

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY

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Via Electronic Mail

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Dear Mr. Parikh and Mr. Moench:

Please accept this response to your letter dated today, which contains two proposed names to serve as the independent member, or tiebreaker, for the New Jersey Redistricting Commission. As you know, one recommendation comes from the Democratic members of the Commission, another from the Republican members. Both individuals named are very highly regarded.

I write on behalf of the Court to encourage the Commission to reconvene and recommend a single consensus choice from both parties. In the past, the Commission has shown great wisdom by following that path. Its venerable practice has served the public well.

As you know, the task of redrawing boundaries for congressional districts is vitally important to the people of our State. A spirit of compromise and consensus will enhance that effort and elevate public confidence in the Commission's work, as has been true in the past.

For those reasons, I respectfully ask, on behalf of the Court, that the Commission reconvene and make a concerted effort to propose a single name for consideration. Kindly share this letter with all of the members of the Commission and reply no later than July 30.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart Rabner".

Stuart Rabner