

To: Illinois Redistricting Committee

RE: PROPOSED REDISTRICTING MAP AS OF 23 MAY 2011

I am writing this letter to the Illinois Redistricting Committee to express my support for the new proposed map. For over eight years I have been active in Kane County trying to increase voter awareness in our political process and have always advocated for fair representation within the halls of government. While at Western Illinois University, I was co-founder of Political Awareness Week, a bi-partisan effort to increase voter participation on the college campus. When I transferred to Northern Illinois University, I continued that mission. It is this reason why I write you today.

I had the opportunity to review the current proposal and found it suitable for creating an environment in which elected officials and constituents will be well connected with one another and share the values of their community. As is evident with the "Fair Map" ballot initiative during the 2010 election, people want democratic representation. However, redistricting is more complex than drawing lines on a map. Legislators must adhere to the 1964 Voting Rights Act, which was designed to ensure that ethnic minority groups received representation in both the General Assembly and Congress.

The current proposed map is the best balance for all interested parties and will guarantee that constituents receive the representation they deserve. I hope that the currently proposed map will be enacted as it conforms to all the necessary guidelines while ensures true democratic representation.

Sincerely,

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