

As a resident of rural Jackson County, I wish to express the following principle regarding the redistricting process.

Clearly, most of the process is governed by statute. The area of concern becomes the principles used when the lines between districts are drawn. In this regard, I urge the redistricting committee to take special care to not:

- divide communities containing members with common interests, whether these are cultural, linguistic, occupational, or social.
- designate districts in such a manner that the voting strength of any interest group (ethnic, linguistic, or whatever) is diluted.

Thank you for your consideration of this principle.

Sincerely,

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