From: Donald Kansteiner

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 4:29 AM

To: Hesser, Matt Subject: Redrawing the map

Dear Sir,

I have just learned that Sen. Cunningham's district is being moved to KC therefore marginalizing Republican districts, <u>you should vote 'NO' on the new commission map</u>. Please push for approval of the judicial map as it was more fair to the St. Louis County area for representation. Only 40,000 of the population shifted in the St.Louis County area, yet the commission map is drawn to give the Democrats complete advantage in the next upcoming election. Is this politics as usual? It gives the new District 7 an opportunity to vote out-of-turn and secure another Democrat Party senator. The new map moves a formerly KC area district to rural mid eastern Missouri and takes away their chance to elect a likely conservative senator this year.

This appears to havet some sort of act of vengeance against party members for being too conservative? Or against Prop. C? Or the China Hub debacle? I would think that the members you have selected are better prepared for something like this and not bend to political pressure? I expect better results from my elected party officials.

Suffering form economical conditions under our current president, his czars, and the anti-business environmentalists in the U.S.Congress is bad enough, but must we must not be divided among our group at this critical time?

Respectfully, Don Kansteiner

From:

Burris, Greg Wednesday, March 07, 2012 6:02 AM Sent:

To: Hesser. Matt

Cc:

Fwd: Public Hearing Thursday, Feb 8th Subject:

Matt: The following is an email message I am sending at the request of Springfield Mayor James E. O'Neal:

Greg Burris

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jim O'Neal ▮

Date: March 6, 2012 10:09:48 PM CST

To: "Burris, Greg"

Subject: Re: Public Hearing Thursday, Feb 8th

Send it. I'll talk to you tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

Senate Apportionment Committee:

Speaking only for myself and not Springfield City Council, I want to support the redistricting that would allow the City of Springfield to have a single senator.

I recently sent a letter supporting a combined Greene and Christian county senate district; I continue to believe that is a good idea. Having a senator dedicated to representing the state's third-largest city seems appropriate to me.

Good luck with your work.

Sincerely,

James E. O'Neal

City of Springfield

From:

James Forker Wednesday, March 07, 2012 6:53 AM Sent:

Hesser, Matt To: Subject: Redistricting

Dear Sir,

The proposed redistricting for my district is nothing more than a power grab by the Democrats. I am strongly opposed to this redistricting and hope that my letter will have some impact on this situation. We live in district 7, we voted for people from district 7 and as much as we can, we support our legislators from district 7. To assign us a legislator from district 10 is wrong and I urge you to fight this outrageous attempt to take away our representation.

Sincerely,

James Forker

Fulton, MO 65251

From:

Sue Hellebusch Wednesday, March 07, 2012 7:54 AM Sent:

Hesser, Matt To: Subject: Senate Maps

Mr. Hesser,

I just finished the Commissioners about the current Senatorial Map that was presented by them. I believe this map is unconstitutional and should be voted down. I hope the commission does the right thing and pushes for the approval of the judicial map as it was more fair to all concerned.

Thank You

Sincerely,

Sue Hellebusch District 9 Franklin County, MO

From: rsloesch

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 8:07 AM

To: Hesser, Matt Subject: Senate District !0

Mr. Hesser:

I'm not sure that I have all the facts straight. Here's what I have read: "If the current Senate map is allowed to stand those of us who live in Senate District 10, which is Callaway, Audrain, Monroe, Montgomery, Lincoln, and Warren, will have no representation for two years. Senator Justus from Kansas City will be our Senator."

Is this true?

If it is what would be the logic for doing this? No one from KC or St. Louis could adequately represent this area since they would not live even close to us.

I hope you can make sure that this area of the state receives adequate representation.

Thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Ron Loesch

Mexico, Mo. 65265

From: Mike Cason

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:43 AM

To: Hesser, Matt

Cc:

Subject: Senate Redistricting Map

Sir:

My comments on the currently proposed senate redistricting map, as proposed by the senate's commission on same:

- **The map is unconstitutional because it advantages urban regions over rural regions in the state. Since the map contains much lower populations in the urban districts, it produces more senators from the urban areas. This regional advantage is discriminatory and not permissible under the U.S. Constitution.
- **Since the rural senate districts are more populated on the redrawn map, that means there are more constituents for a senator to service and therefore less attention to his/her constituents.
- **The populations are moving out of the urban areas to the suburban and rural areas, so to overpopulate those rural districts will only exacerbate the population differences in a short number of years. The map redrawing happens once every ten years after the census and seeks to make all the districts as equally populated as possible.
- **The senate map the judicial commission drew is fair in this regard and has only a deviation of 7.79% between the highest and lowest populated districts while the Democrat and Republican Commission has a larger deviation of 9.6%. The judges did a far better job than the Ds and Rs.
- **Senate District 7 (Cunningham-Republican, Chesterfield) in St. Louis County which is up for election this year was arbitrarily moved across the state to a very urban, Democrat district in Kansas City that previously had an even number and was therefore not up for election. This appears purposeful to increase the Democrat vote in a very liberal area for the upcoming critical national and state elections not to mention provide an extra Democrat senator for the next two legislative sessions.
- **That urban Kansas City Senator's District (#10-Jolie Justice) was flip flopped the opposite direction to a very rural area in the central eastern part of the state. These constituents of the new 10th will have no say in whom their senator is for two more legislative sessions and Sen. Justice will certainly not move to that area.

Thanks for your consideration to this most important issue of proper representation.

Michael Cason

Defiance, MO 63341



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Mission Statement of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce:

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization dedicated to the promotion, education and general welfare of its business members and the Tray Community.

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March 5, 2012

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Dear Sir or Madam,

As a member of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce it was brought to my attention that due to a revised redistricting map currently proposed by the nonpartisan committee, Lincoln County may soon be represented in the Missouri Senate by Jolie Justus, the incumbent Senator for District 10 currently located in Jackson County in the Kansas City area.

This could potentially have an adverse affect on local businesses and the way of life for those who DO reside within the 10th Senate district. How can a state Senator from Kansas City properly and fairly represent the interests of our area? It appears that our region is snared in a purely politically driven agenda with an absurd result. It is highly unlikely that a Senator from metropolitan Kansas City understands the specific challenges and particular interests of Lincoln County.

Is this the vision of representative government that our forefathers envisioned? Does this form of representation, where the State Senator does not even reside within the boundaries of their district, but rather is over 350 miles away, violate the Constitution of the State of Missouri? Perhaps the political forces at work have underestimated the voice of Lincoln County and Troy and were simply counting on voter apathy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincere

From:

Pat Dowty Wednesday, March 07, 2012 10:36 AM Hesser, Matt Map of district 10 Sent:

To: Subject:

Please drop the uncontitutional map in Senate District 10. We do NOT want Senator Justus from Kansas City to be our senator. We did not vote for such a man!

From:

jerry wadel Wednesday, March 07, 2012 11:19 AM Hesser, Matt Sent:

To: Subject: senate districts

Sir: I strongly disagree with the proposed senate district lines that would do away with Jane cunninghams's district. I request that you redraw the district lines. Jerry Wadel, Chairman Vernon county republican committee.

Jerry Wadel

From:

RAENEE KOOGLER Wednesday, March 07, 2012 11:28 AM Sent:

Hesser, Matt To: Subject: Redistricting Map

I am a concerned resident of St. Louis County, MO. Like many others, I don't understand why the commission has decided to accept the current proposed re-districting map? If there are valid reasons, I believe you have the obligation to let voters know what they are.

Please consider adapting the previous map that had wide voter support. If the current map is adopted I will join in the fight to have it declared unconstitutional.

Raenee Koogler

Wildwood, MO 63038

From: Jim Nichols

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 11:57 AM

To: Hesser, Matt Cc: 'Eric West'

Dear Mr. Hesser,

I could send you my own email with a few changes but I agree with the letter below, so I am just forwarding it to you. I will just say that, as Republicans, we keep getting ourselves had. The new map is an example of it. Why?. Don't vote for this!

Jim Nichols

Dear Mr. Smith,

I expected better representation than was given on behalf of the present Republican state senators. With Sen. Cunningham's district being moved to KC and other Republican districts marginalized, \$\phi_{you}\$ should vote 'NO' on the new commission map. You should push for approval of the judicial map as it was more fair to the St. Louis County area for representation. Only 40,000 of the population shifted in the St.Louis County area, yet the commission map is drawn to give the Democrats complete advantage in the next upcoming election. It gives the new District 7 an opportunity to vote out-of-turn and secure another Democrat Party senator. The new map moves a formerly KC area district to rural mid eastern Missouri and takes away their chance to elect a likely conservative senator this year.

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Respectfully,

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From: Charles A. Shaffer

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 12:39 PM

To: Hesser, Matt

Subject: Most recent redistricting map

I'm appalled as are many of my St. Louis County constituants! Not only is the proposed map unconstitutional because it favors urban regions over rural regions of the state, but transfers a Republican senatorial district from the St, Louis area to a Democrat area in Kansas City - a geographic change that is strictly political to benefit the Democrat party! Absurd! A travesty! Further, because of the disparities of population assigned to the new proposed districts, proposed district constituancies would be underrepresented.

This map is not only poorly drawn and fails to provide equitable representation, it is politically biased.

A "NO" vote is not only warrented, it is demanded!

Charles and Carol Shaffer

Ballwin, MO 63011

From: RBentley

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 12:52 PM

To: Hesser, Matt

Subject: Redistricting of Senate Districts

To the Office of OA Redistricting,

Dear Members of the 2012 Senate Apportionment Commission.

As I did in the original hearing for redistricting in Springfield several months ago, I would like to reiterate my thoughts and concerns. I was honored to serve in the Missouri Senate for two terms from 1995 to 2003. During those years I had the thought many times that the 30th Senate district was fortunate to be so cohesive, so easily explained, and easy to remember its boundaries for our constituents. I continue to plead for these qualities.

If you take a look at the Springfield area and the Christian County area they are each large enough to comprise their own Senate district. Now, as a Greene County Commissioner, I see much better that we have much in common with Christian County as it is so close to the Springfield area. To join us to another more Northern area does not seem nearly as fitting.

I know you have a difficult job with this redistricting but please keep the 30th Senate district as near as possible to its present lines.

Thank you for the time and effort you are giving to assure that Senate districts are kept understandable for the general public and of equal size.

Sincerely,

Roseann Bentley

Greene County

From: BPMAIL

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 12:59 PM

To: Hesser, Matt;

Subject: FW:

See below.

From: Mickey Terry

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 12:45 PM

To: BPMAIL Subject:

Dear Commissioners,

Senators Jane Cunningham and Jim Lembke are among the boldest defenders of the traditional family in the Missouri State Senate. They are currently our primary advocates for home school rights and lead a host of conservative battles, including the Health Care Freedom Act and other pro-life issues.

A commission appointed by Governor Jay Nixon has proposed a new Senate district map which eliminates Jane Cunningham's seat and makes Jim Lembke's district unwinnable. The commissioners are seeking public comment for 15 days before casting a final vote of approval of the map **this Friday, March 9th.** Please take a ACTION commission!

Come up with a map that is fair to our homeschooling defenders Jane Cunningham and Jim Lembke. Do not throw our Republician Senators under the bus!!!

May JESUS & Blessed Mother Mary Guide, Guard, Protect & Watch over our Military, you & yours, Always!!!

Thank You,

Marion (Mickey) E. Terry

"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away men's initiative and independence.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves."

Abraham Lincoln

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— Abraham Lincoln

From:

Karen Sievert Wednesday, March 07, 2012 1:10 PM Sent:

To: Hesser, Matt Subject: bad map

Mr.Commissioner,

Please vote no to the senate redistricting map. The map is unconstitutional because the advantages urban regions over rural regions in the state of Missouri.

This regioanal advantage is discriminatory and not permissible under the U.S. Constitution. It totally eliminates a district for Senator Jane Cunningham to run.

This egregious map is an insult to the intelligence of the voters of Missouri stacking the cards to benefit of the Obama, McCaskill and NIxion.

Please vote "NO " and go back and adopt the second Judicial Commission MAP that WAS CONSTITUTIONAL.

I AM A CITIZEN AND I VOTE.

Thank you

Karen S Sievert

From: Gloria

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 1:38 PM

To: Hesser, Matt

Subject: Second Judicial Commission Map

Importance: High

Please don't disregard this email. It is critically important!

Dear Mr. Hesser,

I am writing to you today to ask you to **PLEASE** adopt the Second Judicial Commission Map. As a Republican, I am very concerned that by changing this map, it would give Democrats an advantage over Republicans. I for one am sick and tired of this Administration. More and more every day they come up with something to continue to take our freedoms away. They have no respect for our Constitution and continue to disregard it at every turn. They will do anything underhanded, dishonest, illegal, deceitful, or corrupt to get their agenda through. I'm sure a lot of people did not sign up for that. They couldn't see the forest for the trees. Obama bamboozled a lot of the American people.

The Senate Redistricting Commission recently drew a map that many believe is unconstitutional. It also totally eliminates a district for Senator Jane Cunningham to run in. Not only is the Republican Party hurt by the map, but conservatives are especially targeted. The map is unconstitutional because it advantages urban regions over rural regions in the state. Since the map contains much lower populations in the urban districts, it produces more Senators from the urban areas. This regional advantage is discriminatory and not permissible under the U.S. Constitution. (REPEAT, NOT PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE U.S. CONSTITUTION) This is just another example of our Constitution being disregarded as usual. I'm ready to scream I'm so upset with what our country is turning into. Isn't there anyone in our Congress who has the nerve (I was going to say something else but it would not have been very nice) to confront the Obama Administration about the things he is doing illegally. And I'm sick and tired of him signing everything by Executive Order and he will continue to do so every time Congress does not agree with him. He has made them totally irrelevant. PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE DEMOCRATS, AND I'M SURE SOME REPUBLICANS ALSO, so they won't adopt this new map.

Since this is supposed to be a fair election, how can we let the Democrats have the advantage over Republicans by changing the districts. The clear advantage is given to the Democrats for the national and statewide campaigns (Obama, McCaskill, Nixon) by transferring District 7 into downtown Kansas City to energize that liberal population not only for the Democrat primary but the general election. How fair is that? It is hard to imagine Republicans would vote for this so as to benefit the Democrats in such a critical election year. As far as Clair McCaskill is concerned, she should not be allowed to be re-elected. As the **deciding vote** in the Health Care program, **she should be ridden out of the state on a rail**. I wrote her after Obamacare was passed and told her, "people will not forget what she did voting in voting Obamacare" and I'm sure they won't. **Please, Please** don't let the new map be approved. We need to get this country back on the right path for our children and grandchildren and it won't be done with another 4 years of President Obama. I dislike him so much. If my grandchildren ask me someday why I didn't to do something, I can at least say, in all honesty, I did, **BUT NO ONE WOULD LISTEN**.

If President Obama is reelected in November, I'm taking my family as far away from this country as I can and I'm not kidding. I hear Uruguay is beautiful!

As a Republican, I'm **expecting** your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gloria

From: hc

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 1:46 PM

To: Hesser, Matt Subject: That map

Here are only a few quotes, which I agree with, pointing to why the latest redistricting is a joke! Fix it please!

The newest map is criminal.

How can our votes actually count for anything considered fair?

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- Boundary lines are very confusing, not only to the eye, but to those who live and vote in those areas...it is appallingly CONFUSING!
- advantages urban regions over rural regions in the state.
- produces more senators from the urban areas.
- regional advantage is discriminatory and not permissible under the U.S. Constitution.
- Since the rural senate districts are more populated on the redrawn map, that means there are more constituents for a senator to service and therefore less attention to his/her constituents.
- "Senate District 7 (Cunningham-Republican, Chesterfield) in St. Louis County which is up for election this year was arbitrarily moved across the state to a very urban, Democrat district in Kansas City that previously had an even number and was therefore not up for election. This appears purposeful to increase the Democrat vote in a very liberal area for the upcoming critical national and state elections not to mention provide an extra Democrat senator for the next two legislative sessions."
- All the Republican and Democrat senators in the St. Louis region submitted a map they had agreed to. It was not even considered by this second bipartisan commission.

From:

Gary Owens Wednesday, March 07, 2012 1:56 PM Sent:

Hesser, Matt To:

Senate Redistricting Opposition Subject:

Dear Sir:

We are writing to protest the recent senate redistricting. This new mapm shortchanges St. Louis County by moving District 7 to Kansas City. We are losing a fine senator in Jane Cunningham who now has no district in which to run. Please reconsider your position on this matter.

Thank you.

Gary and Sally Owens

Chesterfield, MO 63017

From: Ryan Smith

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 2:13 PM

To: Hesser, Matt

Subject: current redistricting map plan is not acceptable

Dear Sir:

I urge you to vote against the current map on May 9 and instead consider a plan more like the Second Judicial commission offered.

I object to the current plan and urge you to vote against it for the following reasons:

- #1. I am concerned that this new map will overly represent urban areas at the expense of rural and suburban areas. I say this because the deviation between the districts can be over 9% and almost 10% and the trend seems to be people moving from the urban areas to the rural and suburban areas. This would allow for overrepresentation of the areas with smaller populations. The goal in my mind is to keep the deviations in the low single digits to maintain a more solid form of equality.
- #2. It eliminates Senator Jane Cunningham's district and thus waters down the influence of many like minded by putting them in different districts which will heavily reduce their voices.
- #3. It takes Senator Jolie Justuce's district and turns it from urban to rural. By doing this, the 10th district constituents are going to be voiceless in whom their senator is for 2 upcoming sessions since Justus has indicated she will not move to the new district.

Again, I urge you to vote against the current map on May 9 and instead consider a plan more like the Second Judicial commission offered.

Best,

Ryan Smith

St. Louis, MO 63117

From: Roger D. Roth

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 2:47 PM

To: Hesser, Matt Subject: Re-districting Map

Dear Mr. Hesser:

I expected better representation than was given on behalf of the present Republican state senators. With Sen. Cunningham's district being moved to KC and other Republican districts marginalized, <u>you should vote 'NO' on the new commission map</u>. You should push for approval of the judicial map as it was more fair to the St. Louis County area for representation. Only 40,000 of the population shifted in the St.Louis County area, yet the commission map is drawn to give the Democrats complete advantage in the next upcoming election. It gives the new District 7 an opportunity to vote out-of-turn and secure another Democrat Party senator. The new map moves a formerly KC area district to rural mid eastern Missouri and takes away their chance to elect a likely conservative senator this year.

I expect better results from my elected party officials.

Again I urge you to vote "NO" on the new commission map.

Respectfully,

Roger D. Roth

From:

Clay Lyons Wednesday, March 07, 2012 4:03 PM Sent:

Hesser, Matt; To:

Subject: Senate Apportionment Commission

I realize there are a lot of competing concerns with redistricting, but my wife and I would like to encourage Republicans to lean towards a more conservative direction because becoming more like the Democrats is not going to encourage growth of a principled Republican party, nor promote confidence for voters to go to the polls because there is a real difference between the parties.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,

Clay and Priscilla Lyons

Rich Hill, MO 64779

anne konold Wednesday, March 07, 2012 4:09 PM Hesser, Matt Re-Districting From: Sent:

To: Subject:

Please vote NO on the re-districting. Thanks.

From: Sent:

Wednesday, March 07, 2012 4:18 PM

To: Hesser, Matt

Cc:

Subject: Senate Redistricting Commission

March 7, 2012

Matt Hesser

Senate Redistricting Commission

We are concerned that the latest redistricting map for the Missouri Senate unfairly changes the voter demographics of the first District which could jeopardize the reelection of Sen. Jim Lembke who has served the state of Missouri and his constituents admirably both in the Legislature and the Senate. It would be a crime to lose the talents of this dedicated man in this way.

We recommend that the districting map proposed by a panel of five judges on November 30, 2011 be used instead.

Respectfully yours,

David and Susan Metherd

St. Louis, MO 63125

From:

Sandy Eno Wednesday, March 07, 2012 6:02 PM Hesser, Matt Sent:

To: Subject: Commission Map

Dear Mr. Hesser,

Please push for approval of the judicial map that makes it more fair to the St. Louis County area for representation. The commission map is drawn to give the Democrats the complete advantage in the next upcoming election. What are you thinking?!! I would expect better from my elected officials.

Sincerely,

Sandra Eno

From:

Gordon Kinne Wednesday, March 07, 2012 6:39 PM Sent:

To:

Subject: 30th Senate

Being a past Chamber of Commerce chairman and a businessman in our city, I feel the City of Springfield would be better represented as would its citizens if the 30th could encompass the City in its entirety.

This of course, as you know, would allow the Senator to represent the interest of this metropolitan area and its specific needs and avoid conflict interest.

I feel the makeup of our community lends itself to this type of representation.

Thanks for your consideration.

Gordon Kinne

From: Kate Stratton

Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2012 9:34 PM

To: Hesser, Matt

Subject: Please Vote no on new commission map

Dear Mr. Hesser,

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Respectfully,

Kate Stratton

John Holds From:

Wednesday, March 07, 2012 10:44 PM Sent:

To:

Hesser, Matt Subject:

Public comment on redistricting map and elimination of Senate District 7 affecting Jane

Cunningham

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to object to the current Senate map for the state of Missouri and point to logical and legal objections to that map. The movement of Senator Cunningham's district from Chesterfield MO to a Democratic, previously even-year district in Kansas City is a maneuver that defies logic or good explanation. Making this move in a presidential election year to favor such a district (and destroy an outstanding senator's district) is unfair and inappropriate. It is equally absurd to flip the 10th district from the KC area, saddling the proposed rural district for two legislative sessions with an urban senator not representative of his supposed "constituents."

It is interesting and distressing that the judicial commission managed to draw up a map that seems to more fairly represent the state and limits the deviation in population between districts. The bipartisan commission appears to have done a poor enough job in that regard that the map unconstitutionally varies the apportionment of senators, favoring urban areas. Why the bipartisan commission would pursue this remedy is a mystery to me.

As a Missouri citizen, voter and taxpayer I greatly oppose these factors in the proposed map. I would encourage the commission to remove the inequities in the rural vs. urban representation of the senate map, and attempt to restore the 7th and 10th districts to something representative of their current senator's constituencies.

Thank you,

John Holds MD

St. Louis, MO 63105

From:

Sandy Howard Wednesday, March 07, 2012 10:55 PM Sent:

Hesser, Matt To:

Cc:

Senate Redistricting Subject:

Senate Redistricting (3).docx; ATT00001.txt Attachments:

> Gentlemen:

- > Attached please find a letter regarding senate redistricting. Thanks for your consideration. I may be reached at should you have questions.
- >> Thanks,
- >> Sandy



March 7, 2012

Members of the Missouri Senate Apportionment Commission:

On behalf of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our over 2,000 member businesses which represent over 110,000 employees, we appreciate the difficult task you have to create districts that are fair and equitable across the state. As you know, we recently voiced support to encourage you to maintain Senate districts that align the Counties of Greene and Christian in contiguous districts. We are grateful for your efforts to incorporate that into the most recent senatorial district maps.

Today we are asking for additional consideration for those two districts. We would encourage you to maintain the contiguous districts for Greene and Christian, yet also ensure that the City of Springfield and nearby suburban areas remains intact with a single Senate district. The tentative map unnecessarily combines the urban and rural areas and divides the City of Springfield into two districts. We would encourage you to make minimum changes to existing boundaries in Greene County to keep the 30th District as compact as possible and equal in population to the surrounding district.

As we have stated before, our region continues to be the fastest growing region in the state, and it is critical to ensure that our state legislators can adequately represent the citizens they serve. We realize that you have a most challenging task ahead. We encourage you to include a district that encompasses both Greene and Christian Counties and another district that covers the core urban area of the City of Springfield for the benefit of the citizens in our area.

Sincerely,

James B. Anderson

Springfield Area