

I am submitting written testimony regarding congressional district redistricting proposals that are currently being considered.

Above all, citizens of our state (indeed, our country) deserve to be able to participate in the voting process knowing that the districts they reside in are drawn using fair, consistent, non-partisan, non-weaponized guidelines. These include:

- Making sure that no district is drawn for the purposes of favoring any political party or Incumbent or diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.
- Keeping counties and cities whole.
- Preserving communities of common interests.
- Ensuring that populations for each district be closely matched (the constitutional requirement of one-"person"-one-vote.
- Avoid crossing geographic or political boundaries and maintain transportation links.

I beseech you to put party preferences aside and to concentrate on achieving communities of common interest and balancing the populations of districts as closely as possible.

Respectfully,

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