

Dear Kansas House and Senate Redistricting Committee Members,

I write today in support of the Ad Astra map. I'm a current 4th District resident. I support the Ad Astra Map because it keeps the 4th District of Kansas connected in a clear, compact, and contiguous way in south central Kansas centered around the Wichita MSA.

It makes sense to keep the 4th District as a south central Kansas District composed of the Wichita Metro Area and surrounding counties embodying both a rural and an urban flavor. Wichita is the air capital of the world along with an advanced manufacturing cluster and many people live in the counties surrounding Sedgwick county and commute to work in the city.

The 4th Congressional District contains the Wichita MSA and a large rural footprint with Sedgwick and the surrounding 16 counties. Because the 4th District is an important mix of both rural and urban communities, it is important that we preserve our heritage.

Farmers, ranchers and agricultural producers have lived for generations in the 4th District. Keeping the 4th District together is critical for the success of future generations of Kansas family farms.

I support the Ad Astra map and urge the committee to pass it.

Sincerely,

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