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To: The House Committee on Redistricting
Re: Fair & Equitable Representation in Kansas Congressional Maps
Position: Proponent

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 move forward with the Bluestem Congress map.

I am concerned about Congressional maps because I believe that every American deserves to be represented fairly in local, state, and federal governments. If we continue to allow gerrymandering, a small number of representatives in D.C. representing less than half of the country will be able to control policies that affect all of us. Our government should be representative of actual citizens, not corporate and political interests.

I currently live in District 4. I would like to see my district continue to include the entirety of the Wichita area, rather than splitting our community. I would also like to see other cities, such as the Kansas City area, Lawrence, and others remain intact instead of being pushed into districts that cross all the way to the opposite end of the state.

I am concerned about larger metropolitan areas being split and gerrymandered to diminish the power of their voters. A

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 move forward with the Bluestem Congress map. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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