

## House Districts - Free State Map

Rep Croft and Committee Members:

My name is Connie Brown Collins with  
Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak  
today. However, I don't know whether I

oppose or support or feel neutral about the  
Free State 3 map.

*Based on some community inputs  
I'm leaning heavily toward  
oppose*

I simply cannot tell much about it without  
adequate time to review it, apples to  
apples, with a before and after comparison.  
I need a detailed look, with street names,  
area names, communities and key societal  
markers like schools, hospitals, parks and  
neighborhoods, etc.

It doesn't matter how long and how easy  
the scheduling of the testimony is when you  
have less than 24 hours to review and

process the map(s). This is a pitiful and useless sham of a process.

All Kansans deserve a fair redistricting process. There should be time to review, time to compare, time to reflect and time to speak to communities before these hearings. That has not been the case.

Is there such a horrible potential outcome that you sabotage this procedure? What are you afraid of? Why try to make the process more difficult for constituents? Are our votes so intimidating that you need to squelch them? We are supposed to vote for our representation -- For the elected officials that have our best interests in mind. That's the way the system is set up. If voting districts are not drawn fairly, in a nonpartisan way, our votes and voices are at stake. If your vote was in danger of being discounted or eliminated, wouldn't you want

a fair, transparent and fully-engaged public process?

We want no less. But please know we will persevere. We will not give up. Like the Ukrainians, we are proud of our cultural heritage and our multi-cultural and multi-lingual county. We will keep fighting, keep coming back with renewed strategies. We are the energizer bunnies, we never lose our power.

Please lengthen and slow this redistricting process to allow time for proper review and response to the maps. It's the only American thing to do.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Connie Brown Collins  
Voter Rights Network of Wyandotte County