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Kansas House and Senate Redistricting Committee

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With regards to the redistricting in Kansas, I am not sure how you can expect anyone to give you a full accounting of what they believe to be the best way to achieve a fair division when it is supposed to be using the latest Census data, and especially when, that data has not yet been made public to any extent for use. This therefore indicates to me, the meetings scheduled are nothing short of a “so we can say we had public input” sham.

Claimed indications are, for working toward a fair and balanced approach, as well should be the case. However, when all we see lately is partisanship from both parties, how can you even remotely think anyone can believe you will act on this matter any different than you have on others? Partisan politics have and continue to destroy faith in any actions being taken by elected leaders. When will this stop? Don't bother, that is rhetorical. We all know that answer.

So hold your meetings and go through the motions. We can all guess what the outcome will be regardless. But heed this knowledge, Kansans want and deserve a fair and impartial process wherein the end result will be one that will benefit all of us, not just a select few or one that will keep Republicans in power. At some point, there will be a reckoning and a balance of power will be achieved. Maybe not today, but it is coming.

With that, I ask you to approach your redistricting with that fair approach as Kansans want. Please do your jobs as they are intended, not as your party requires. When we all have an actual say through true representation, we all benefit. To maintain balance, keep the power in the hands of the people. Fairly.

With that all being said, I find it offensive that you would even ask my “Affiliation”. How does my affiliation make any difference to how you approach any decision you make? That only furthers my point of this being a shammed political move on your part. Please stop it! I am not amused.