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LDF Denounces Enactment of North Carolina's Racially Discriminatory Congressional Map

Last week, the North Carolina General Assembly [passed](#) a congressional map that intentionally diminishes Black voting power. This will be North Carolina's fifth congressional map to be enacted in this decade, and the Governor has zero veto power over the decision.

North Carolina is home to over 1.7 million eligible Black voters — and this new congressional map aims to shift those communities into new and separate districts, eliminating many Black North Carolinians' opportunities to elect candidates of choice. North Carolina is now the latest state to engage in off-cycle redistricting, despite the fact that [84% of voters in the state oppose redistricting efforts](#).

In response to the passage of the map, **Legal Defense Fund (LDF) Director of Policy Demetria McCain** issued the following statement:

"Black communities continue to suffer attack after attack against their foundational right to elect a candidate of their choice. In an incredibly rushed process shrouded in secrecy, North Carolina legislative leaders forced through a congressional map that further harms Black voters' political power.

"Off-cycle redistricting that targets Black voters' ability to elect candidates of choice is illegal — these efforts to dilute Black power are simply the most modern form of voter suppression. We must all continue to fight back against maps that discriminate against Black voters."

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