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To: The House Committee on Redistricting
Re: Fair & Equitable Representation in Kansas Congressional Maps
Position: Opponent

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to supply testimony in support of transparent and fair redistricting.

As a resident of Johnson county, I am asking you to oppose SB 355 - the gerrymandered Ad Astra 2 map that was just passed out of the Senate Redistricting Committee.

It is so disheartening to know that the committee totally disregarded the hundreds of testimonies stating how important it is to keep communities of interest together. It so clear that the designers of this map are interested only in getting rid of our one Democratic Congressional member. Doing this disenfranchises thousands of citizens of Johnson and Wyandotte county, as well as of the city of Lawrence. It makes Republicans appear to be engineering a power grab, which is not a good image.

Please vote against this artificial gerrymandered map

I want to have a voice in Washington that represents me and my concerns. I do not want to be gerrymandered out of our political process.

District 3

Current Congressional maps were created by the courts and should be altered as little as necessary to accommodate population shifts. The Kansas City Metro is currently whole within Kansas' Third congressional district and should remain in a single district as residents have shared interests in representation.

I hope you all will rethink the purpose of redistricting and refuse to endorse the Ad Astra #2 map. It is so obviously not designed to enhance the well-being of Kansans and communities. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration

Respectfully,

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