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To: The Illinois House Redistricting Committee

As the re-districting process appears to be reaching an endpoint, I wish to comment on the house Re-districting and my State representative Rita Mayfield.

I have lived in Lake County, IL for over 35 years. I relocated here from the East coast and assumed a senior scientific position with Abbott Laboratories, retiring in 2004. I have lived in Waukegan for ten years in the IL 60th District. I was a longtime friend of the late State Representative Eddie Washington for more than fifteen years prior to his election to the new 60th District as the first individual to serve its constituency. I have supported Rep Mayfield from her first day in this office and am highly pleased with her energy and insight into the needs of those she represents.

Any re-districting of the geographic boundaries of the current 60th District will not impact Rita Mayfield's ability to serve constituents nor dampen the services her office would provide. Representative Mayfield has demonstrated a keen ability to serve the minority populations in her current district (i.e., Black and White citizens) and to provide for the needs of the majority Latino residents who continue to make use of the legacy of Eddie Washington.

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