

**Written-only Testimony for Thursday, August 12, 2021 in Overland Park**

**From: Lisa Veglahn**

To: The Joint House and Senate Committees on Redistricting  
Re: Fair & Equitable Representation in Kansas

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to supply testimony in support of transparent and fair redistricting.

I have been a resident of Prairie Village for over 20 years and am an active, engaged voter. I am asking that you follow up this initial Listening Tour with more opportunities to hear constituents input before making significant decisions about redrawing these maps.

Over the years, I have seen community members become much more involved in local elections. These voters and other community members deserve fair districts that represent their commitment to strong public schools and other priorities.

Without detailed 2020 Census data, I cannot make suggestions about the composition of fair districts at this time. No one, including yourselves, has had an opportunity to see detailed Census results and identify what changes are required to maintain equality of population in our districts. I urge the committee to hold additional town halls after census data is available and Kansans can review that data and offer input. I would encourage that those meetings be accessible, available online, and announced with enough time to foster engagement.

The Kansas City Metro is currently whole within Kansas' Third congressional district and should remain in a single district as residents have shared interests in representation.

Districts should be based on detailed 2020 Census data, which has not been fully seen yet. Please do not rush through this process for political gain; Kansas voters across the state deserve a more thoughtful, representative process. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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