

Chair and members of the committee,

In regards to the several redistricting plans which have been proposed, and I have examined. I don't really believe that the average person can give informed input. There is too much information to consider. So I will just comment on what I expect from the legislature.

I am speaking to Democrats here. Your loyalty is to the People of this State, not to the party!

I am opposed to any attempt to gerrymander to protect incumbents or to construct districts to favor one political party over another. It may be tempting to do so for a short term advantage, but you will pay for it in the long run by creating further division and anarchy in the state. It may be appealing to dump this on the Secretary of State, but the results will be the same. Because you are the ones in power, you will have to own this!

There are many independent voters in this state and they need to have a fair chance to elect someone to represent their views as well. The voters are more conservative than the Democratically controlled legislature and I offer as evidence several legislative proposals passed this session which were rejected by the voters previously.

Reject party politics and pressure. Do this job right out of respect for the people. We deserve your respect and loyalty.

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