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Written Testimony - Redistricting Map

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Attached please find written testimony from Crystal Lake Mayor Aaron T. Shepley. We are requesting that this testimony be included in the Tuesday, May 24th Redistricting Public Hearing record.

Thank you,

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CITY OF
Crystal Lake
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May 23, 2011

Dear Honorable Members of the Illinois House and Senate Redistricting Committees:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding the proposed Illinois redistricting map. As the Mayor of the City of Crystal Lake, I object to the proposed redistricting map because it will negatively impact the representation of the citizens of Crystal Lake in the Illinois General Assembly.

Crystal Lake is a city located in southeastern McHenry County in northeastern Illinois. Crystal Lake is a part of the Chicago metropolitan area and, according to the most recent census, has a population of 40,743.

As McHenry County's largest municipality, it is important that Crystal Lake's representation in the Illinois General Assembly be unified in the smallest amount of legislative districts as possible. This allows the citizens of Crystal Lake to elect representatives that more directly reflect our community's interests and concerns. It is important that district lines be compact, contiguous, and impartial to political party.

As proposed, the redistricting map will divide the City of Crystal Lake into three Senate and three House Districts. Instead of the current proposed redistricting map, I request that the district lines more closely align themselves with the municipal boundaries of the City of Crystal Lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on such an important topic for our State and local community.

Sincerely,

Aaron T. Shepley
Mayor

cc: Members of the City Council

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