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To whom it may concern:

Camden County Missouri is respectfully submitting its proposal for the new district lines that would affect the 115<sup>th</sup>, 116<sup>th</sup>, and 155<sup>th</sup> state representative districts in the current redistricting effort. With regard to the state representative districts, we have adhered to the voting district lines (VTD lines), and maintained the required population deviation for each district, and kept all of the communities of interest intact. These districts, as drawn, maximize the representation of the area without pandering to special interests. Further, it will allow for focused representation of the Lake of the Ozarks as a whole, which will help to continue to responsibly develop this great resource.

We are also submitting a proposal for our senatorial district. While the number of the district is unknown (currently we are in the 33<sup>rd</sup>), we feel that the geography of the old senatorial district did not represent the Lake of the Ozarks area as it should have. We are proposing a senatorial district that encompasses Camden, Morgan, Miller, Benton, Hickory, Dallas, and Laclede counties. We have not split any counties and are well within the population deviation for a senatorial district. We feel that the inclusion of Hickory county, with its new Lucas Oil Speedway, is a good fit with the lake area because of its tourism value. We also feel that Laclede and Dallas counties benefit indirectly from the tourism traffic that is created by Camden and Hickory counties, making them a good fit to the proposed district.

We are also submitting maps for all of the proposed districts referenced in this document.

We hope that you will consider our proposals in making your final decisions for the respective district maps.

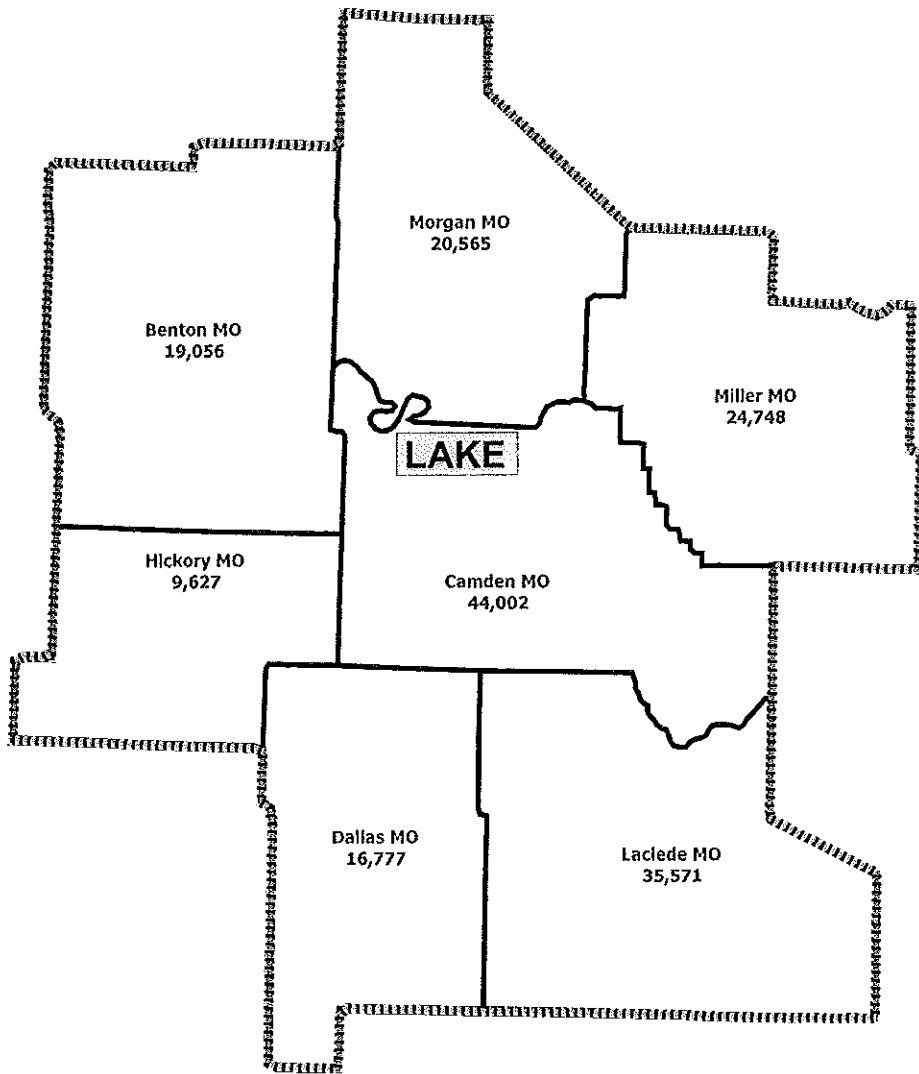
Respectfully Submitted,



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### District: LAKE











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## Testimony

### Senate Redistricting Commission Hearing


Jefferson City

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My name is Jane Whitesides. I live in Glasgow, Missouri. Part of my job involves encouraging citizens to participate in the civic engagement process. I frequently hear people say that it does not matter if they vote, that their vote does not make a difference, or that their vote does not count. As I look at my own voting districts, I see a house district where my Representative was unopposed in the last two elections; my state Senator had only token opposition; and my Congressman continued to occupy a safe seat. Upon reflection, it is obvious that my vote did not have any impact on the outcomes of these elections. Because I have voted in every election since I was eighteen years old, it saddens me to acknowledge that those who decline to exercise one of our most valuable rights as citizens may have good reason.

Over several election cycles, more than 50% of legislative races in Missouri have been noncompetitive. It seems that across the country, more and more districts are drawn to protect incumbents and to maintain power, leaving voters with fewer choices, stifling democracy, and increasing the influence of special interests. As Commissioners, you have the power to address the inequities in our current legislative districts.

As you undertake the difficult process of drawing new legislative maps, I urge you to design districts that are competitive and fair, which could energize the electoral process, re-engage voters, and allow voters to hold their representatives accountable. Accountability is what ultimately makes our representative form of government work, and Missouri voters deserve the opportunity to participate fully in civic engagement.

  
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