

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

**From: Becky Gunn**

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 that the committee leave congressional district 3 boundaries in tact, as is.

I am proud to say I live in the Kansas City KS metro area where we support professional sports and the arts, and we celebrate diversity of people, businesses, schools and terrain. The counties and cities that make up our congressional district rely on each other for shared resources from parks to colleges, libraries, museums, and incredible event venues.

I know my family has a better experience in our daily lives being a part of a district whose voice in Congress represents what KS and America really looks like. Our district has citizens from rural areas and urban areas, people who live in poverty and people who have been blessed with financial security. The people of Congressional District 3 are young, old, brilliant entrepreneurs, talented artist, farmers, blue collar workers, high tech workers and civil servants. We represent what KS and America look like, making the current district boundaries fair and in the best interest of all Kansans.

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.

Please maintain as close to the current congressional boundaries as possible and show our citizens our legislature believes in sending congressional representatives who truly represent all Kansans.

Respectfully,

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