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Testimony to the Illinois House Redistricting Committee  
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Thank you to the House Redistricting Committee for providing the many communities of interest in Illinois, including the Jewish community, the opportunity to present interests and aspirations for the redistricting process. We urge your committee to draw a legislative map that would not undermine the competitiveness of incumbent – Democratic and Republicans -- Jewish members of the State Legislature.

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The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago is one of the largest not-for-profit social welfare institutions in Illinois and the central address of Chicago's Jewish community, providing critical resources that bring food, refuge, health care, education and emergency assistance to 300,000 residents of metropolitan Chicago of all faiths

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Federation funds a network of nearly 70 agencies and programs that care for people at every stage of life, regardless of the ability to pay. Since 1900, Federation has worked to give voice to the community, and to assure that necessities are provided for its most vulnerable members—children, immigrants, the poor, the elderly and the disabled.

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PARTNER AGENCIES  
The ARK  
Associated Talmud Torah  
Chicago Board of Rabbis  
CJE SeniorLife  
Community Foundation  
for Jewish Education  
Hebrew Theological College  
Jewish Community Center  
Jewish Child and  
Family Services  
Jewish Vocational Services  
Keshet  
Mount Sinai Hospital  
Spertus Institute

Federation and its agencies are trusted partners of state government agencies and elected officials, providing innovative, effective, and cost-efficient services to those most in need. Included among this network of agencies which partner with the State of Illinois to deliver services to Illinoisans are The ARK, CJE SeniorLife, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Child and Family Services, Jewish Vocational Service, KESHET, and Mount Sinai Hospital.

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Federation-funded agencies offer a dynamic menu of services that support people at every stage of life. This state-of-the-art network offers everything from respite care for families of children with disabilities to community-based services that allow seniors to live independently in their own homes. In addition, Federation provides those in economic distress with the basic necessities such as food and housing assistance.

Federation's role includes striving to maintain appropriate Jewish communal representation at all levels of government, including at the state level. Our community is not only a religious community, but a unique aspect community. As such, we are proud of our historic tradition, continued today, of a high level of civic participation, bipartisan representation in state government, and strong presence in Illinois, especially in metropolitan Chicago.

As reapportionment proceeds to determine how to address the needs of many different communities of interest, we hope that your committee will ensure that the Jewish community receives sufficient attention, and those districts with a strong Jewish presence will remain intact.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Suzanne Strassberger

Additional Submissions



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## Redistricting Testimony - Attached

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Wed, Apr 27, 2011 at 9:42 AM

To: "ILRedistricting@gmail.com" <ILRedistricting@gmail.com>

Good morning,

[Testimony to House Redistricting Committee.pdf](#)

Attached is the written testimony of the Jewish United Fun/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago for the Illinois House Redistricting Committee, written by State Director of Government Affairs, Suzanne Strassberger.

Please confirm that you are in receipt of this email, and the file format of the document is acceptable.

Thank you,

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