

Redistricting Committee,

I am writing to address my thoughts and concerns regarding the proposed Congressional Redistricting. As a long time resident, retired county law enforcement officer and current elected official (Vice-President of USD231 Board of Education), I have a vested interest in, and good pulse on the desires of my community.

I strongly encourage you to commit to the proposed Ad Astra Redistricting Plan as dividing Johnson County, Kansas into two districts could have several detrimental effects. Johnson County is very unique in that it is the largest county in Kansas and is comprised of multiple cities working together. Dividing our representation would do nothing more than create more positions fighting for the same community and causing more divide than unity. Remaining within the same district would provide us that unified representation which would in turn have more positive impacts on our economy and our growth.

Furthermore, during campaign years and being in a large media market bordering another state, the number of candidates and campaigning would be a nightmare on the community and a strain on campaign coffers.

I strongly urge you to leave Johnson County as a unified district rather than separating our representation. Our beloved and unified community deserves this.

Sincerely,

Thomas Reddin