

## Adams on the Passage of North Carolina's Illegal Congressional Maps



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**CHARLOTTE (November 5, 2021)** – Today, **Congresswoman Alma Adams (NC-12)** issued the following statement condemning the illegal Congressional redistricting maps produced by the North Carolina General Assembly:

*“Yesterday, the North Carolina General Assembly approved its redistricting plans on a party line vote, and yet again they’ve produced an illegal political gerrymander,” **said Rep. Adams, who served as a North Carolina state legislator for 20 years before her election to Congress.** “While these maps protect the political careers of Congressional incumbents, they don’t protect the rights of North Carolina voters. The maps would likely produce 10 or 11 Republican Members of Congress and at most 4 Democratic Members of Congress. That is a 79% Republican delegation in a state where Democratic and Republican candidates for Congress receive roughly the same number of votes every year.”*

*“The maps sow confusion by needlessly changing the numbers of our Congressional districts. They split communities of interest by placing each Triad city – Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and High Point – in its own district, cracking the political power of those communities. They put North Mecklenburg and Steele Creek voters in a new Cleveland County-centric district to advance the political career of one of the politicians who drew the maps,*

*evidence that challenges the claims of Republican leaders who said they drew this map without partisan or racial considerations. I've experienced the redistricting process three times since taking office in 2014, so I know a gerrymander when I see it," **Adams added.***

*"Even if it imperils my seat, we can't allow General Assembly Republicans to subvert our democracy. These maps must be taken to court, and they must be overturned," **Adams concluded.***

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