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To: The House Committee on Redistricting

Re: Fair & Equitable Representation in Kansas Congressional Maps

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to supply testimony in support of transparent and fair redistricting.

I am asking the committee to not split up the third congressional district.

Any attempt to separate out the district by splitting Johnson County, Wyandotte County, and Kansas City is a blatant attempt to manipulate the maps and gerrymander the third congressional district.

I reside in the third congressional district. I want to see this district kept whole and intact.

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.

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Respectfully,

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