

Fair NC Districts

To the editor: The League of Women Voters U.S., North Carolina and Henderson County have consistently worked to protect and enhance voting rights for all eligible voters, promote citizen participation, and ensure accountable, open, representative and responsive government at every level.

By definition, anyone committed to our democratic principles of representative government must also support voter rights and education. These are not easily realized, and where the short-sighted interests of either political party interfere, our democracy as a whole is at risk.

When winning elections becomes more important than holding fair ones, we compromise the foundation of democracy.

The recent failure by the SCOTUS to remedy the partisan gerrymandering here in North Carolina put the proverbial ball back in our court. It is now up to the N.C. Legislature and/or the N.C. courts to provide fair voting districts.

No one needs to be a geopolitical pro to know that our current districts were unfairly drawn and that changing how districts are drawn so that elected officials do not draw them is vital if we want each citizen's vote to count.

Please call today your N.C. Sen. Chuck Edwards and N.C. Reps. Chuck McGrady or Cody Henson to request passage of legislation guaranteeing fair districts.

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