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To The House Redistricting Committee

Chairman Croft, Vice-Chairman Ralph, Ranking Member Burroughs, and Committee members:

Thank you for your service on the House Redistricting Committee. We are confident that you are committed to drawing new district maps for the Kansas House of Representatives that will provide fair and proportional representation for all Kansas citizens.

We request that you use the following principles when drawing new district maps:

- Do not split existing precincts between different districts for the same chamber except when absolutely necessary. Splitting precincts requires producing additional ballots and places an unnecessary burden on our county election officials.
- Keep House districts within the boundaries of a single state Senate district when it is practical to do so. Doing so will help reduce possible voter confusion.
- Keep districts within county lines whenever possible. Our experience is that legislators who represent only small portions of a county participate much less frequently in countywide events, with the result that the views of the citizens in those areas are less well represented.
- Douglas County has a 2020 census population of 118,785. We request that the Committee draw a state House map for Douglas County with five districts completely contained within the county, which would give the districts an average population of 23,757 each. We believe that this can be done without negatively impacting any of the current incumbents in neighboring counties, and we can provide a suggested map if it would be of interest to the committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Representative Barbara Ballard
District 44

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Representative Mike Amyx

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Rep. Christina Haswood

District 10

cc: Senate Redistricting Committee