

**Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**  
**March 18, 2021 Meeting Public Comment**

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**Date of Submission:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:59AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Michael Doherty  
**Subject:** On the Composition of State and Federal Legislatures

To the Commission on Redistricting in Michigan:

The Michigan House of Representatives has 110 members and the population of Michigan is approximately ten million persons. For comparison California has eighty representing forty million people and New Hampshire has 400 representing one and a half million people. The Federal House has 435 members and US population is nearly 325 million. Divided equally amongst representatives this comes to ninety thousand constituents per representative in Michigan and 750 thousand constituents per representative at a federal level. These are the average sizes of congressional districts. Facing the task of representing these vast numbers of people, how can representatives truly know the will of the people they speak in place of and what can be done to remedy the issue of unwieldy districts and what negative affects are caused by this dilemma.

Sincerely,  
Michael Doherty

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**Date of Submission:** Sunday, March 14, 2021 9:30PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Chad Bailey  
**Subject:** Public comment about redistricting methodology  
**\*Attachment included at end of document\***

Dear Esteemed Commissioners,

I am writing to implore you to include the quantitative metric called "Efficiency Gap" into the decisions for the redistricting. I'm attaching a reference about how that metric works and is calculated. It calculates the votes that are wasted in each area. Please use it so that each new district has the lowest efficiency gap. That will help you guys to balance each district equally!

Please respond if possible. I hope to attend a meeting to present some other issues.

Thanks much!

Sincerely,  
Chad Bailey  
Ann Arbor, MI

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**Date of Submission:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 12:18PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Cindy Krieg  
**Subject:** Color scheme for logo

Dear Commissioners,

Thanks for all you are doing!

The color scheme for your new logo is minor, but very important. Removal of the blue is necessary to represent the independent nature of this commission. Below is a screenshot of the current logo from the Secretary of State's webpage for the Redistricting Committee. It actually already has the state and the pen. Why not use the purple (and orange) from here with the new-look logo? Just a quick suggestion!



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**Date of Submission:** Saturday, March 13, 2021 8:51AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Dale Leitzke  
**Subject:** balanced districts

Independent Redistricting Commission,

The key is balanced districts. It's the opposite of gerrymandering. For every district that has voters that vote 70-30 for the Republican Party, a district that has voters that vote 70-30 for the Democratic Party. A 60-40 Republican district needs to be matched with a 60-40 Democratic district. It is noted that creation of a 50-50 district gives that US Congressman little chance to achieve seniority in the House. Secondly, it is still best to use geographic and political boundaries to create districts that have limited perimeter boundaries.

Dale Leitzke  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Menominee, Michigan 49858

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, March 12, 2021 5:45PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Quentin Turner  
**Subject:** Please ensure an accessible redistricting process  
**\*Attachment included at end of document\***

To whom it may concern,

Common Cause MI is submitting this letter on the Census Data Delay and timeline modification to the Redistricting Commission for their consideration.

Thank you so much for the work you are doing. Looking forward to supporting you in the coming months.

Sincerely,

Quentin Turner

Quentin Turner (He/Him)  
Common Cause  
Michigan Program Director

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**Date of Submission:** Friday, March 12, 2021 2:09PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Gegerwally  
**Subject:** Please ensure an accessible redistricting process

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Gerry Easton



SHELBY TOWNSHIP, Michigan 48317

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**Name:** Alisa Doreen Brown

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Carla Brown



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Suzanne Lind



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Russell Ludwig



Dearborn Heights, Michigan 48127

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**Name:** Maslawson42  
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Margaret Slawson



Traverse City , Michigan 49686

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Susan Stuart



Battle Creek, Michigan 49014

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David Shultz



Norton Shores, Michigan 49441

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Ellen McDonald



Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

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**Name:** Khalil.samr  
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saima khalil



sterling heights, Michigan 48312

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

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Michael Hinshaw

[REDACTED]

Inkster , Michigan 48141

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**Name:** Exsquizzit6500  
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Joe Good



Oxford Charter Township, Michigan 48371

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Ann Hungerman



Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

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[REDACTED]  
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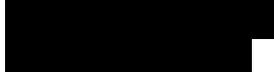
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Lorraine Leidholdt



Marquette, Michigan 49855

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**Name:** Warren c Danford jr  
**Subject:** Please ensure an accessible redistricting process

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St Clair Shores, Michigan 48081

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Vanessa Brissette



Auburn, Michigan 48611

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Hancock, Michigan 49930

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Milford, Michigan 48381

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Orchard Lake, Michigan 48324

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SOUTH LYON, Michigan 48189

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**Name:** Keith\_dalessandro  
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Lorraine Filipek



Hartland, Michigan 48353

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Dawn Benbow

  
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richard blake



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Jerry Davis  


[REDACTED]  
Rockford, Michigan 49341

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**Name:** Erink.casey  
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Taylor , Michigan 48180

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**Name:** Smithsharon.67  
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**Name:** Mr. Charles Dineen  
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[REDACTED]

Lawton, Michigan 49065-9644

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Sandy Graves



MI, Michigan 48044

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**Name:** Edward Walzer  
**Subject:** Please ensure an accessible redistricting process

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Charles Glatt



Kalamazoo, Michigan 49008

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M Leszczynski



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Detroit, Michigan 48232

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gary Jarvis

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**Name:** Norma J. Bailey  
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Mount Pleasant, Michigan 48858-1604

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Redford Charter Township, Michigan 48239

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[REDACTED]  
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Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

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**Name:** Keithsalois

**Subject:** Please ensure an accessible redistricting process

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Clarkston, Michigan 48346

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Battle Creek, Michigan 49014

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Traverse City, Michigan 49685

**Date of Submission:** Friday, March 12, 2021 8:16AM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Joe Miskovich  
**Subject:** Comments on the proposed meeting locations

Dear Commissioners as a longtime Livingston County resident I strongly request that the commission schedule a meeting in Livingston at Cleary University.

Livingston County is a unique county, and it is vitally important that the residents who live here have our voices heard by the Commissioners.

Sincerely  
Joe Miskovich

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:36PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** gjlarouche@juno.com  
**Subject:** Re: Redistricting in Michigan!

Dear Redistricting Commission:

I want to know if you will have any town hall meetings in Macomb County. I am a delegate from Sterling Heights, I have drawn a plan for the new Congressional districts in Michigan. As you know, the state will lose another Congressional seat. I would like to tell you my plan. Please let me know when you will be coming to Macomb County. Thank you.

G.J. LaRouche  
gjlarouche@juno.com

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:25PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Linda Cook MacDonald  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Locations

Dear Members of the MICRC:

It is Thursday March 11 and I have been listening to the meeting since it began.

The discussion is certainly enlightening, however it seems to me that there is some talking past each other.

The plan put forth by Mr. Woods seems really complete. What I personally appreciate about the plan he has suggested is that he envisions using time in various locations to reach out to particular populations by actually travel to such areas. For instance, I feel like going to Schoolcraft County could be especially helpful. Mr. Woods suggestions have included some areas not included in the first meeting plan - Kalamazoo, Muskegon, Pontiac. However, Benton Harbor is no longer included for a Public Hearing.

The Town Hall plans are really critically important. So being able to add those would be really important.

Thanks for the good work you all are doing in behalf of the citizens of the state. Just a reminder that no citizen has ever had the opportunity to be part of a redistricting conversation ever. What will be done will be critically important because it will be the first effort ever done in the state.

Yours truly,

Linda C MacDonald  
Mattawan,MI

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**Date of Submission:** Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:20PM  
**Method of Submission:** Email To <Redistricting@Michigan.gov>  
**Name:** Elizabeth r. benyi  
**Subject:** comments about townhalls/meetings

with regards to meetings in the UP you would be better off with multiple town halls than the full board style meetings. You would be able to reach more people with better in person attendance. Please realize that congressional districts and state senate/state house districts are most likely not going to change dramatically with the exception of the 110th which is a gerrymandered district.

Elizabeth Benyi  
Calumet, MI

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## How the Efficiency Gap Works

*Eric Petry*

The efficiency gap is a standard for measuring partisan gerrymandering that is currently at the heart of the Wisconsin gerrymandering case, *Whitford v. Nichol*.<sup>1</sup>

Developed by Nicholas Stephanopoulos, Professor at the University of Chicago Law School, and Eric McGhee, Research Fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, the efficiency gap counts the number of votes each party wastes in an election to determine whether either party enjoyed a systematic advantage in turning votes into seats.<sup>2</sup> Any vote cast for a losing candidate is considered wasted, as are all the votes cast for a winning candidate in excess of the number needed to win.

### *Hypothetical Scenario*

To understand how the efficiency gap works, consider a hypothetical state with 500 residents that is divided into five legislative districts, each with 100 voters. In the most recent election cycle, Democrats won Districts 1 and 2 by wide margins, while Republicans won Districts 3, 4, and 5 in closer races. Overall, Democratic candidates received 55 percent of the statewide vote but won just 40 percent of the legislative seats, while Republican candidates received 45 percent and won 60 percent of the seats. The table below shows the election results for each district.

District	D Votes	R Votes	Result
1	75	25	D wins
2	60	40	D wins
3	43	57	R wins
4	48	52	R wins
5	49	51	R wins
Total	275	225	

<sup>1</sup> *Whitford v. Nichol*, No. 15-cv-421 (W.D. Wis. filed July 8, 2015).

<sup>2</sup> Nicholas O. Stephanopoulos & Eric M. McGhee, *Partisan Gerrymandering and the Efficiency Gap*, 82 U. CHI. L. REV. 831 (2015).

***Calculating the Efficiency Gap***

Calculating the efficiency gap involves three steps.

Step 1: The first step is to determine the total number of votes each party wasted in the election. Again, any votes cast for a losing candidate are considered wasted. Likewise, any vote cast for a winning candidate in excess of the number needed to win is also wasted. In our scenario, a candidate needs 51 votes to win since there are 100 voters in each district, so any votes above that threshold are wasted. The table below shows the election results in each district, as well as the number of wasted votes.

District	D Votes	R Votes	D Wasted Votes	R Wasted Votes	Net Wasted Votes
1	75	25	24	25	1 R
2	60	40	9	40	31 R
3	43	57	43	6	37 D
4	48	52	48	1	47 D
5	49	51	49	0	49 D
Total	275	225	173	72	101 D

Since the Democratic candidate in District 1 received 75 votes but only needed 51 to win, 24 Democratic votes were wasted ( $75 - 51 = 24$ ). Likewise, all 25 Republican votes in District 1 were wasted since the Republican candidate lost.

Repeating this process for the other districts shows that in District 2 Democrats wasted 9 votes and Republicans wasted 40 votes, in District 3 Democrats wasted 43 votes and Republicans wasted 6 votes, in District 4 Democrats wasted 48 votes and Republicans wasted 1 vote, and in District 5 Democrats wasted 49 votes and Republicans wasted 0 votes.

Step 2: Next, the process requires calculating the total number of votes wasted by each party and finding the net wasted votes. In this scenario, Democrats wasted 173 votes ( $24 + 9 + 43 + 48 + 49 = 173$ ) and Republicans wasted 72 votes ( $25 + 40 + 6 + 1 + 0 = 72$ ). Thus, Democrats had a net waste of 101 votes ( $173 - 72 = 101$ ), meaning they wasted 101 more votes than Republicans.

Step 3: The final step in calculating the efficiency gap is to divide the net wasted votes by the total number of votes cast in the election. The net number of wasted votes was 101 and there were 500 total votes, which produces an efficiency gap of 20 percent ( $101 \div 500 = .202$ ).

In other words, Republicans were better able to convert their votes into legislative seats. As a result, they won 20 percent more seats (which translates to one additional seat since 20 percent of five equals one) than they would have if both parties had wasted an equal number of votes.

In their paper, Stephanopoulos and McGhee propose efficiency gap thresholds above which a district plan would be presumptively unconstitutional. For congressional plans, an efficiency gap of two or more seats indicates a constitutional problem. For state legislative plans, the threshold is an efficiency gap of 8 percent or greater.

***Efficiency Gap Equation***

As an equation, the efficiency gap looks like this:

$$\text{Efficiency Gap} = (\text{Total Democratic Wasted Votes} - \text{Total Republican Wasted Votes}) \div \text{Total Votes}$$

***Simplified Efficiency Gap Calculation***

If either party's seat margin and vote margin for a given election are known, then the efficiency gap can also be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Efficiency Gap} = (\text{Seat Margin} - 50\%) - 2 (\text{Vote Margin} - 50\%)$$

Applying this formula to the hypothetical yields the following algebraic process:

$$\text{Efficiency Gap} = (\text{Republican Seat Margin} - 50\%) - 2 (\text{Republican Vote Margin} - 50\%)$$

$$\text{Efficiency Gap} = (60\% - 50\%) - 2 (45\% - 50\%)$$

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Alternatively, using the Democratic seat and vote margins, the formula yields:

$$\text{Efficiency Gap} = (\text{Democratic Seat Margin} - 50\%) - 2 (\text{Democratic Vote Margin} - 50\%)$$

$$\text{Efficiency Gap} = (40\% - 50\%) - 2 (55\% - 50\%)$$

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When calculated using the margins for Republicans, who were better able to turn votes into seats, the efficiency gap is positive, indicating an electoral advantage. The converse is true when using the Democratic margins.

The simplified method for calculating the efficiency gap can be much faster than the district-by-district method, but note that the results are only exactly equal when voter turnout is equal in every district, as it is in this hypothetical.

To the members of Michigan's Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission:

Common Cause Michigan is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization dedicated to upholding the core values of American democracy in Michigan. With a membership of over 40 thousand Michiganders, we are working together to build a better democracy that puts people first.

Common Cause has been actively involved in redistricting on multiple levels throughout the country – including educating people on what the redistricting process is, how communities can participate, the importance of creating transparent and inclusive processes, and advocating or suing when it is not. We have been active supporters of redistricting reforms to make the process more inclusive and to create the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

As the Commission begins its important work, we wanted to express our deep gratitude for the work of the Commissioners and their staff. You are on the front lines of ensuring that Michigan's democracy works for every Michigander. We understand that this work requires personal sacrifices and very much recognize and appreciate your commitment.

When Common Cause first learned about the adjusted timeframe for the Census Bureau to release data used for redistricting, we understood that the extra time was to not only adjust for the extended enumeration period that we fought for, but also to take extra time to get the data correct, given all of the disruption of where people had to move because of COVID. We see the September 30, 2021 Release Date as an opportunity to hold extensive hearings to have a greater focus on community engagement in the spring and summer leading up to the Census Data release to ensure that when maps are drafted, they are fully representative of the diverse communities that make up our state.

We appreciate the Commission's proactive work to authorize a request to the court to move the constitutional deadlines in the redistricting process in light of the new data delivery date. **Common Cause Michigan recommends that the Commission request that the court adjust relevant deadlines in a way to ensure the least disruption to opportunities for public input and that the Commission adopt this emphasis on public engagement in its modified schedule.** Michigan residents deserve the opportunity to have our voices heard in this process that will determine the foundation of our representation in government.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Quentin Turner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Quentin Turner  
Program Director, Common Cause MI  
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