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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 committee to keep congressional districts intact and contiguous.

I am testifying today because I want equal representation in Congress

I live in the second Congressional district. I would like our county to be in the first district.

The idea of putting KCK and Goodland in the same district is the very definition of gerrymander. It seems like a pretty clear attempt at vote dilution -- one that will cost the taxpayer a lot of money to defend in court.

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.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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