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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 state legislature to vote no the Ad Astra redistricting map.

Being represented by people of my own area and interest is important to me. For the sake of democracy, of fair representation in our fragile republic.

I live in district 2 but with the changes it would become apart of district 1. I am a resident of lawrence, a hub of young thought and ideas. I would like to see a bridging with other college towns to form a coalition of young people. So that our voices are specifically heard instead of diluted.

The Ad Astra map is clearly designed to undermine the democratic voice of lawrence, and make it harder for congresswoman davids to get re-elected. These changes are not for any virtue, only for greed and corrupt power brokering.

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.

So I again ask the state legislature to vote against the proposed map.

Respectfully,

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