

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
August 12, 2021 Meeting Public Comment

Date of Submission: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:41 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Merissa Kovach
Subject: Commission Law Firm Selection – ACLU Concerns
Attachment included at end of document

Good afternoon,


Please see attached a letter from the ACLU Voting Rights Project and ACLU of Michigan expressing our concern with the current state of the Commission’s selection process of a law firm to advise and represent it including the sole consideration of Baker & Hostetler LLP, which will take place tomorrow, August 12th.

-Merissa

Merissa Kovach

Pronouns: she, her, hers

Merissa Kovach, Policy Strategist
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2966 Woodward Ave. Detroit MI 48201
(Offices in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Lansing)



Date of Submission: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 10:49 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jacqueline Stewart
Subject: Proportionality

In the discussion on August 6 about fairness measures, the issue of proportionality was raised. Dr. Handley correctly said that the courts do not require redistricting bodies to produce proportional outcomes. Commissioner Rothhorn pointed out that the public comments indicate that people want proportionality, and asked if the Commission had to choose. I think that is a false choice. The courts do

not say that redistricting bodies should NOT address proportionality; they only say that proportionality is not a criterion that can be used in a challenge (unless as DR, Handley pointed out it is so egregious that it smells of gerrymandering).

So I would encourage the Commission to check their results for proportionality as they draw. This may not be possible region by region but will be possible when the entire plan is made. They can compare plans using past results to say whether their new districts would or would not produce a more proportional result.

I suggest this be built into the software to make this an easy last step.

Thank you for all your work.

Jacqueline Stewart

Date of Submission: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:26 PM

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

Name: Jana Nicol

Subject: Mark Braden and Baker Hostetler

Please do not hire Mark Braden and Baker Hostetler, they are infamous for advising and defending some of the most egregious GOP gerrymanders of the last decade

Jana Nicol


Date of Submission: Monday, August 9, 2021 11:18 AM

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Name: Sebastian Blanco

Subject: Public comment on possible law firm hire

Hello,

Based on a breaking news Tweet (<https://twitter.com/davedaley3/status/1424494872224882690>), it appears that you all, who are supposed to be an independent redistricting commission for Michigan, may hire a Republican-supporting law firm that has defended some of the most egregious GOP gerrymanders of the last decade. I would like to voice my concern that hiring Mark Braden and Baker Hostetler as litigation counsel is the wrong move for a commission that is supposed to be independent of partisan politics. Please do not hire them,

Sebastian Blanco
Shelbyville, MI

Date of Submission: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 11:07 AM

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Name: Egadi45

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

[REDACTED]

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M Kimberly Dalinowski
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
[REDACTED]

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Name: Rednergreg49
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Greg Redner
Middleville, MI 49333
[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Linda Schweigert

Gaylord, MI 49735



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Name: Gchamaine

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Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,

This is incredibly important, as the threats to voting rights is under broad attacks, throughout the United States. I've been confident Michigan was safe, since we made such major changes to how we will reapportion our congressional districts. Now we are threatened.

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Lansing, MI 48911

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Joan DeYoung
Byron Center, MI 49315

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Name: Clem.Izanne
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,

In 2018, we in Michigan voted for an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

I'm so impressed with the fair and community-serving spirit of you all. Thank you for giving us Michiganders your energy and time. But now I'm really worried that your independence will be at risk if the law firm BakerHostetler is hired. This firm has a history of defending extreme partisan gerrymanders.

Please protect the commission's independence by hiring an independent, nonpartisan law firm instead.

Thanks again for your service.

Sincerely,
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 7:03 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Joshuabarclay2020
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Joshua Barclay
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
[REDACTED]

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Name: Carolhayford
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Carol Hayford
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
[REDACTED]

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Name: Byronja1127

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Byron Angevine

Clinton Township, MI 48036



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Sharon Szabo
New Buffalo, MI 49117


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JohnP Davis
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Mary Agnes Ryan
Monroe, MI 48162



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Farmington, MI 48331
[REDACTED]

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James Lukey
Okemos, MI 48864
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Emma Davis
Detroit, MI 48208
[REDACTED]

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Name: Jger419

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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I voted for it because at the time I lived in an absurdly drawn district that ran from Grosse Pointe to Pontiac. I knew this was a cheat and resented it bitterly. I believe that independence will be severely undermined if the commission moves forward with hiring the law firm BakerHostetler. This firm has a history of defending extreme partisan gerrymanders.

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Saint Clair Shores, MI 48080



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Dimondale, MI 48821

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Name: Anita R. Yu

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
CHARLES STOPPELS
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:26 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Maheathfield
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,

In 2018, the people of Michigan voted for an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to ensure a fair redistricting process.

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Sincerely,
MaryAnn Heathfield
Munising, MI 49862


Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:17 AM

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

Name: Steveo380

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Steve OLeary
Brighton, MI 48116
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:13 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Jshalpern7
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Judith Halpern
Kalamazoo, MI 49008
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 9:11 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Brucepmiller
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thank you.

Sincerely,
bruce miller
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:47 AM

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

Name: Darfish

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Cynthia Darling-Fisher
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:44 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Bkautzman
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,

In 2018, the people of Michigan voted for an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to ensure a fair redistricting process. I was among those who supported this move.

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Sincerely,
Barbara Kautzman
Howell, MI 48843
[REDACTED]

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Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:39 AM

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

Name: Kfmalone

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Kevin Malone
Bellaire, MI 49615
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:36 AM

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

Name: Roasterjack

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,

In 2018, the people of Michigan voted for an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to ensure a fair redistricting process. I am one of those voters.

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Sincerely,
Traverse City, MI 49685
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:14 AM

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

Name: Amtowsley

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Anthony Towsley
Grawn, MI 49637



Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:12 AM

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

Name: Pgschneider100

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
PATRICK SCHNEIDER
Bay City, MI 48706


Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 8:11 AM

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

Name: Andersen.beth

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Beth Andersen

Ann Arbor, MI 48105
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 7:55 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: wayne glessner762
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Wayne Glessner
Wixom, MI 48393
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 7:54 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Philip W Johnson
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Phil Johnson
Kalamazoo, MI 49006



Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 6:48 AM

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

Name: Jacinda M Swanson

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Jacinda Swanson
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 5:48 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Ceoverton
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Carol Overton
Lawton, MI 49065
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 5:40 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Rmrrromulus
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission


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Robert Renshaw
Roseville, MI 48066


Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 5:10 AM

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

Name: Nachman

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Louis Nachman
Plymouth, MI 48170

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 4:12 AM

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

Name: Hovebob

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Robert Hove

Lansing, MI 48917

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 4:07 AM

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

Name: Kharke

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Kenneth
Sturgis, MI 49091



Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 2:46 AM

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

Name: Pds453

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Steve Chai
Whitmore Lake, MI 48189
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 2:05 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Blodgett
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Linda Blodgett
Lansing, MI 48911
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 1:48 AM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Mssasha3
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sasha Jackson
Detroit, MI 48228
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 1:47 AM

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

Name: Pepperfan2

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,

In 2018, the people of Michigan voted for an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to ensure a fair redistricting process.

I believe that the Commission, as it moves forward, must guard its independence. This means NOT hiring the law firm BakerHostetler, a firm with a history of defending extreme partisan gerrymanders.

I urge you to protect the independence of our commission by hiring an independent, nonpartisan law firm. Please be diligent in ensuring the public that the Michigan redistricting process is fair.

Sincerely,
Patricia Murphy
Royal Oak, MI 48073
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 1:44 AM

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

Name: Dhornstein152309mi

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dave Hornstein

Madison Heights, MI 48071



Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 12:28 AM

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

Name: Angie.ebreo

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 12:17 AM

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

Name: Carrieashar

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Sincerely,
Carrie Rowe

Lansing, MI 48915
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Monday, August 9, 2021 11:31 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Garymeeuwsen
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Gary Meeuwsen
Zeeland, MI 49464
[REDACTED]

Date of Submission: Monday, August 9, 2021 11:19 PM
Method of Submission: Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>
Name: Stuart Noel Dowty
Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Stuart Dowty
Ypsilanti, MI 48197



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Name: Suprddy

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Edward Nielson
Westlake Village, CA 91361
[REDACTED]

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Name: Thomaskirby
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Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069
[REDACTED]

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Roy Freas
Caledonia, MI 49316
[REDACTED]

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Name: Janpeterson87

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Ferndale, MI 48220



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Denise O'Brien
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Name: Jjcharlow

Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Stevensville, MI 49127
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Bay City, MI 48708



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William Arnold
East Lansing, MI 48823
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Heath Post
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Name: Rosalindfolman

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Royal Oak, MI 48073

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

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Subject: Protect the independence of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Lake Orion, MI 48359



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Washington, DC 20001
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August 11, 2021

Via email to redistricting@michigan.gov

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Selection of Legal Counsel

Dear Members of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission:

We write on behalf of the ACLU of Michigan to express our grave concern with the current state of the Commission's selection process of a law firm to advise and represent it. Specifically, we understand that in response to its RFP, it has thus far only accepted a submission from Baker & Hostetler LLP ("Baker"). Selecting this law firm, however, would contradict the independent nature of the Commission and its goal to produce fair maps for all Michiganders given Baker's extensive history of defending some of the most egregious partisan and racial gerrymanders of recent years. While a complete lack of previous political representation may or may not be feasible, selecting a law firm so inextricably intertwined with partisan redistricting practices will undermine the entire redistricting process in appearance if not effect. **We therefore urge the Commission to allow time for additional applications and ultimately to choose a law firm without a history of defending and supporting extreme partisan and racial gerrymanders.**

The Baker RFP provides evidence of many cases in which it has defended redistricting plans that courts held are unconstitutional partisan or racial gerrymanders. For example, the RFP lists Baker's work defending Pennsylvania's 2011 congressional redistricting plan. Yet the Pennsylvania Supreme Court held that the plan it defended "clearly, plainly and palpably violates the Pennsylvania Constitution" because the plan was a "partisan gerrymander" that "was extreme and durable" and "designed to dilute the votes of those who in prior elections voted for the party not in power in order to give the party in power a lasting electoral advantage."¹ It found this plan was "aimed at achieving unfair partisan gain" and therefore "undermine[d] voters' ability to exercise their right to vote in free and 'equal' elections."²

Baker also touts its representation of ten members of Ohio's congressional delegation in defending Ohio's 2011 congressional redistricting plan against a partisan gerrymandering claim. A three-judge federal court, however, found that the "map drawers' controlling intent was to lock in a 12-4 map in favor of Republicans, that goal was accomplished, and no other causes or justifications

¹ *League of Women Voters of Pa. v. Commonwealth*, 645 Pa. 576, 579 (2018).

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explain” the map’s “extreme partisan effects.”³ As such, the court held that the map Baker defended was a partisan gerrymander that “was intentional and effective and that no legitimate justification account[ed] for its extremity.”⁴ Additionally, the court noted that one of the Baker attorneys listed on the RFP “was retained by the Ohio Attorney General to represent and advise the General Assembly during the 2011 redistricting process,”⁵ and that he “advised them and collaborated with [Republican staffers] during the map-drawing process.”⁶ **Thus, Baker attorneys not only defended the extreme partisan gerrymander, but at least one provided advice to those who crafted it.** Although this decision was ultimately vacated because the U.S. Supreme Court held that partisan gerrymandering claims were not justiciable in federal courts because they implicate the political-question doctrine,⁷ the Supreme Court did “not condone excessive partisan gerrymandering” or undermine the merits of the three-judge court’s finding in Ohio or elsewhere.⁸

Baker’s defense of redistricting plans also includes Virginia’s unconstitutional racial gerrymandering of a number of State House of Delegates districts. In that case, a federal court held that Virginia “sorted voters into districts based on the color of their skin” in a manner that was not justified by the Voting Rights Act and thus violated the Constitution’s equal protection clause.⁹ The United States Supreme Court dismissed an appeal, leaving the ruling in place.¹⁰

The ACLU of Michigan understands the time-sensitive nature of the redistricting process. Yet selecting a law firm whose recent history includes the defense of multiple extreme gerrymanders and even involvement in at least one state’s drawing of such maps runs contrary to the goals of the Michigan Constitution and will undermine public confidence in the process. We urge the Commission to allow for additional submissions and to select a law firm without an extensive recent history of defending partisan gerrymanders.

Sincerely,

Merissa Kovach, Policy Strategist
Dan Korobkin, Legal Director
ACLU of Michigan

Davin Rosborough, Senior Staff Attorney, Voting Rights Project
American Civil Liberties Union

³ *Ohio A. Philip Randolph Inst. v. Householder*, 373 F. Supp. 3d 978, 1150–51 (S.D. Ohio), *vacated and remanded*, 140 S. Ct. 101 (2019), and *vacated and remanded sub nom. Chabot v. Ohio A. Philip Randolph Inst.*, 140 S. Ct. 102 (2019).

⁴ *Id.* at 994.

⁵ *Id.* at 997.

⁶ *Id.* at 998.

⁷ *Rucho v. Common Cause*, 139 S. Ct. 2484 (2019).

⁸ *Id.* at 2507.

⁹ *Bethune-Hill v. Va. State Bd. of Elections*, 326 F. Supp. 3d 128, 180 (E.D. Va. 2018).

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Public Testimony for Independent Redistricting Commission

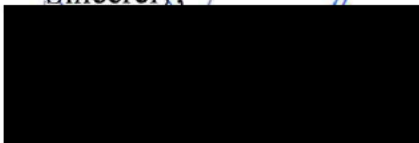
Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for listening to public input. My family is a long-time agricultural business owner. We value the tourism to our area and experience the economic and environmental issues in our region. While determining the Senate District lines, our request is that Allegan and Van Buren counties are fully united in the same district.

Allegan and Van Buren counties both enjoy significant agricultural and tourism economies. Both counties include many small K-12 rural schools. And both counties share similar environmental challenges and the lack of access to high-speed Internet. By joining Allegan and Van Buren counties together, we will be assured of being represented by a Senator who lives relatively close to everyone in the district and understands our important local needs.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jim Van Til
Fennville in Allegan County

June 28, 2021

Dear Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Thank you for taking and considering my testimony

My name is Darlene Doorlag . I am a retired teacher living in Lake Leelanau, MI in Leelanau County.

First I want to thank you all for the tireless hours and hours of work you have already put in to your task and for all the future hours you will be putting in. This is such an important job and the voters are counting on you to be fair and equitable. I first ask that you start fresh with a clean, clear map and do not try to modify any of the current maps.

Leelanau County and Grand Traverse County should be considered a community of common interests. We share an airport, a hospital system, an agricultural network, an entertainment connection, as well as numerous festivals, farmer's markets, and a very successful farm to table collaboration. Our two counties share an intermediate school district and together attract thousands of tourists from all over the state and country. Our two contiguous counties should be considered a district together for a Michigan House seat.

In addition, I would like to see Leelanau, and Grand Traverse counties grouped together with the four contiguous counties of Charlevoix, Emmet, Benzie, and Antrim to create a State Senate District. We share a Health Department with Benzie county, and together with Charlevoix, Emmett, Benzie, and Antrim definitely should be considered a community of interest. An example would be the sharing of the cherry and wine industries where many of our small farmers need the support of a coalition of these six counties. In addition we share a community of tourism and we need each other to grow this very important industry. Both industries are so important to the economic interests of these six counties. If the commission takes into account how its citizens relate to each other when drawing district lines a fairness will automatically be created. In the past

they were drawn to unfairly favor an incumbent or a political party. You have the ability to right this wrong.
Thank you so much for your time and service which I so greatly appreciate.

Sincerely,
Darlene Doorlag

████████████████████ Lake Leelanau, MI 49653



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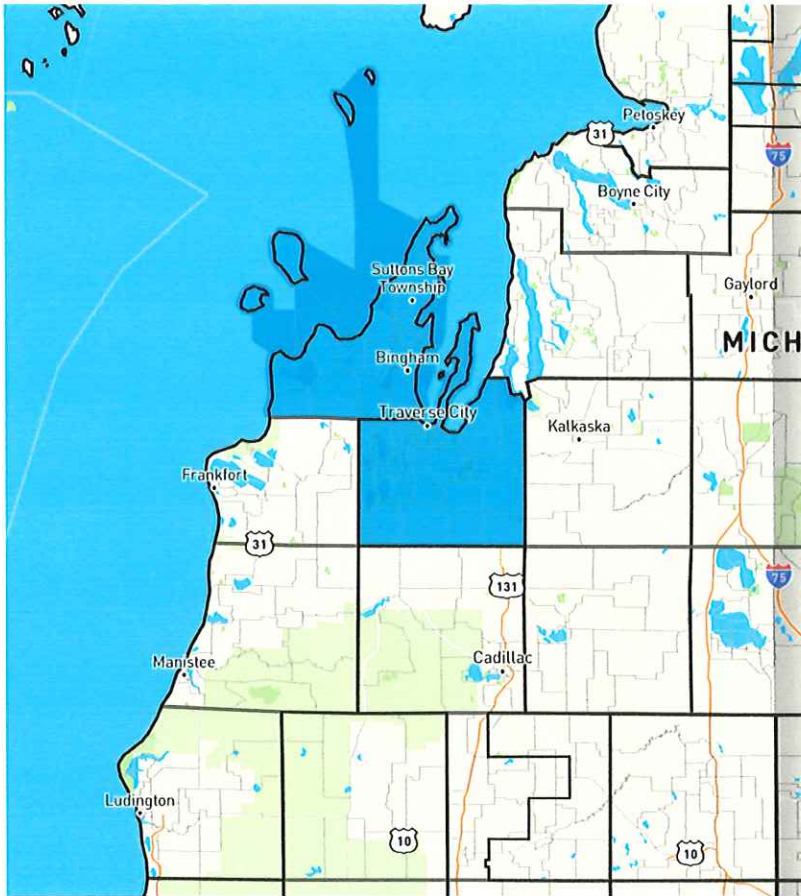
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Evan Hope, CMC
Delhi Charter Township Clerk
Michigan's Township Clerk of the Year, 2007
Past President, MI Association of Municipal Clerks

July 29, 2021

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
P.O. Box 30318
Lansing MI 48909

RE: Delhi Charter Township Resolution No. 2021-007

Please find enclosed Delhi Charter Township Resolution No. 2021-007, approved by its Board of Trustees at their July 20, 2021 meeting, to keep Delhi Township with the Greater Lansing Region when New Congressional and State District Lines are drawn.

If you have any questions, please contact Evan Hope, Township Clerk.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy D. Marlan".

Amy D. Marlan
Deputy Clerk/Assist. Twp. Clerk

**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-007

**A RESOLUTION TO THE MICHIGAN INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING
COMMISSION TO KEEP DELHI TOWNSHIP WITH THE GREATER LANSING REGION WHEN
NEW CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE DISTRICT LINES ARE DRAWN.**

At a regular meeting of the Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Delhi, Ingham County, Michigan, held at the Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, Michigan 48842 on Tuesday, the 20th day of July 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor John Hayhoe, Clerk Evan Hope, Treasure Tom Lenard, Trustees Pat Brown, Tyjuan Thirdegill, DiAnne Warfield

ABSENT: Trustee Matt Lincoln

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Thirdegill and seconded by Trustee Warfield:

WHEREAS, Michigan Proposal 2 of 2018 created an Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan constitution empowers the Redistricting Commission of citizens to draw district lines for the 2022 election and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Redistricting Commission is seeking public input regarding future district lines and about communities of interest; and

WHEREAS, Delhi Township is a major municipality in Ingham County; and

WHEREAS, Delhi Township is part of Ingham County programs and districts such as the County Health Department, County Sheriff's Office, Library District, and Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, Delhi Township is contiguous with the City of Lansing along Delhi Township's northern border; and

WHEREAS, Delhi Township works collaboratively with the Ingham County Government and other municipalities in Ingham County, such as the City of Lansing; and

WHEREAS, several service clubs and groups are comprised of membership of Delhi Township (Holt) and South Lansing; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990's some district lines excluded Delhi Township from Ingham County and the City of Lansing only to be included with counties and municipalities that are not part of the region or community that Delhi is part; and

WHEREAS, the exclusion from Ingham County and the Lansing Region caused much confusion as to who represented Delhi Township, arguably making it harder to be represented; and

WHEREAS, Delhi Township is a community of interest that should remain intact; and

WHEREAS, Delhi Township belongs to a larger community of interest of its bordering Lansing Region,

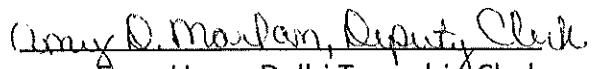
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELHI, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, That the members of the Delhi Township Board urge the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep Delhi Township intact and within Ingham County and the Lansing Region when drawing district lines for the 2022 election and beyond.

AYES: Hope, Lenard, Thirdgill, Warfield, Brown, Hayhoe

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Lincoln

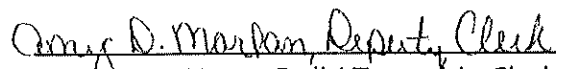
The foregoing Resolution declared adopted on the date written above.


Evan Hope, Delhi Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF INGHAM)§

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified Clerk for the Charter Township of Delhi, Ingham County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the proceedings taken by the Township Board at a regular meeting held on the 20th day of July 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 20th day of July 2021.


Evan Hope, Delhi Township Clerk