

Written Testimony to the House Redistricting Committee

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RE: Congressional Maps

Chairman and Committee Members

My name is Vicki Arnett. I am a lifelong Kansan and have lived in Reno, Riley, Ford and Shawnee County. I have lived in Topeka, KS. since 1977.

I support the Bluestem Map and oppose all others, including Ad Astra, Sunflower and Buffalo. Although the Buffalo map appears much like Bluestem, it does split multiple counties and precincts when it is not necessary to do so to conform with legislative requirements.

I support the Bluestem map because it fairly represents urban minority voters in Shawnee and Wyandotte counties. The Ad Astra map splits the University of Kansas three campus locations into two Congressional Districts, one primarily urban and one predominately rural.

As the capital city, Topeka has unique, primarily urban public policy interests. These interests include, public education, alleviating poverty and support of multiple health care systems. The Bluestem map keeps the economic development interests of Topeka in the I-70 corridor.

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony.

Sincerely,

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