

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
May 11th, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:56 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jerry Solis
Subject: Redistricting

Hello commission members I live in Michigan, and I'm directly impacted by the choices you make in drawing new lines. Nobody from any other state or country votes here in Michigan. To No other state or country are you, or we responsible to. Having said that - it's only fair and just to ONLY take into consideration what the residents of Michigan have to say
Thank you
Jerry Solis

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 8:08 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: G Pietila
Subject: Keep the input local!

Hello,

I honestly can't believe I have to write this, but who thought it was a great idea to allow anyone on the globe have input in drawing the lines in MICHIGAN?? The integrity of your job depends on it, and the integrity of our elections: Michigan input ONLY!

Thank you,
Gretchen Pietila
Howell, MICHIGAN

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:43 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rich Fraker
Subject: Michigan residents

Good morning. I am writing this as a concerned Michigan resident. When I voted to adopt this policy of redistricting our great state, never did it occur to me that the commission would be taking feedback from anyone who didn't live in our state, at least part-time. I understand we have a lot of snow birds who may actually have an address in another state, and those individuals should be allowed to participate. But aside from that, if an individual doesn't live in this state, their input should not be considered. Also, there is nothing in the open meetings act that keeps you from asking for more

information, such as an address or at least a zip code. I implore you to add the request of some type of MI identification when taking public comment.

Thank you,

Lori Fraker
Goodrich, MI

Date of Submission: Tuesday, May 11, 2021 7:42 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: President Peake
Subject: Residents!!

Hello Commission members,
I live in Michigan.
I am directly impacted by the choices you make in drawing new lines.
No one in any other state- or country- is impacted.
To no other state /country residents are you responsible.
Therefore it seems only just, right, fair & honorable that the ONLY feedback taken into consideration be the RESIDENTS of Michigan!
This is no joke to us.
Foreign interference in our state elections should not be something you even casually entertain!
Do the honorable thing and preserve our state.
Thank you,
Robyn Peake
Van Buren Co

Best to you!! Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Monday, May 10, 2021 11:31 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bob M
Subject: (No subject)

I have two comments about citizen input into the redistricting process.

First in looking at the list of public input meetings the bias is blatantly obvious when looking at the list of meeting sites and date. Only one site in the Upper Peninsula and every other site being located in far southern Michigan is a slap in the face to those of us in northern lower Michigan. Once again we are ignored and disenfranchised in favor of Detroit.

Second, it really doesn't matter anyway as republicans have very clearly shown they have no interest in the voice of the people and will find a way around the mandate voted in by the people of Michigan.

Sadly signed
Bob MacCord,

Manton, MI.

Date of Submission: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:59 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David Halonen
Subject: Requiring Mi info

Guys, if I wish to contact the Governor, I have to submit name, address, phone number, and email. Contacting the Secretary of State requires all of that AND the last 4 digits of drivers license or state ID card.

The redistricting website requires zero identification for comments on a very important matter.

This is absurd. It is imperative that comments be from Michigan residents for Michigan residents. Just as if we write to any of our elected representatives.

Stay free, David

[REDACTED]

"Balanced diet" is code for less burgers.

Date of Submission: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:48 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David Halonen
Subject: Redistricting Michigan by nonresidents?

Hello, I'm lead to believe that non-residents of the state of Michigan will be able to provide input into the new districts.

How does it make sense that non-residents have input into our resources (lakes, streams, forests, and so on) and our tax dollars which impact schools, health care, etc? That would be like me being able to control your income and spending! Completely ludicrous!

Please tell me I'm mis-informed or that such foolish thinking has been reversed.

Thank you and a tay free, David

[REDACTED]

"Balanced diet" is code for less burgers.

Date of Submission: Monday, May 10, 2021 8:26 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Eric Reitz
Subject: Public comment portal discloser

Dear MICRC,

I see that the public comments that are allowed to be submitted are only requiring Name and email address, i also see that city/state/zip are optional. This is a major problem as that allows anyone from any state or country to comment. This is a disservice to all the Michigan citizens, as it invites outside influence and interference to our states elections. These comments should include Full name, full physical Michigan address, phone number and email so the can be contacted if needed. This website configuration should be changed immediately to protect our elections. Now I'm not saying that we should violate the privacy of the citizens submitting information that extra information could be excluded from the comment list just as you have done for the phone number.

Thanks,
Eric Reitz

[REDACTED]
Coloma, MI 49038
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Monday, May 10, 2021 7:13 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mary J Gilligan
Subject: Out of state influence?

Hello.

I'm concerned about your submission form.

You are accepting comments from anyone, anywhere in the world, when this is about Michiganders and the issues that concern us.

Please only keep the interests of Michigan citizens to determine our redistricting plan.

Thank you.

Arend Gilligan
Grandville, MI

Date of Submission: Monday, May 10, 2021 5:03 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: sandra helzerman
Subject: Input from other than Michigan

Dear committee,

Supposedly you are an equally balanced group composed of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. If this is the case, you should not be taking advice from ANYONE outside of Michigan, let alone the country. Do that and you prove that you are not fair and impartial and do not have Michigan's good at heart. Those of us who did not vote for this plan in the first place are watching. Only the far left would consider input from people outside of our state. We are not New York, California, or China. Only we can decide what is best for Michiganders. You had better watch yourselves. As I said, we are watching.

Date of Submission: Monday, May 10, 2021 4:53 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tracy Fischer
Subject: Signing in to meetings

To the Commision,

I understand that the sign in for redistricting meetings are by first name and email.

This is a dangerous way to open the door to anyone who wants to have a say in Michigan's redrawing of lines.

***There should be ADDITIONAL INFORMATION when signing in so that we can IDENTIFY that they are truly MICHIGAN RESIDENTS ONLY.

Let's please have INTEGRITY in this redistricting. We don't need to give the opportunity to invite whoever wants to sign in and influence our state because of a simple change to your sign up. Thank you for your consideration.

Tracy Fischer
Rochester Delegate

Date of Submission: Monday, May 10, 2021 2:18 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: ygnaedinger
Subject: Michigan citizen input

It has come to my attention that you are accepting input from out of state residents in discussions of Michigan redistricting. Why should anyone other than legal Michigan voters influencing the U.S. and state congressional district borders?

It is important that you realize we the voters of Michigan are aware of this plan and we do not accept the opinions of outsiders in changing our borders.

Most sincerely,
Yvonne Gnaedinger
Monroe, MI

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

Date of Submission: Monday, May 10, 2021 11:26 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Elizabeth Ferszt
Subject: Questions about Michigan 7th

Hello MICRC,

Thank you for doing this work; I will be in attendance at your Tuesday May 11, 2021 @ 6pm meeting in Jackson at the American 1 Event Center, and would like to ask you three (3) questions in public; however, here are the questions in advance:

1) Currently, the Michigan 7th District includes Eaton, Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, Monroe, Jackson, and W. Washtenaw counties; Eaton County is not contiguous to the bulk of the rest of the district, as it lies west of Ingham County (Lansing): can we assume that Eaton will no longer be drawn into the 7th, per your redistricting rules and standards?

2) Jackson County contains four (4) MDOC facilities: Cooper, Cotton, Parnall, and the 'Reception' Center; although numbers fluctuate, in these four facilities combined there can be about 5000 inmates who then have been/are counted as 'residents' of Jackson County, and therefore of the 7th District; in regard to 'prison gerrymandering': what are your plans to use and/or include these population numbers in redrawing the 7th, and for any other district that contains confined persons who may or likely may not be originally from the county or district (or state?) that they are counted in?

3) The 7th also contains an important DNR site, the Waterloo-Pinckney Recreation Area, which spans over 20,000 acres and is shared by Jackson County and W. Washtenaw County; it could be considered a 'community of interest'; The concept of communities of interest can be widely defined by many criteria, including broad cultural or quality of life features that are shared mutually by a community; according to Clara Hendrickson in The Detroit Free Press: " There is no official [MICRC] directory of communities of interest, but they could include anything from school districts to ethnic communities to churches and recreation areas." In the 7th, it could be argued that the Waterloo-Pinckney State Recreation Area forms a very legitimate 'community of interest' feature, precisely because it is shared by a community of nature lovers, sportsmen, boaters, hikers, bikers, equestrians, campers, etc. My question is this: would the MICRC consider Waterloo Rec. Area a 'community of interest'?

Thank you,

Elizabeth Ferszt


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Thank you,

<https://elizabethferszt.wordpress.com/2021/01/15/elizabeth-ferszt-u-s-rep-michigan-7th-district-2022/>

Elizabeth Ferszt, Ph.D., CEO

MOAT

Museum of Old Apple Technology

Jackson, Michigan

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Sunday, May 9, 2021 7:32 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Twdstiger
Subject: regarding public comments

To whom it concerns, I am concerned that the Redistricting Commission is not requiring full name and address from the individuals giving input on the portal. I demand that this changes immediately. You cannot take input from individuals who only give a name and email address because you can not guarantee that they are from Michigan. WE CANNOT HAVE OUTSIDE INPUT ON SOMETHING THIS IMPORTANT, IT WOULD BE FRAUDULENT. PLEASE MAKE THIS A NONNEGOTIABLE FOR EVERY BIT OF INPUT YOU RECEIVE FROM PUBLIC!

Thanks,
William Brunner
Gobles, MI

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S8.

Date of Submission: Sunday, May 9, 2021 7:05 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Tlorentz
Subject: New Message

We need to have fair redistricting of Michigan , no outsider should be allowed to influence the commission. THEY NEED TO PROVE THEY ARE A RESIDENT OF MI

Date of Submission: Sunday, May 9, 2021 3:42 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Connie Meech
Subject: public commenting

I am disturbed hearing that this committee will allow anyone regardless of where they live to influence Michigan's redistricting process and outcomes. This is wrong. Please make sure names and addresses are required to provide input and only those who are Michigan residents, given consideration.

- Connie Meech

[REDACTED]

Lake Orion, MI 48360

Date of Submission: Sunday, May 9, 2021 3:11 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Svetlana V. Foote
Subject: Redistricting comments must be from Michigan Residents only

Everyone who submits a comment regarding redistricting must disclose their personal address as well as contact information. If not in Michigan, their comments must be disregarded.

Thank you,
Robert and Svetlana Foote
[REDACTED]
Coldwater, MI 49036

Telephone: [REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Sunday, May 9, 2021 10:32 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Karen Meyer
Subject: Public input

Dear Commission,

Thank you for your commitment to this much needed process. And thank you for allowing public input.

My suggestion is to adhere to established municipal borders as often as possible. We align ourselves to our cities, townships, and counties. It makes no sense to me to divide Warren or Lansing or any other city into separate districts.

I suggest you follow county lines as often as possible. Geographic proximity makes sense to most citizens. People already have an affinity to neighboring communities, and we should be represented as a unit.

Good luck to you in this process.

Sincerely,
Karen Meyer
Shelby Twp, Macomb Cty, MI

Date of Submission: Sunday, May 9, 2021 9:50 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: John Parrott
Subject: REDISTRICTING

Dear Commission Members,

I just wanted to send you a brief reminder about why we have an independent commission to redraw our voting districts.

http://media.mlive.com/elections_impact/photo/-ea54343316cbd29c.jpg

If you want to really satisfy the voting public that the new maps are drawn without any ulterior motives, you will want to draw the maps with the straightest possible lines. We all know about the use of natural boundaries such as rivers, county lines, etc..., but beyond these natural boundaries there should be straight lines defining the various districts when possible.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Johnny S. Parrott
Independent Voter
Pinconning Michigan

Date of Submission: Saturday, May 8, 2021 12:42 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: doncheryllopatka
Subject: Redistricting vote

To have legitimacy, all votes for redistricting must have a full name and address.

Don Lopatka
[REDACTED]. Ludington Mi.

Date of Submission: Saturday, May 8, 2021 8:24 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: beccab@reagan.com
Subject: Full Name @ Address

Hello,

My name is Rebecca Berringer, and I live in Oceana County, Michigan. We are a rural farming community on Lake Michigan about halfway up the state.

The citizens of Michigan have entrusted you to be fair and transparent in your redistricting efforts. Your decision to allow anyone from anywhere to "advocate" for communities is disingenuous. By allowing people from outside the community and state, you are subverting the will of the people. Furthermore, this terrible decision will nullify my vote as you redraw the lines based on input from people who clearly should not be speaking on behalf of my district. Districts should be determined only by the people and not by special interest groups.

As I have watched this process, I am further convinced that this commission has lost all credibility and is being led by special interest groups that do not have the people's interest at hand.

In light of the 2020 election, I'm sad to see this commission not act with integrity! I am asking that input only be allowed from people within their districts; full name and address should be required for all comments.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Berringer

[REDACTED]

Walkerville, MI 49459

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 8:08 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Melvin L JOHNS

Subject: Redistricting in Mich. My name is Melvin L. John's, address: 602 Sunset Ave Clare, MI 48617

I am a PrecinctDelegate in district 1 city of Clare, MI. I do not believe any person who is not a citizen of Michigan, a registered voter, & does not provide full name, address & citizenship should not be allowed to submit any info in regards to this matter. Thank you, MLJohns

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 6:48 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Ethan Jones

Subject: Physical address requirement

Good evening,

As we embark on possible redistricting, it is absolutely imperative that the addresses of those weighing in be required in order to weigh in. There is ABSOLUTELY no reason people from outside of the state of Michigan should have their comments weighed on this topic. Furthermore, I would encourage, if not demand, that there be actual address verification. A novel concept, I know, seeing as how the 2020 election was handled, but it could be a step towards legitimacy and further confidence in the process.

Thanks for your time,

Ethan Jones, Michigan resident

Sent from iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 5:10 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Bettyjo.nelson

Subject: New Map districts

I just discovered that the Redistricting Committee is taking comments on the redistricting map from people who are only giving a name and an email address. Everyone commenting on this issue must be limited to citizens of Michigan. As a lifelong resident of this great state I strongly insist that each person who submits a comment must disclose their full name and address as well as email address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Sincerely,

Betty Jo Nelson

[REDACTED]

Owosso, Mi. 48867

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 4:55 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Carl Sullivan

Subject: Citizen Input

How do we know only people from the state of Michigan or for that manner only from the United States give input into our election process??

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 3:38 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Connie DePue

Subject: Portal information

So how do you know all the information and suggestions are only from Michiganders?

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 3:23 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Mike Baynai

Subject: redistricting...

Please, please, please - every person who submits comments must disclose their full name AND address!!!

Thnaks,

Mike and Donna Baynai

Caledonia, Michigan

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 3:23 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Mike Baynai
Subject: redistricting...

Please, please, please - every person who submits comments must disclose their full name AND address!!!

Thnaks,
Mike and Donna Baynai
Caledonia, Michigan

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 3:08 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: David Hackman
Subject: submitting

I demand that every person that submits a comment must disclose their mane and physical address.
David Hackman 2138 E Schumacher Burton MI.

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 1:53 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: William Gordon
Subject: Comment Portal

Please revise your portal to require an address with comments for your commission. Otherwise you are inviting people from outside Michigan to give input. Doesn't that defeat the purpose of a CiTIZENS redistricting effort?

Also, Draw the districts square. Anything beyond that is Gerrymandering my another name. As square (rectangular) as possible. Keep it simple.

William Gordon

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 1:00 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: John Grysen
Subject: Redistributing

Please make anyone involved in redistributing include their name and address. This would make people accountable to the area they live. Only fair thing to do.

Francine Grysen
[REDACTED] Hesperia, MI

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 12:57 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sharon Staton
Subject: Email comments

Hello,
My name is Sharon Staton. I am a lifelong resident of the state of Michigan. I appreciate the opportunity to provide input through email in the redistricting process however I am VERY concerned that because only a name and email address is required others, who have no vested interest in our state, will have a say in our redistricting process. This is not right!!
A name AND physical address must be required and validated.
Thank you... this is the right and equitable thing for the state of Michigan.
~Sharon Staton



Howell, MI
48843

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 12:29 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: arko den engelse
Subject: redistricting comments

Hi,
I cannot believe that no full disclosure is required regarding people leaving comments on MI redistricting issues.
I would strongly urge you to require this so that only MI residents and citizens will be allowed to out input into this comment area that matters as it pertains to us in MI and not to anyone else.
Thank you,
Arko den Engelse.

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 12:20 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: arko den engelse
Subject: redistricting comments

Hi,
I cannot believe that no full disclosure is required regarding people leaving comments on MI redistricting issues.
I would strongly urge you to require this so that only MI residents and citizens will be allowed to out input into this comment area that matters as it pertains to us in MI and not to anyone else.
Thank you,
Arko den Engelse.

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 12:17 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Elizabeth Cummins

Subject: Community of Interest

As a resident of Flint, I share many serious concerns of the future of my chosen municipality, going straight to whether it even can continue as an incorporated city. Those of us who live and own property here, regardless of DNA, all share in those same concerns and thus form a highly identifiable "community of interest."

Please, I implore you, do not give weight to views of those who have never been to Flint and never will be as a matter of choice, whether they live 3 miles outside its boundaries or 3,000. And I daresay that all municipal designations have comparable concerns, each with its own unique set of factors.

Elizabeth Cummins Dean

[REDACTED]
Flint MI 48504
[REDACTED]

Please require that all who comment on Flint's or any municipality's political future in the redistricting process disclose that same category of information about themselves, lest we be treated politically as noncommunities unentitled to having interests.

Put in more common terms, use your brains for the common good, not for the greed and power-mongering of wannabe elites.

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 12:16 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Golden Township Clerk

Subject: redistricting

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please make sure that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Thank you,
Rachel Iteen

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Rachel Iteen
Golden Township Clerk

[REDACTED]
Mears, MI 49436
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:38 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Janet Salisbury
Subject: comment only for MI

I understand the way your maps and suggesting for commenting was left wide open. Hopefully, that was an oversight. It should be for Michiganders ONLY. We know our state like a pair of mittens. We don't need outsiders telling us how to district our state.

Whenever a citizen wants to contact anyone in the state legislature, state committees, executive office, programs, etc. we are asked to give our name, address and contact information (phone or email). This should be for your committee, too.

Sincerely,
Janet Salisbury
[REDACTED]
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:36 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: IfBruce Hall
Subject: Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) Suggestion portal

Dear Ms. Reinhart:

I appreciate you quick response to my inquiry and understand the Commission's desire to protect the privacy of contributors. I would like to offer one more thought:

I found an interesting resource for looking at Michigan Congressional, State House, and State Senate districts. It certainly shows the complexity of dividing the state into various political entities and these do not even address the other political entities of counties and cities/townships.

<https://statisticalatlas.com/state/Michigan/Overview>

It would seem, to the extent possible, that the development of higher level districts should attempt to preserve the geographic integrity of the lower level political entities (cities/townships counties voting districts) while striving for compactness and regular boundaries rather than meandering boundaries. While this may require splitting some of the lower level political entities in order to achieve a numerical population balance among the Congressional districts, the principle of "building from the bottom" of political entities would seem to be both understandable and good representation.

In a sense, this is a logistical exercise more than a political one. Imagine the State of Michigan as a large company with distribution centers that are required to serve equal number of clients. As population density increases, you would have more distribution centers and vice versa. But to make the

distribution centers efficient for you clients, you would cover the smallest possible geographic area while maintaining your requirement to balance client loads for the the distribution centers. While there may be other considerations, such as geographic differences in the type of client, the principles of balanced distribution would generally prevail.

In that vein, it would make sense to look at Congressional districts as an aggregation of State Senate districts which would be an aggregation of State Representative districts, but I acknowledge that is beyond the scope of the Commission's efforts to realign the state's Senate and Representative districts.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bruce Hall

[REDACTED]
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:34 AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Carol Brown

Subject: Comments to be received from MI citizens only

We all want our elections to be fair that is why this commission was voted in. As a MI citizen I demand that every person who submits comments must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

People that live in other states have no business influencing MI outcomes. Please do your due diligence to ensure that only MI citizens responses are considered. Michiganders know our state, outsiders do not.

Respectfully,

Carol Brown

[REDACTED]
Lapeer, MI 48446

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:30 AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Mia Menzel-Brown

Subject: Redistricting

6230 Plymouth Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105-9313

To Whom It May Concern,

Everyone who submits a comment must disclose their full name and address.

Sincerely,

Maria Menzel-Brown
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:25 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sue Macrellis
Subject: Public Comment Portal

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my distress over the fact that MICRC is only requiring the name and email address of a person in order to submit comment, propose maps and comment on the map drawing process.

How do you know that these comments are coming from a resident of Michigan? Or, how do you know that one person is not using multiple email addresses to send the same comments making it look as if multiple people are contacting the group?

Each person should identify themselves - first and last name. They should live in our great state. We have to do this when emailing our senators and representatives. The same criteria should apply here.

Thank you for considering ways to make this process more equitable and secure.

Sincerely,
Sue A Macrellis
[REDACTED]
Jackson, MI 49203

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 10:18 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Dennis Berger
Subject: I'm very concerned to learn that you are only asking people for their first names and email address for the purpose of redistricting. Just to inform you some people have more than one email address. Personally between me and my wife we have 4. SOMETHING TOO THINK ABOUT. MR BERGER

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 10:14 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: donna lally
Subject: Question and Comment

I have received an email indicating that Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission has set up a website in which anyone may comment or make suggestions involving Michigan's redistricting process and include only their name and email address. This would allow some anonymity for anyone from another state to attempt to influence the redistricting in Michigan. If this interpretation of the current situation is correct, I very strongly object to it. Only Michigan citizens should be given the opportunity to have a say in what happens in our state.

Donna Lally

[REDACTED]

St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 9:32 AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Gerry Koutnik

Subject: Redistricting Public Comments

It is my understanding that this commission has opened the public portal for comments recently but is only requiring names and email addresses, not physical addresses. How can you be sure that only Michigan residents with a stake in our communities are providing the comment and not out of state or even worse, advocacy groups to help sway your decisions? This is an extremely important process and the utmost diligence should be given. Physical addresses at the very least should be required. A verification process also would be in order.

Thank you

Geri Koutnik

[REDACTED]

Grayling, MI 49738

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 9:26 AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: loonhouse1

Subject: Redistricting

People who submit comments regarding redistricting in Michigan should be required to give name AND ADDRESS in order to have input. Michigan residents should be the only ones to be able to do this, after all it is OUR State.

Pat Vander Vlucht

Mears, MI

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 9:22 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: kathy pardo
Subject: Who votes for Michigan's changes

I am a registered voter in this great state of Michigan, have been for over 50 years. I strongly believe those who vote for changes in Michigan should be residents/voters in Michigan.

I respectfully ask that a full name and address be required of every single person who makes suggestions to, changes in Michigan redistricting. Their address MUST be of a registered voter in our great state.

I do not want people from outside Michigan making changes for us in Michigan.

Kathleen L Pardo
[REDACTED]
Roscommon MI 48653

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 9:13 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sandra Ucherek
Subject: Redistricting

Anyone who makes a comment in regards to redistricting In Michigan MUST disclose their full name and address !! We can not allow individuals from other states to participate in this process. Thank you
Sandy Ucherek

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 8:57 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Elisabeth N Haesler
Subject: Concerned Voter

I have recently heard of some disturbing news concerning MICRC.
I insist that Michigan have a FAIR redistricting plan put forth. In order to do that there HAS to be public input that only comes from VOTERS IN MICHIGAN, NOT OUTSIDE SOURCES that can influence the redistricting outcome.
Change the public comments section by requiring the name and ADDRESS of the person commenting. Only giving the names and email opens up for people outside of the State to influence the MICRC panels final decision.
This HAS to a Fair panel! A majority of Michigan people don't already trust it. Don't start off with outside influencers making the decision that the Michigan people have to live with, for their own political gain.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy A11, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 8:49 AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Michelle DeKuiper

Subject: Commenting

I am writing you to let you know that I want you to demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind! Thank you, Michelle

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May God Bless you,
Michelle

"You shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace. The mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands". Isaiah 55:12

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 8:35 AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Kate Larson

Subject: Concerned citizen

To whom it may concern

I as a tax paying citizen, I strongly believe you need to require full names and addresses of citizens giving suggestion to redistricting! It is extremely important, communities of interests and all voices be heard for the communities they belong to, and not risk that being tampered with by those who may have other agendas!

Thank you for your time
Kate Pietila
Howell, Mi

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 8:32 AM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Hunt

Subject: Source of comments

I believe that that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Thank you - a concerned Michigan full time resident.
Connie E Hunt

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 8:29 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Laura Krentz
Subject: comments on redistricting

Please require all who comment on redistricting in our state to give their name and physical address (not email address). People from outside our state should not be permitted to influence where our lines are drawn.

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 8:16 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: DORIS DODD
Subject: Redistricting

Hello,

I am writing to demand that the MICRC REQUIRE that EVERY PERSON who submits a comment about redistricting MUST disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know where the people they're taking suggestions live. If people do not live in Michigan, they should NOT have a say.

If this is not done, anyone from anywhere can submit comments on communities of interest, regardless of whether they live in our state or not. This is NOT FAIR and is INAPPROPRIATE.

PLEASE MAKE THIS CHANGE TODAY.

Thank you.

Doris Dodd
[REDACTED]
Howell, MI 48843

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 7:52 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bill C
Subject: Requirements for comment

Please require all people commenting on redistricting to have to submit their name and address to show their relationship to the concern compared to their geographical location.

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 7:43 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Lori Pranger
Subject: Regarding Redistricting in Michigan

To whom it concerns:

Every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Please incorporate a way for this information to be included, so that the appropriate MI voices count.

Regards,

Lori Pranger

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 7:38 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Sandy
Subject: The re-redistricting process

Since the MICRC is only requiring name & email address to submit comment, propose maps and comment on the map drawing process, anyone from anywhere can submit comments on communities of interest to the commission, regardless of whether they live in our state.

It should be clearly stated just who is submitting this information as there has been too much false, misleading and cover-ups in this State already, so every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

4th District full time resident

Sandra Connon

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 6:07 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Karen Jankauskas
Subject: Redistricting

This is one of the most insane ideas I have read in a while. You absolutely have to have the persons full "legal" name and complete home address to verify residency. I would even ask for a copy of a electric ir gas bill with name and address. You are looking at another 2020 election problem here. Why are you inciting more fraud?

Kare Jankauskas
48942

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy , an AT&T LTE smartphone

Date of Submission: Friday, May 7, 2021 4:19 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Keith Beyke
Subject: Redistricting comments

While it is gratifying that the michigan redistricting committee is accepting public comments, the committee should make it a point to focus their comment review to comments from michigan residents and groups rather than comments from anywhere, i.e countrywide or worldwide. If the person commenting cannot identify themselves as part of a michigan community with a michigan address, their comment should not carry the same weight as comments from the area being redistricted. To be really not picky about it, the comments probably need to be from a person confirmed to be a michigan registered voter, otherwise anyone could say they are from some random michigan address. Thankyou for considering the michigan view during your efforts.

Keith beyke

Battle Creek, Calhoun County, Michigan

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 11:27 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: bleejohnston43
Subject: Comments on redistricting

Please insist that everyone giving comments must disclose their full name and address....allowing only Michigan residents to be involved in redistricting. Submitted by: Brenda Lee [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]...Mt.Pleasant, Michigan

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:04 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jeff Yeutter
Subject: Comment Requirements

It has come to my attention that those submitting comments to the Commission must only provide their name and email address. This would allow people from other states the ability to influence the process. Please require that anyone submitting comments be required to provide their full name and residence address so that only Michigan residents can have a voice in redistricting. This would be in keeping with the spirit of the proposal passed by Michigan voters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeffrey A Yeutter, CPA

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Yeutter & Associates, P.C.

[REDACTED]

Blissfield, MI 49228

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:53 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kathleen sharkey
Subject: Comments

Please modify your request for comments regarding redistributing in Michigan.

Please insist that each commenter provide their full legal name, residential address and age.

It is too easy for a person (without integrity) to create numerous false email accounts.

Michigan has been my home state and state of residency for 64 of my 65 years. I would like her to once again be a GREAT STATE, a state whose citizens are well and fairly represented.

Thank you for your attention to my request.

Kathleen A. Sharkey

[REDACTED]
Rothbury, Michigan 49452
Otto Twp., Oceana County

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:33 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Carolyn Pietchak

Subject: Redistributing

I demand that each person commenting on this issue MUST provide their name and address to comment. I also feel they should be residents of our state to comment. Persons from other states should not control what we do just as we should not control what they do.

Carolyn Pietchak
Denton Township Precinct Delegate
Roscommon County Republican Party
Vice Chair

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 9:09 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: PIME2021

Subject: Imperative to verify identity of those who submit testimony at hearings

Dear MICRC representative:

At a time when confidence in our elections is at historic lows, the MICRC cannot be serious about requiring only the first names and email addresses for people to provide input on communities of interest to determine the lines for redistricting.

Whatever your rationale for considering this misguided approach, I urge you to reconsider. Anyone from anywhere in the country could provide input for our voting districts in Michigan and from multiple email

addresses. Failure to verify the identity of participants would directly undercut the validity of the hearings.

Decisions made as the result of an inherently flawed process would reflect poorly on the MICRC and would call into question the soundness of any outcomes. Redistricting would be viewed as fruit of the poisoned tree.

I urge you to reconsider and ensure that participants are actual residents of the districts that they claim to represent.

Sincerely,

Every resident USA
Name withheld to make a point

Sent with ProtonMail Secure Email.

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:28 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Patrice Johnson
Subject: REQUIRE AND VERIFY NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Dear MICRC representative,

At a time when confidence in our elections is at an all-time low, you can't be serious about requiring only the first names and email addresses for people to provide input on communities of interest to determine the lines for redistricting.

You must be cognizant that anyone from anywhere in the country could submit input for our voting districts in Michigan, and from multiple email addresses (I have several of them myself). This directly undercuts the intent of the hearings.

I urge you to reconsider and vet the participants for their residency.

Sincerely,

RJ

(Signing with initials to make my point.)

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 8:25 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Chris Brusca
Subject: Redistricting Issue

I strongly feel that every person who submits comments must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind! It does not make any sense nor is it right that people should not have to disclose their full name and address!!!

Chris Brusca

[REDACTED]
Cadillac, MI 49601
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:46 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: angie depew
Subject: Michigan

I demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the commissioner's and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interest of our great state of Michigan.

Concerned Michigan citizen
Angela Depew
[REDACTED]
Reed city, Michigan 49677
Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 7:06 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Pam Gibson
Subject: MAKE FULL NAME& ADDRESS DISCLOSURE A REQUIREMENT FOR RESDISTRICT COMMENTS

In my opinion, only Michigan residents should be considering/making suggestions regarding map redistricting / drawing process. This is not the business of anyone from outside of Michigan.

Please be reasonable and require a full name and address disclosure with every submission.

This information is required to email Gov. Whitmer - WHY in the world would it not be required for something as important as this?

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Pam Gibson

[REDACTED]
Ann Arbor, MI 481403

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:49 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kathleen Johnson
Subject: Redistricting Input from Michiganders ONLY

Information collected should only be from Michiganders regarding the redistricting of our state. This should be a requirement. Their address should be included in the data collected with their opinions, as well their data should be verified. It seems too easy for non-residents to have an opinion in this. We expect INTEGRITY from you. You're representing us, the residents of Michigan. If non-residents input is weighed in, it is a disservice, a lack of Integrity by this commission, and fraudulent. Start being an example of integrity and be FOR the people of Michigan.

Kathleen Johnson
Resident of Grand Traverse County , MICHIGAN

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:39 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: scott blackwell
Subject: Redistributing comments

To Whom it May Concern,
I would hope that no one gets to comment or propose districting ideas for Michigan who do not live in Michigan. Is it true you are accepting input from those not in Michigan by not asking for a Michigan address to verify their residency?
Sheila Blackwell

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:16 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Andrew Doak
Subject: (No subject)

I think there should be some type of proof that you are a Michigan resident in order to make suggestions for redistricting.

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:16 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mark Dabrowski

Subject: Redistrict Comments Must have Name and Michigan Address

When receiving comments about redistricting, please ensure the people comment using their name and address to ensure outsiders are trying to influence our state.

Personally, I would like to see districts based on city/geographical area within counties, not strange non logical strings of regions.

Thank-you,

Mark Dabrowski

[REDACTED]

Rochester Hills, MI 48309

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:09 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Dtalluto

Subject: CALL TO ACTION:: Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC)

Good Evening, Officials:

It has come to my attention that the Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) has released their public comment portal today, giving people the opportunity to advocate for communities of interest.

I also understand that there is a BIG problem: the MICRC is only requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on the map drawing process.

ANYONE, from ANYWHERE - can submit comments on communities of interest to the commission, regardless of whether they live in our state.

That means that coastal elite liberals will have the same say in drawing our lines that you, and I, and all Michigan citizens, have. We cannot allow this.

I am demanding that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

We MUST STOP all this outside influence and money – and ensure that Michigan policy, actually reflects the policy of the People of Michigan! PERIOD!

Best Regards,

Dennis Talluto

[REDACTED]

Rochester Hills, MI 48309

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:50 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Dale M. Bonamie

Subject: Redistricting portal submissions

Hello commissioners,

Please ensure that every person who submits comment on our redistricting efforts must disclose their full name and address so that you and your staff know the people you're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Please do not let outside influences shape our districts.

Thank you,
Dale Bonamie

[REDACTED]

Grayling, MI 49738

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:45 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Cynthia Richardson

Subject: Request for Commission to require full names and addresses for Community of Interest public comments

Dear MICRC Commissioners,

Please require names and addresses to be gathered for comments collected through the Commission's Online Public Comment Portal. Comments provided by Michigan residents should only be considered. It would be appropriate to only consider one comment per resident. Multiple submissions should not be considered. One per customer, this is not a lottery. This is our election system and I would like this important process to be given some additional serious consideration.

I appreciate the work you are doing on behalf of Michigan voters and I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Richardson
Grass Lake (Jackson County), MI

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:36 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Patricia Taylor
Subject: Redistricting Comment Requirements

Any citizen that wishes to make a comment should be required to submit:
full name, address & email.

Pat Taylor

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:23 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bill Richardson
Subject: Require full Name & Address for Community of Interest input

Dear MICRC members,

It has come to my attention that only first names and email addresses are going to be gathered when accepting input for "Communities of Interest". This is not acceptable since this means that anyone, from anywhere in the county, could provide input on Michigan's redistricting process. They could even submit multiple comments through multiple email addresses, which many people have.

It must be a requirement that people provide their full name and address if their input is going to be considered. This is the only way to ensure that the only people providing input on Michigan's redistricting process are people that actually live in Michigan.

Thank you,

Bill Richardson

Grass Lake, Michigan

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:21 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: WB Jax
Subject: Online Comment Portal – Demand for Name and Address

Given the importance of a "citizens initiative" to draw the new district lines of Michigan's Congressional and State Legislative Districts, it is utterly unacceptable that comments are being accepted from individuals who are NOT citizens of the state of Michigan. The online comment portal should require

name and address from all those commenting, and all those not received by Michigan residents simply discarded.

For this effort to be successful, INTEGRITY in the process must be the commission's highest priority. Considering any comment from those living outside of the state chips away at that integrity. This was a ballot initiative was passed by Michiganders not Californians or other states.

William Jackson

[REDACTED]

Grand Rapids, MI. 49546

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:16 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Robert D Mills
Subject: Redistricting Comments

It has been brought to my attention that addresses are not required on the public comment portal for the Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC). Please require every person who submits comment disclose their full name and address. Only Michigan residents should be allowed input to redistricting our state.

Best Regards,

Robert Mills

[REDACTED]

Newport MI 48166

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:10 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Gayle Becker
Subject: Redistrict

No to anyone outside our state of Michigan having ANY input, say or decision on our states redistricting. Require name and address for verification!

Gayle Becker
Ada, Michigan

Sent from my iPad

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 5:03 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Gaetano Talluto
Subject: Public Comment Portal

To whom it may concern I would like to point out that you are requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on the map drawing process. Anyone from anywhere can submit comments on communities of interest to the commission, regardless of whether they live in our state. I submit that every person who submits a comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Tom Talluto

[REDACTED]

Cadillac, MI 49601

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 4:54 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Fred Rolf
Subject: Redistricting

The drawing of fair redistricting lines in Michigan should be resolved from the input of Michigan citizens. Therefore, suggestions and comments concerning the redistricting should only be excepted from Michigan residents. Of course this would also include corporations Michigan-based, Michigan think tanks and Michigan universities(public and non-public.)

Ramon Rolf jr.
Midland Michigan

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 4:48 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jon Robichaud
Subject: Re-Districting

Hello,

I demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Thanks,

Jon P. Robichaud

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 4:27 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Emma Evans
Subject: (No subject)

I am a citizen of Michigan. Just heard that you are only requiring a name and email from people submitting a proposal for the redistricting of Michigan. The PEOPLE of Michigan are the only ones that should be having any input into our process.
I'm asking that you change your intake process to be name and complete address.

Sincerely,
Emma Evans
[REDACTED]
Coldwater, MI 49036

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:38 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Phil Bendily
Subject: Redistricting maps

I understand the comment on proposed maps is open now.

I hope and expect only verified Michigan residents have a voice in this project.

I, and every other Michigander, hope you collect physical addresses from those commenting on our Michigan maps and districts.

Thank you.

Phil Bendily

A proud Michigan resident

[REDACTED]
Roscommon, MI

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:34 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: bill wiersma
Subject: (No subject)

Please require names and addresses from all commenters.

Sent from my iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:33 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Robert Weir
Subject: Robert Weir: communities of interest

Hello, Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission

My name is Robert Weir. My address is 712 Oak Street, Kalamazoo, 49007. I was a volunteer with Voters Not Politicians in 2017 and 2018. I served on the Regional Council in the counties of Calhoun, Branch, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, and Van Buren.

My role was that of Regional Outreach Coordinator in 2017 and Regional Public Education Coordinator in 2018. As such, I delivered dozens of presentations on Proposal 2 and trained more than 100 other volunteers to also deliver presentations.

One of our biggest points when talking to the public was in regard to Communities of Interest, especially in regard to the communities of Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. That is the substance of what I wish to convey to you in this email.

Kalamazoo and Battle Creek ARE Communities of Interest. As such, they deserve to be in the same US Congressional district.

Kalamazoo and Battle Creek share a short stretch of Interstate 94, an airport called the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport, economic development efforts, and medical facilities primarily through the Bronson Healthcare system. Many people live in one or the other of these communities and work in the other.

When you draw new voting district lines, please put Kalamazoo and Battle Creek together in the same US Congressional district.

With Michigan losing one representative in the US House, one idea would be to have a district that consists primarily of the counties of Calhoun, Branch, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, Cass, Berrien, Van Buren, and maybe Allegan.

Thank you for considering my input.

Robert Weir

 Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:32 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: mike bengelink

Subject: Name and address on remarks

It's my understanding that anyone can put their name on your comment section without knowing where they are from. This will allow people from all of the United States to give input on Michigan redistricting to those that don't live in Michigan. Please have them add their addresses to confirm they are from Michigan.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:19 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Larry Copley

Subject: Request every person who submits comments disclose full name and address

The Michigan Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) released their public comment portal today, giving people the opportunity to advocate for communities of interest but there is a BIG problem: the MICRC is only requiring name and email address to submit comment, propose maps, and comment on the map drawing process.

Anyone from anywhere can submit comments on communities of interest to the commission, regardless of whether they live in our state.

Therefore; I demand that every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Larry W. Copley



Cadillac, Michigan 4+601

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:05 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>

Name: Scott Little

Subject: Voting districts

To whom it may concern
Please audit michigan 2020 ballots
Please require voter ID
Please require a "pulse" for votes
please require legitimate address.
Please redistribution michigan.
Thank you

Scott Little
Clinical specialist - Saginaw

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:02 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Susan Campbell
Subject: Addresses needed!

Anyone putting input in must prove they are Michigan residents !
Sussn Csmbell [REDACTED] Vassar, MI 48768

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:02 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jared K Schuitema
Subject: ONLY ALLOW RESIDENTS

EVERY person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Jared Schuitema - REALTOR®
The Schuitema Team
Bellabay Realty SW LLC
[REDACTED]
Wyoming, MI 49418-0000
[REDACTED]
License #: 6501416027

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:00 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ann M Stedman
Subject: redistricting

We strongly object to how anyone can make their comments regarding the redistricting of Michigan. Every person who submits comment must disclose thier full name nd address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they are taking suggestions from have the best interests of our state in mind!

MI delegate for Dickinson County
Ann Stedman

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 2:45 PM

Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rev. Dr. Richard Zeile
Subject: Only allow Michigan residents to influence

Dear Commission:

I understand that you are receiving comments on redistricting, but that you do not require such commenters to indicate their residency. Please make that a requirement so that outside political influencers do not take advantage of this loophole.

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Zeile, Co-President
Michigan State Board of Education 2017-2018
[REDACTED], Dearborn, MI 48126

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 2:35 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joel Webb
Subject: Redistricting comments

To whom it may concern,

I am very concerned that those who do not live in the state of Michigan would have sway and influence in the decision on redistricting.

That is why I asked that the commission changes its policy that anybody submitting comments concerning the redistricting disclosed their full name and address so that their residency within the state of Michigan can be verified.

Thanks

Joel

Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:10 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Walton
Subject: MICRC

Hello,

I'm very concerned as a tax paying citizen of Michigan who has a say on these "lines" for redistricting. Only citizens who hold and own homestead property in Michigan should have a say in redistricting, not 2nd home owners from out of state because they can not legally vote in Michigan. Please keep our vote honest to Michigan.

Remember, voters vehicles should be registered with the state of Michigan if they live here.

Thank You,

Kristene Walton

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Coloma, MI 49038
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Date of Submission: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:09 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Steven Beck
Subject: Common Sense

Every person who submits comment must disclose their full name and address so that the Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking suggestions from have the best interests of our great state in mind.

Date of Submission: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 11:51 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Kathleen
Subject: MICRC Requirements

Redistricting Committee,

As a Michigan citizen who has an interest in redistricting, I demand that every person who submits comments must disclose their full name and address, not just an email, so that Commissioners and their staff know the people they're taking comments from have the best interests of our great state in mind!

Regards,
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Dollar Bay, Michigan

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Michigan residents should determine districts. Everyone should have to give full name, address, email and phone number.

Michigan residents determine it's future.

Pastor Stacey Wilder

