

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

**From: Nina Fricke**

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 asking for a free & fair redistricting process for Kansas voters. As we do not yet have census data, I am also asking for future opportunities to provide input once data is available. It is concerning that Republican legislators have already been talking about gerrymandering the Johnson/Wyandotte County district to include many rural residents. City/county metropolitan population areas should remain intact to reflect the wishes of those voters.

Although I live in northern Miami County, I consider the metropolitan area of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties to be the primary place I go to for medical care, shopping, worship & entertainment. Most of my friends live there. I am politically most aligned with groups in Johnson & Miami County & I would like to be represented by government officials who reflect my political views.

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.

Again, I am asking for free & fair redistricting that represents the political ideas of an area. I feel that metropolitan areas should not be diluted by adding more rural voters who do not have similar concerns from that of urban constituents. I would also like to comment further after data is available.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Respectfully,

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