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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 the House Redistricting Committee to come up with a fair congressional redistricting map—certainly not the Ad Astra 2 map in Senate Bill 355 - sponsored by Senate President Ty Masterson and Rep. Chris Croft.

I believe Congressional maps should be fair to all voters and and not drawn in a way to strongly favor one political party. I want to feel like I have a chance at getting my voice heard by those representing me here in Kansas.

I currently reside in Congressional District 2. I have spent a number of years building coalitions and relationships with other people in this current Congressional District. I have a vested interest in continuing working within this network and not thrown into an entirely different Congressional District.

I particularly don't like the AdAstra map as well as the Sunflower map because of the extreme and obvious gerrymandering.

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.

Please consider a map other than the Ad Astra or the Sunflower maps.

Respectfully,

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