

**For testimony at the August 12th meeting in Overland Park, Kansas to the House and Senate Redistricting Committee**

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Dear Members of the House and Senate Redistricting Committee,

I believe in the voting process and making it as fair as possible to foster trust in elections. I define fair as maps that represent the people in the communities, not maps designed to make sure one political party wins the election. Citizens 100% believe political parties that think they can't win will move boundaries so that their opponents will lose. It's been happening for decades.

In addition to my biggest concern, I have these points on making the process better for voters/citizens.

1. The Committee should have made the guidelines and criteria you'll use for making the maps BEFORE these listening meetings. How can a citizen voter make valuable comments if there is no Census data and no Guidelines?
2. The Guidelines should work to include all groups/subgroups in the community. Electing only white people is not suitable for our democracy or our state.
3. Once you've drawn maps, the public should have an easy way to find the boundaries and give feedback. The maps must have the documentation that supports why you decided to draw the edges where you did.
4. Give each House and Senate member adequate time to return to their constituents and explain what will happen. The deadline for giving testimony about their maps should be several weeks later. Otherwise, how can this be an inclusive and transparent process?

I will close with this. The Committee must not draw the boundaries for the 3rd District to eliminate people like Sharice Davids. My former party, the GOP, will fight to redraw the maps to strengthen the GOP's ability to win the 3rd District. I think that is cheating. Cheating just because the GOP feels they can't win in a fair race! The sad part will be that Davids may be one of the best legislators I've witnessed in my 66+ years. Davids cares about her constituents, much like Dennis Moore and Jan Meyers did as strong representatives of the 3rd District.

Thank you very much.