

Committee Chair Rep. Chris Croft, Sen. Rick Wilborn and members of the Redistricting Committee

The Ad Astra 2 map before the House Redistricting Committee this week, if adopted and sent to the full House is seriously flawed and it will be unable to withstand the scrutiny of the Governor and a Federal District Court judge because it violates the Committee on Redistricting Rules.

I wrote the Committees on January 9, 2022 and it is telling and disappointing that the Senate voted 26-9 along party lines to send the Ad Astra Map to the House Committee.

As a U.S. Dept. of Justice, I.N.S. adjudications officer and as a Dept. of Homeland Security, U.S.C.I.S. immigrations services officer I administered naturalization exams and I adjudicated naturalization denial appeals. As a supervisor for U.S.C.I.S. it was an honor to be chosen by the Director of the Atlanta Field Office to give the Oath of Allegiance at Oath Ceremonies to new U.S. Citizens. If Kansas and state after state continue to gerrymander Congressional Districts there should be a new naturalization examination question and the topic of gerrymandering and violation of the 14th Equal Protection Amendment should be added. New U.S. Citizens should be apprised that free and fair elections are not guaranteed in each of the states of the U.S.A.

Please adopt the "Blue-Stem" Congressional Map submitted by the Kansas League of Women Voters. It follows the rules and guidelines. The Ad Astra 2 Map does not.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important responsibility.