

Nos. 18-422, 18-726

In the Supreme Court of the United States

ROBERT A. RUCHO, et al., Appellants ,
v.

COMMON CAUSE, et al., Appellees.

LINDA H. LAMONE, et al., Appellants ,
v.

O. JOHN BENISEK, et al., Appellees.

On Appeals from the United States District Courts for the
Middle District of North Carolina and the District of Maryland

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ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE ; COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA ;
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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT ; LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS , MARYLAND CHAPTER ; NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ; NATIONAL FEDERATION OF
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STATEMENT OF INTEREST¹

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SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

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The United States Constitution, Article I, Section 2, Clause 3, provides that the House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature. No Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, have seven Years Residence in the United States; and no Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, have been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who, when elected, shall not, when elected, have been seven Years a Citizen of the State in which he shall be chosen. The Constitution also provides that the House of Representatives shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

ARGUMENT

I. Election Manipulation Through Partisan Gerrymandering Violates Fundamental American Democratic Principles of Representativeness and Accountability in Government.

Representative democracy is a cornerstone of American government, and the principle of equal representation is fundamental to its operation. The Constitution's guarantee of equal representation in the House of Representatives is a direct reflection of this principle. The practice of partisan gerrymandering, which involves the manipulation of district boundaries to favor a particular political party, is a direct violation of this principle. It undermines the integrity of the electoral process and the ability of the House of Representatives to represent the people of the United States.

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**B. Adjudication of Severe Partisan
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The Supreme Court has held that the political question doctrine does not bar adjudication of claims of unconstitutional partisan gerrymandering. In *Rucho v. Common Cause*, 139 S. Ct. 2113 (2019), the Court held that the Constitution does not provide a judicially enforceable standard for the constitutionality of partisan gerrymandering. The Court stated that the political question doctrine bars judicial review of such claims because they are committed to the political branches of the government. The Court also held that the Constitution does not provide a judicially enforceable standard for the constitutionality of partisan gerrymandering.

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The organization is currently accepting
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