

Testimony of Andrea Klingner.

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To Members of the House and Senate Committee on Redistricting in the state of Kansas:

I, Andrea Klingner, a citizen of Roeland Park, KS, am submitting this written testimony. I am concerned that current redistricting will reflect partisan gerrymandering, rather than a fair and balanced distribution of district boundaries. Please do not let this happen.

My husband and I have enjoyed living in Kansas for thirty-six years. We enjoy living in a community that is welcoming and diverse. But in the past few years Kansas seems to be increasingly controlled by one party and its particular interests. Representatives seem to work for the next reelection, rather than doing what's right for the state of Kansas.

All Kansans deserve to have their voices heard through their votes. Gerrymandering the districts creates a climate of voter discouragement, where citizens feel that their votes don't count. Then we have a low voter turnout. Committee members should work across the aisle to insure equitable redistricting. This asks a lot of the dominate party to support nonpartisan redistricting. Please rise above partisan interests and create fair and balanced redistricting. It's the right thing to do for our state.

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