

INDIANA REDISTRICTING ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

- 1. Organize a group and request an ACLU of Indiana **pre-recorded Redistricting 101 & Advocacy training.** Email **Pamela Guerrero** at **volunteer@aclu-in.org** to make a request.
- 2. **Make your voice heard:** Attend one of nine public meetings throughout the state to demand a transparent and fair redistricting process. More information <u>here</u>
- 3. Share a comment at the hearing: make sure to sign up at each meeting if you plan to give public comments. You can use our **Talking Points** to guide your public comment.
- 4. **Can't make it to the in-person meeting?** Have a watch party, the meetings will be livestreamed <u>here</u>
- 5. Share your written public comments from home: Written comments can also be share via email
 - State Sen. Jon Ford, <u>s38@iga.in.gov</u>
 - State Rep. Tim Wesco, <u>h21@iga.in.gov</u>
- 6. Contact your State Senators and State Representatives. Call, email, or send a letter.
 - Find your legislator
 - Senate: (317) 232-9400|(800) 382-9467 | House: (317) 232-9600|(800) 382-9842

Talking Points

We recommend you consider using these talking points when speaking at a redistricting hearing, submitting comments to legislators, and sharing on your social media.

- The redistricting process, like much of Indiana politics, is done behind closed doors and ignores the needs of the public. Legislators should make the process public and transparent.
- Legislators have used redistricting throughout history to attack the right to vote and weaken the voting power of communities of color. We need redistricting in Indiana to ensure all voters are fairly represented, regardless of their race or for whom they vote
- During the last redistricting cycle, lawmakers used tactics to dilute the power of Black and Brown voters to pick their preferred candidates and engage in the political process. If this continues, Indiana's legislature will be less and less representative of the state. Indiana cannot progress until the

district maps are drawn to equally represent everyone. Fair redistricting is one critical way to fight structural racism in Indiana.

- Legislators should not be able to choose their own voters, making it impossible for voters to hold them accountable. Voters should choose their representatives.
- Fair district maps mean all Hoosiers are ensured an equal opportunity to elect officials based on shared community interest.
- Gerrymandering hurts Hoosiers because it fosters extremism within the parties, suppresses moderation and consensus, creates artificial supermajorities in the General Assembly and Indiana's congressional delegates.