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Illinois House Redistricting Committee

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express the support of my organization for the proposed Illinois House Redistricting Map as proposed in HB 3760. Action Now is a community organization of 1200 working families organized in Englewood, West Englewood, Little Village, North Lawndale and the south suburbs of Chicago.

We reviewed a number of proposed redistricting maps from the point of view of our members in these communities, and we found that the map in HB 3760 is the one that we can support. It provides constituents with districts that make sense and that ensure that their elected officials will be familiar with the issues in their communities. It unites many communities that were previously divided into too many separate districts, and provides a way for communities of interest, including African American and Latino communities, to be fairly represented.

At Action Now, we are active on foreclosure and vacant property issues resulting from foreclosure, and this map gives us a way to have representatives who understand the community housing issues, who cannot avoid knowing and seeing the devastation caused by foreclosure everyday, because our representatives will come from these same communities.

The map also follows clearly defined, easily recognized roadways as boundaries. As a result, Action Now supports the map defined in HB 3760. If you have any questions, please contact Madeline Talbott, our lead organizer, at 312 217 2456.

Yours for better communities,

Michelle Young
President