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To: The House Committee on Redistricting  
Re: Fair & Equitable Representation in Kansas Congressional Maps  
Position: Opponent

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 Senate stop the actions that will disadvantage voters of color.

Redistributing the congressional maps aligns with Americas past history which discriminated against people of color. The Senate can choose to align itself with a decision to that will not repeat historical injustices against people of color.

I live in district and would like for the redistributing to remain as it is.

I am concerned that redistributing the map for Kansas City will reduce the electoral power of African Americans and other groups of color.

Current Congressional maps were created by the courts and should be altered as little as necessary to accommodate population 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. The Committees on Redistricting should make their maps, agendas, and deadlines available to the public with at least a full week's notice to allow enough time to review maps, and prepare and submit testimony.

I pray that the Senate will do the right thing and not change the current mapping. Thank you for thinking and acting in a manner that will honor those who value the democratic model of representation.

Respectfully,

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