

Re: Written testimony, Pittsburg, KS.

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On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, 03:44:48 PM CDT, B Brumfield <bbrmfld@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Written Testimony: Citizen of the State of Kansas

Town Hall Meeting held at Memorial Aud. Pittsburg, KS, August 11, 2021

My duty, as a citizen of Kansas. is to make my issues regarding redistricting known. August 11, 2021

Therefore I have the following 3 issues for your consideration:

First: I think the schedule shows public participation in the process is limited. I, as a citizen of Kansas was given the schedule for town hall meeting, for the redistricting process, on the evening of July 30, 2021. The scheduled town hall meeting for me is Pittsburg, KS on August 12, 2021 for 75 minutes. This gave me a small amount of time to do any research.

For some other citizens in Kansas who want to have oral testimony is limited, because of citizens work schedule or other scheduled activities.

Second: Census bureau: The redistricting process correlates with the United States Census every 10 years. Legislators use updated population totals to determine new congressional district lines. The current process is expected to be complete before the June 2022 candidate filing deadline. The data from the census bureau was not available during most of the town hall meetings. By the time of the Census Bureau release, the Kansas “listening” sessions will be nearly over. Research is difficult because the detailed census data, that I could have used, has not been released and will not be released prior to the town hall in my city of residence.

I hope there will be town hall meetings. after the Census bureau data is made public, allowing for any further

input from me and other citizens of Kansas. There needs to be amply time to ask more in depth questions.

Third: The redistricting process is a big deal for me as a Kansas voter, because it determines who my representative is going to be. I ask that there be fair representation. You have the power to have a very biased representation, but please think about me and other citizens of Kansas, and don't think in terms of right and left.

Please develop guidelines and criteria for forming districts that results in fair maps. Please end the practice of including party affiliation and incumbent addresses in the database used for redistricting. Also in the future an Independent Commission would seem like a fairer / less biased option.

As a citizen of the more moderate faction, I have seen there be a leaning towards very conservative in Kansas. I would like my interest as a moderate be considered. Please maintain a fairness in the redistricting process. Remember that changes in population do result, in a changing congressional map.

Respectfully submitted,

Belinda Andrews – Brumfield