The fact that there are only two women, no women of color, and no Latinx members on the committee demonstrate lack of representation and independence within our system. There is a problem when people of color compromise over 45 percent of New Jersey's population, yet the Apportionment Commission is dominated by white men.

I am in full support of the suggestions by Fair Districts New Jersey that include:

- Make all map-making resources and data public and allow multiple methods for public submission of maps.
- Make all map drafts public, allow for public input on any proposed map prior to approval, and require redistricting reports justifying all map-making decisions.
- Protect communities of interests through ample public hearings and robust and meaningful public input.
- Adhere to ranked order clear-line drawing rules established by nonpartisan redistricting reform best practices designed to protect "one person, one vote" and prevent boundary line manipulation for political gain.
- Adopt a racial equity provision that reinforces the Voting Rights Act to protect the voting rights and voting strength of communities of color.

NJ PRIMARY ELECTION DAY Tuesday, June 8th Polls Open 6am to 8pm DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

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