

**Written-only Testimony for Friday, August 13, 2021 in Lawrence**

**From: Joyce A. Pearl Jones**  
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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 am Joyce Pearl Jones, CEO, for Joy's Idea Garden company, a Garden Tourism & Garden Destination company.

Part of our Joy's Idea Garden mission is to support KU Foley Center & Kansas University Monarch.org in the building & maintaining of natural pollinator Gardens in Lawrence, KS, and through 3rd district and Kansas.

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.

Current Congressional and Legislative maps were created by the courts and should, as possible, be altered as little as necessary to fulfill reapportionment shifts. 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.

Current congressional maps of 3rd District should be kept as they were drawn up, as near as possible, to offer us an equitable solution for fair representation.

Respectfully,

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