

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

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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 writing to request that the third congressional district remain intact .

I have been a long time resident of Johnson County, however, I view myself as a resident of Kansas City- inclusive of Johnson, Wyandotte and Jackson counties . Our family has season tickets to Sporting Kansas City and we almost always go to dine or shop in Wyandotte county prior to the matches, with a lot of those businesses being locally owned . My husband is a practicing physician who treated patients at a providence hospital for decades. Even now that his practice is in Johnson county, almost all of his folks from Wyandotte still see him as their internist , as they also view our district as one community . He still refers patients to providers in Wyandotte as well .

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.

I appreciate the committee taking the time to thoughtfully review this issue , and consider the testimony from constituents . I am very invested in our third district remaining intact, as the interests of our counties are intertwined in all aspects of daily life and business .

Respectfully,

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