the
23 end the members on the committee were telling me that it
24 was getting very serious. It looked like it was going
25 to move forward.

1 Q. Did you testify before the Redistricting
2 Committee?

3 A. I did.

4 Q. And what was the purpose of your testimony before
5 the Redistricting Committee?

6 A. I'm a representative from District 4 and I
7 represent members, the district members. And the
8 information I was getting as I was studying was that
9 what was happening was not appropriate, was
10 unconstitutional. So in order to both uphold my oath to
11 support the Constitution of North Dakota and my job to
12 represent and serve the District 4 people, I attended
13 those meetings to try to make sure that we didn't do
14 something that was wrong.

15 Q. In addition to attending meetings, did you
16 discuss with members of the Redistricting Committee your
17 concerns about the redistricting process and
18 subdistricts in Districts 4 and 9?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. Based on your attendance in the meeting and your
21 testimony at the Redistricting Committee hearings, do
22 you have an understanding of why the Redistricting
23 Committee recommended subdistricts in Districts 4 and 9?

24 A. I do.

25 Q. And based on your observations, why did the

1 Redistricting Committee recommend subdistricts in their
2 maps for Districts 4 and 9?

3 A. Redistricting is a complex thing and there's been
4 some history with this particular issue here in
5 District 4. Previous redistricting attempts ended up
6 causing a lawsuit to occur and that lawsuit when it was
7 tried it was discovered that the first prong of the
8 Gingles case criteria had not been met. And so the
9 judge in that case said because the first prong hasn't
10 been met he dismissed it.

11 Somehow the members of the committee that
12 had been involved with that got the interpretation that
13 if the numbers were ever met that it was inevitable that
14 you would have to have a subdistrict. Somehow in my
15 discussions with them and in the stuff that I was
16 watching them discuss they missed the point that you had
17 to meet all three of those things, and so I was
18 desperately trying to explain to them that there's more
19 than just one criteria that had to have been met. And
20 so that's what was my main focus for attending the
21 meetings and visiting them with.

22 Q. And, Representative Jones, you indicated that
23 there was a prior lawsuit the State of North Dakota was
24 involved in. Was it your understanding that prior
25 lawsuit involved the Voting Rights Act claim?

1 A. Yes, it was.

2 Q. And based on your observations and attendance at
3 the subdistricting committee -- or the districting --
4 Redistricting Committee meetings, was race a predominant
5 factor the committee determined in creating the
6 subdistricts in Districts 4 and 9?

7 MR. PHILLIPS: Objection. Calls for a legal
8 conclusion.

9 JUDGE ERICKSON: It does call for a legal
10 conclusion in part. However, I think his understanding
11 of what the process was as a member of the legislature
12 is relevant, and I'll hear it for what it's worth. I
13 mean, this is a bench proceeding. We understand that
14 ultimately we'll be the people drawing that legal
15 conclusion.

16 You may answer.

17 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

18 A. It was my understanding that their concern was
19 based almost entirely on race of the group inside the
20 boundaries.

21 Q. (Mr. Sanderson continuing) Now one of the things
22 you testified a moment ago to, Representative Jones, was
23 the Gingles factor and you're referring to U. S. Supreme
24 Court case Thornburg v. Gingles; is that correct?

25 A. That is correct.

1 Q. Okay. Based on your observations and attendance
2 at the Redistricting Committee meetings, did the
3 Redistricting Committee ever retain or consult an expert
4 regarding voting patterns in Districts 4 and 9 during
5 the redistricting process?

6 A. They did not.

7 Q. Based on your observations and attendance at the
8 redistricting hearings, did the Redistricting Committee
9 ever review any previous election results in Districts 4
10 or District 9?

11 A. To my knowledge they did not.

12 Q. Now again based on your observations and
13 attendance at the Redistricting Committee hearings, did
14 the Redistricting Committee do any studies analyzing
15 voting results in Districts 4 and 9?

16 A. They did not.

17 Q. And along those same lines based on your
18 observation and attendance at those meetings, was there
19 ever any discussion regarding precinct voting analysis
20 in District 4 or District 9?

21 A. There was no discussion that I'm aware of.

22 Q. Now you're aware that the Redistricting Committee
23 passed maps that included subdistricts for Districts 4
24 or 9 and sent that to the House floor, correct?

25 A. That is correct for recommendation -- or with a

1 recommendation.

2 Q. As a member of the North Dakota Legislative
3 Assembly and the House of Representatives, were you
4 present on the House floor on November 9, 2021 when the
5 Redistricting Committee's proposed maps containing
6 subdistricts in District 4 and District 9 were debated?

7 A. Yes, I was.

8 Q. During the floor debates was the topic of
9 subdistricts in Districts 4 and 9 addressed?

10 A. Yes, it was.

11 Q. When the topics of subdistricts in Districts 4
12 and 9 were addressed that day, did you speak on the
13 floor?

14 A. Yes, I did.

15 Q. At this point we'd like to show a video to
16 Representative Jones.

17 JUDGE ERICKSON: You may.

18 (Unidentified video played.)

19 JUDGE WELTE: Counsel, could you pause the
20 video?

21 Are you able to do anything about the
22 volume? I believe Lori has it maxed out here.

23 MR. SANDERSON: I don't know why our
24 computer's not going through the Court's system.

25 JUDGE WELTE: And I would not be a good

1 person to answer that either but thank you.

2 (Unidentified video played.)

3 Q. (Mr. Sanderson continuing) Representative Jones,
4 following your floor testimony on November 9, 2021, did
5 the House vote on the Redistricting Committee's proposed
6 redistricting maps which includes subdistricts in
7 Districts 4 and 9?

8 A. Yes, they did.

9 Q. And what was the result of the House floor vote?

10 A. We passed the redistricting bill with
11 subdistricts included.

12 Q. Now following the passage of that bill and it
13 being signed into law by Governor Burgum in this case,
14 what district are you currently located in?

15 A. District 4.

16 Q. And what subdistrict are you currently located
17 in?

18 A. I'm in district -- Subdistrict 4A.

19 Q. And does your Subdistrict 4A, is it -- does it
20 contain the entire boundary of the Fort Berthold
21 Reservation?

22 A. Yes, it does. The boundary is the boundary of
23 Subdistrict 4A.

24 Q. Okay. And when you say that, 4A is comprised
25 solely of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation?

1 A. That is correct.

2 Q. Okay. Now, Representative Jones, are you opposed
3 to the idea of subdistricts in North Dakota?

4 A. Absolutely not.

5 Q. If you felt the Gingles factors had been
6 demonstrated by the Redistricting Committee and the
7 evidence required, would you support the creation of
8 subdistricts in Districts 4 and 9?

9 A. Yes, I would.

10 MR. SANDERSON: I have no further questions
11 of this witness.

12 JUDGE ERICKSON: Thank you. Cross by the
13 State defendants?

14 MR. PHILLIPS: No questions, Your Honor.

15 JUDGE ERICKSON: Thank you. Cross by the
16 intervenors?

17 MS. KELTY: Yes, Your Honor.

18 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

19 **BY MS. KELTY:**

20 Q. Hi, how are you?

21 A. Fine, thank you.

22 Q. Representative Jones, I'm Samantha Kelty. I
23 represent the Defendant Intervenors MHA Nation, Lisa
24 DeVille and Cesareo Alvarez.

25 Representative, you did not sit on the

1 Redistricting Committee, did you?

2 A. I did not.

3 Q. And how would the new map of District 4 affect
4 you in your election?

5 A. It changes the representation for District 4
6 subdistricts divided into two groups, 4A and 4B, and the
7 concerning part for me is that it leaves those people
8 that are in District 4 with only one representative
9 where previously they had two representatives
10 representing them.

11 Q. Are you aware of the testimony submitted to the
12 committees describing past election results and the
13 presence of racial bloc voting?

14 A. Could you repeat the question?

15 Q. Sure. Are you aware of the testimony that was
16 submitted to the Redistricting Committee describing past
17 election results and the presence of racial bloc voting?

18 A. No, I'm not aware of it. I heard the discussion
19 in the committee meetings that I was in but I was not
20 aware of the testimony in its entirety.

21 Q. So you did hear some of the discussion, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Are you aware of North Dakota's recent voter ID
24 law that discriminates against Native American voters?

25 A. Could you explain how the new law discriminates

1 against Native American voters?

2 Q. Are you aware of the law that I'm referring to?

3 A. I'm not aware of any law that we've passed that
4 discriminates against Native American voters so I would
5 like you to explain how it discriminates so I can
6 understand which law you're referring to.

7 Q. Sure, Representative Jones. I'm just going to
8 ask you the questions here, okay?

9 Are you aware of the voter ID law,
10 Representative?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And did you vote for that?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Let's talk about the MHA Nation. In the House
15 you served on the Tribal and State Relations Committee,
16 didn't you?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Since 2021?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And part of that committee studies -- an
21 assignment was to study tribal/state issues, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And you're familiar with the MHA Nation?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. The Three Affiliated Tribes?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And the MHA Nation has a unique political status,
3 doesn't it?

4 A. I don't know what you mean "unique."

5 Q. Is the MHA Nation a sovereign entity?

6 A. MHA Nation is a sovereign entity, yes.

7 Q. And you're familiar with the MHA people?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. The MHA people have a distinct history, right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And MHA people have unique economic interests as
12 well, don't they?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Well, some of their economic interests arise from
15 the Nation's location on the Bakken Oil Formation,
16 correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And MHA people have their own languages; is that
19 right?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And they have a distinctive culture, correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. The MHA people are a distinct population, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And as a representative during the redistricting

1 process, you learned about redistricting?

2 A. I missed the question. What did you say?

3 Q. Did you learn about redistricting during the
4 redistricting process?

5 A. Yes, I did learn more about it.

6 Q. And one of those trainings was from the National
7 Conference of State Legislatures, correct?

8 A. I'm not even sure if I attended that. I'm not
9 sure which training you're referring to. There's a lot
10 of stuff going on. I assume it's during session and I
11 can't recall exactly any particular training from that
12 organization.

13 Q. I understand. I sometimes can't remember last
14 month.

15 So if we could, Your Honor, I'd like to pull
16 up a copy of the NCSL PowerPoint.

17 JUDGE ERICKSON: You may.

18 MS. KELTY: Thank you. And let the record
19 reflect I've previously provided a copy to the other
20 counsel and we're looking here, this is ECF doc 21-1 and
21 it's starting at page 50 of the ECF doc 21-1.

22 Q. (Ms. Kelty continuing) Representative, do you
23 recognize this?

24 A. It looks familiar, yes.

25 Q. Okay. What is this?

1 A. It's a presentation to the North Dakota
2 legislature on redistricting.

3 Q. By who?

4 A. NCSL.

5 Q. Were you shown this?

6 A. I believe so, yes.

7 Q. Okay. When?

8 A. Beginning of the session in the Brynhild Haugland
9 Room if I recall correctly.

10 Q. And it says there August 26, 2021; is that
11 correct?

12 A. Correct.

13 Q. Does that sound about when you were shown this?

14 A. No.

15 Q. So when were you shown it?

16 A. If I recall it was the beginning of the session,
17 which would have been closer in the December time.

18 Q. Okay, understood. And for what purpose were you
19 shown this?

20 A. To assist us as legislators in understanding the
21 redistricting process.

22 Q. Okay. Let's take a look at page 85 of the ECF,
23 85 of the PDF.

24 JUDGE ERICKSON: Before we do that I wonder
25 if we should not either stipulate that the exhibits that

1 have been filed and attached can be received and
2 considered by the Court or have an offer. And I think
3 we should have done the same thing with the video;
4 although the video I think we could have let in for
5 refreshing recollection. But it just seems to me that
6 if we're going to try and get this record so it's clean,
7 you know, if an appeal is taken we should know what
8 we're able to consider.

9 So let's start with the movants. First of
10 all, have you talked amongst yourselves about what you
11 would want in or not want in as evidence or should we
12 handle each exhibit just as being in an exhibit?

13 MS. KELTY: We did not, Your Honor. We
14 arrived a little late. If we had a few seconds that
15 would be great.

16 JUDGE ERICKSON: Why don't we take a couple
17 minutes, five minutes, and let's see if we can't hammer
18 out how we want to handle the exhibits, all right?
19 Because at this point what we've got in the record are a
20 bunch of things that haven't been marked and -- but we
21 do know where they are in the record so, I mean, it's
22 not a complete lost cause but I think we ought to arrive
23 at some consensus. We'll stand in recess for five
24 minutes.

25 (Recess taken; 9:25 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.)

1 JUDGE ERICKSON: We'll go back on the
2 record. All counsel of record are present. They've had
3 a chance to discuss the -- a potential stipulation on
4 the exhibits.

5 Have the parties reached an agreement?

6 MS. KELTY: We have, Your Honor, and we
7 appreciate that time to do so. We've stipulated to the
8 admission of all exhibits that have been submitted into
9 the record in addition to Intervenor's Exhibit 1 that
10 we've marked, which is an updated copy Dr. Loren
11 Collingwood's CV.

12 JUDGE ERICKSON: All right. And so --

13 MS. KELTY: And the video, excuse me.

14 JUDGE ERICKSON: We'll receive Intervenor's
15 Exhibit No. 1. I should have confirmed that the
16 stipulation has been accurately stated.

17 On the part of the movants?

18 MR. SANDERSON: Yes, Your Honor, other than
19 we talked about the video we showed. That's a public
20 record taken off the North Dakota legislature's website
21 and we do have a couple others we intend to show but our
22 understanding is that we have an agreement that those
23 will be admissible. That's our understanding.

24 JUDGE ERICKSON: All right. Thank you. And
25 does the State agree with the stipulation as noted?

1 MR. PHILLIPS: Yes, Your Honor.

2 JUDGE ERICKSON: All right. The Court will
3 receive all of the previously marked exhibits. I have
4 received Intervenor's 1. We will receive every video
5 that is shown during the course of this proceeding. The
6 other videos of the Redistricting Committee hearings are
7 a matter of public record. And I should note for the
8 record that I know that I've reviewed them and I suspect
9 my fellow judges on the panel have reviewed them as
10 well. And so that's where we're at on this.

11 And Representative Jones remains on the
12 stand and now we can go back to asking him some
13 questions.

14 MS. KELTY: Thank you, Judges, and thanks
15 for that clarification.

16 Q. (Ms. Kelty continuing) Before we took a break we
17 were taking a look at what is in the record as document
18 21-1 and I believe we were looking at page 50 of 109 of
19 that document. As reflected in the record the parties
20 have stipulated to the admission of the entirety of
21 document 21-1. Is it not displaying? Okay. For some
22 reason it's not connecting. Thank you, Lori.

23 And, Representative Jones, I have a hard copy
24 here. Would you like to take a look at that or -- in
25 addition to the video?

1 A. This will be fine, thank you.

2 Q. Great. We'll save some paper here. So does this
3 refresh your recollection as you stated that you did
4 receive a PowerPoint presentation from NCSL on
5 redistricting, Representative?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And so during this training you learned that
8 maintaining a community of interest is a traditional
9 redistricting principle, correct?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. And let's take a look at page 85 of 109 of this
12 document. And here, Representative, this is the first
13 part of the presentation that speaks to the
14 criteria/principles. What does that say there in the
15 top left-hand corner of the screen?

16 A. "Criteria/Principles: Compactness."

17 Q. And let's scroll down to page 89 of 109 and what
18 is the topic -- what is the topic of this slide,
19 Representative?

20 A. It says, "Other critical (sic) NCSL tracks."

21 Q. "Other criteria NCSL tracks?"

22 A. "Other criteria," sorry.

23 Q. I know. I forgot my glasses so I'm having a hard
24 time seeing that. And what is the first bullet point
25 there?

1 A. "Preserving communities of interest."

2 Q. Okay, great. And we can take this down. Thank
3 you.

4 Representative, let's talk about the Fort
5 Berthold Reservation. You live here in North Dakota,
6 correct?

7 A. I live on the reservation in fact.

8 Q. Oh, okay, good to know. So how long have you
9 lived on the reservation?

10 A. I've been close to or onto it for 11 years.

11 Q. Wow, that's incredible. So you're familiar with
12 the reservation?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that's the reservation on which the MHA
15 Nation is located, correct?

16 A. Yes, the Three Affiliated Tribes.

17 Q. And it's a community there, right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. An independent community?

20 A. Several communities actually.

21 Q. Right. Several distinct communities within the
22 reservation, correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And it's governed by its own government?

25 A. Several governments.

1 Q. And can you please explain your answer there?

2 A. Yes. There seems to be some confusion here about
3 the reservation. There's several towns in there that
4 are including my town which is New Town. There's
5 Parshall. There's several other towns included in the
6 reservation. The reservation boundary was moved up in
7 about 1972 six miles to include those towns. So you're
8 asking me to say that there's one form of government on
9 the reservation when in fact we have North Dakota
10 citizens, North Dakota property, taxpayers of North
11 Dakota, all of that represented within the boundaries of
12 that reservation as well as the tribal nation, the Three
13 Affiliated Tribes, and their government.

14 So you're asking a very complicated question
15 in a very simplistic way.

16 Q. I think you did reply to my question so, yeah, I
17 appreciate that. I was referring to the tribal
18 government so thanks for clarifying.

19 That tribal government has a Tribal Business
20 Council, correct?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. And a chairman?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. And MHA Nation is a federally recognized tribe?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And the Nation exercises sovereign authority,
2 right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And you live on the reservation so you're
5 familiar with the reservation's boundaries?

6 A. I am.

7 Q. Its geographical boundaries?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And its boundaries are different from state
10 boundaries, right?

11 A. They're included in the state boundaries.

12 Q. But they are different. They are distinct from
13 the state boundaries; is that right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And they are distinct from county boundaries,
16 right?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And they are also different from municipal
19 boundaries, right?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And, Representative, during redistricting the
22 Redistricting Committee created a policy to not split
23 reservations; is that right?

24 A. That has been a standing policy for many years.

25 Q. And during this year's redistricting at least the

1 committee chairman repeated this policy?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Numerous times?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you're familiar with House Subdistrict 4A as
6 you testified in your direct, right?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And Subdistrict 4A follows the reservation's
9 boundaries, right?

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. In fact, it precisely follows the reservation's
12 boundaries, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. The lines of HD 4A do not deviate from the lines
15 of the reservation, right?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. And as a representative during the redistricting
18 process you also learned about other redistricting
19 principles, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And so respecting political boundaries is a
22 redistricting principle, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. A traditional redistricting principle.

25 A. Yes.

1 MS. KELTY: I have no further questions.

2 JUDGE ERICKSON: Thank you. Redirect from
3 the movants?

4 MR. SANDERSON: Yes. We're going to need to
5 show a video here for a second.

6 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**

7 **BY MR. SANDERSON:**

8 Q. Representative Jones, you were asked about
9 document 21-1 and that was a presentation on
10 redistricting to the North Dakota Legislature by Ben
11 Williams from the National Council of State
12 Legislatures, correct?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that was on August 26, 2021, correct?

15 A. The document is dated that and I just don't
16 recall meeting in August to go over that. I thought
17 maybe it was presented closer in the December time frame
18 but I could be -- I could be off on that.

19 Q. Representative Jones, I'm going to show you
20 briefly a video from the presentation Attorney Williams
21 presented to the Redistricting Committee on August 26,
22 2021, and then I want to ask you a few questions about
23 it.

24 (Unidentified video played.)

25 Q. (Mr. Sanderson continuing) Now, Representative

1 Jones, I just played to you a portion of Attorney
2 Williams' presentation to the Redistricting Committee
3 regarding the Gingles factors and you heard him discuss
4 the Gingles factors and the need for regression studies
5 based on precinct data. You heard that testimony?

6 A. I did.

7 Q. And again, Representative Jones, are you aware of
8 the Redistricting Committee ever performing any
9 regression studies based on precinct data to meet the
10 Gingles criteria?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Are you aware of any outside parties presenting
13 any regression study analysis to the Redistricting
14 Committee during their deliberations for creation of
15 subdistricts in Districts 4 and 9?

16 A. No.

17 MR. SANDERSON: Representative Jones, I have
18 no further questions. Thank you.

19 JUDGE ERICKSON: Thank you. From the State
20 defendants?

21 MR. PHILLIPS: Your Honor, I would like to
22 consult with my client.

23 JUDGE ERICKSON: You may.

24 MR. SANDERSON: Your Honor, before we move
25 on to the State may I ask another question of

1 Representative Jones? I know I rested and passed but
2 would ask the Court's permission to briefly address one
3 other topic that I overlooked.

4 JUDGE ERICKSON: Any objection from the
5 State defendants?

6 MR. PHILLIPS: No objection.

7 JUDGE ERICKSON: From the intervenors?

8 MS. KELTY: No objection.

9 JUDGE ERICKSON: You may.

10 Q. (Mr. Sanderson continuing) Representative Jones,
11 you also attended -- during the time you attended the
12 subdistricting committee meetings, were you also aware
13 that North Dakota Legislative counsel was present at
14 those meetings?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. And during one of the meetings Legislative
17 Council Attorney Clair Ness spoke to the committee about
18 the Gingles factors. Were you present during that?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. I'd like to play a brief video for you from a
21 Redistricting Committee hearing in this matter.

22 (Unidentified video played.)

23 MS. KELTY: Just asking for a bit of
24 foundation to verify who's speaking in this video.

25 JUDGE ERICKSON: Just a second. Okay. I

1 think the objection is it's not clear who was speaking.
2 I suspect I know but it's not my position to make that
3 finding so do you want to clarify who was actually
4 asking the question of Miss Ness?

5 Q. (Mr. Sanderson continuing) And, Representative
6 Jones, do you recognize the representative that asked
7 the question of Legislative Council Attorney Clair Ness?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. And who was that individual?

10 A. Representative Austen Schauer.

11 Q. And was Representative Schauer a member of the
12 Redistricting Committee in 2021?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And the video we're seeing, is that a legislative
15 Redistricting Committee meeting that occurred in 2021?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. Okay. And so we'll replay the video from the
18 start for clarification but the video's going to show
19 Representative Schauer asking a question regarding the
20 Gingles factors to Legislative Council Attorney Clair
21 Ness.

22 (Unidentified video played.)

23 Q. (Mr. Sanderson continuing) And, Representative
24 Jones, my follow-up question there, are you aware of
25 Legislative Council ever performing any analytical data

1 on prior voting or precinct voting in Districts 4 and 9
2 and presenting that to the Redistricting Committee at
3 any time?

4 A. No. I'm not aware of any of that being
5 presented. And I asked multiple times if that had been
6 done and I was assured it had not been done.

7 Q. And when you say you'd asked, who did you request
8 whether voting data had been compiled for the
9 Redistricting Committee?

10 A. Members of the Redistricting Committee.

11 Q. Okay. And when you said had that been done, were
12 you referring to whether Legislative Council had
13 performed those analyses for the Redistricting
14 Committee?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And your understanding is Legislative Council
17 never performed any past voting data or precinct data
18 historical elections in Districts 4 and 9 for the
19 Redistricting Committee?

20 A. Correct.

21 MR. SANDERSON: I have no further questions.
22 Thank you.

23 JUDGE ERICKSON: Thank you. From the State
24 defendants?

25 MR. PHILLIPS: Your Honor, if we could?

1 JUDGE ERICKSON: You may.

2 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you. Your Honor, I do
3 have a few questions.

4 JUDGE ERICKSON: You may.

5 MR. PHILLIPS: Just a few questions.

6 **RECROSS-EXAMINATION**

7 **BY MR. PHILLIPS:**

8 Q. Did you attend all three public meetings of the
9 Interim Tribal and State Relations Committee?

10 A. I assume you're asking about this year 2021-2022?
11 Yes, I have.

12 Q. You attended all three?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Did you attend all six public meetings of the
15 Interim Redistricting Committee?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you attend both meetings of the Joint
18 Redistricting Committee?

19 A. I believe I did towards the end, the two of them
20 that I did attend.

21 Q. Do you know which ones?

22 A. I do not other than it was the last two at the
23 end of the process.

24 Q. There was some discussion in your testimony
25 earlier and a video where Clair Ness was speaking. Do

1 you remember that?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Have you ever talked to Clair Ness about analyses
4 that she may have run?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. You have spoken with her?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. When did you speak with her?

9 A. I can't say exactly the time but it was during
10 this time when we were working on this stuff to find out
11 what had been done.

12 Q. You don't remember the time that you spoke with
13 her?

14 A. I believe I already said no, I do not know
15 specifically the time.

16 Q. You'd indicated earlier that someone told you
17 that Legislative Council did not perform a data
18 analysis; is that correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Who told you that?

21 A. I was talking to Austen Schauer and I was talking
22 to the chairman of the committee.

23 Q. Did they tell you whether they had spoken with
24 Clair Ness or anyone else with Legislative Council?

25 A. I don't recall.

1 MR. PHILLIPS: Thank you. No further
2 questions.

3 JUDGE ERICKSON: From the intervenors?

4 MS. KELTY: Could I have one moment, Your
5 Honor?

6 JUDGE ERICKSON: You may.

7 MS. KELTY: Thank you. No further
8 questions, thank you.

9 JUDGE ERICKSON: Thank you. You may step
10 down, Representative Jones.

11 MR. JONES: Thank you.

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13 (Further proceedings reported but not
14 transcribed herein.)
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